



Monthly Prayer Card – December 2021

Around the time of my first Christmas here in Wick, I was in one of the shops here, buying some presents. As I did, I was chatting away to the lady behind the counter about all kinds of things. We got on to the topic of Christmas.

She asked if I had got the Christmas shopping done yet. I can't remember what I said in response. However, what I do remember was the change in her face when I returned the question.

It was an expression of pressure, mixed with weariness.

She explained about what her kids wanted for Christmas, and how expensive it all was and how she was looking forward to pay day- but that it would all be gone quickly.

She looked under great pressure as she felt the expectations to get Christmas "right".

The trappings have their place- but really, the only thing a Christian needs to do to "get Christmas right"- is to delight in the good news announced by the angels to the shepherds that first Christmas:

But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ, the Lord.' (Luke 2:10-11)

As you pray this month:

- **Delight in this good news that is yours**
- **Pray that through activities of our Church, others might come know and trust in Jesus too.**
- **Pray for Christians around the world for whom this good news brings pressure of persecution**

Pray for these meetings and events coming up in December:

Every Sunday: Sunday worship held at Pulteneytown Church, YouTube and phone line

5th December – Communion service at Pulteneytown Church, 11:30am

5th December – Monthly Bible Study 6:30pm at Pulteneytown Church

9th December – Kirk Session Meeting, Pulteneytown Church

12th December – Monthly Prayer Meeting, 6:30pm at Pulteneytown Church (*a week early due to a carol service on the 19th December*)

15th December – Carols in Argyle Square, 6:30pm (with refreshments afterwards at Wick Baptist Church)

17th December – "McTrips" – a trip for teens to McDonalds in Inverness

19th December – Carol Service, 6:30pm at Pulteneytown Church

24th December - Christmas Eve Service, 6:30pm at Pulteneytown Church **Please note there will be no late evening service this year**

Pray for the community

NHS frontline staff | School staff and pupils at local schools | Caithness and Sutherland Women's Aid | Caithness Foodbank | Staff and residents at local care homes |