

The Essentials ~ Sunday 14th April 2024

Sunday 14th April ~ Jenny Douthwaite

Sunday 21st April ~ Dave Charter

Sunday 28th April ~ Local Worship

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### What's on this Week

**Monday 15th** ~ 6 - 7:30pm Girls' Brigade

**Tuesday 16th** ~ 10:30 - 2:30 Community Coffee Morning & Lunch

**Wednesday 17th** ~ 2pm Ladies' Fellowship

**Thursday 18th** ~ 10am Bible Study at Church

**Sunday 21st** ~ 6:30pm Circuit Youth Night ~ Circus Skills

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District Synod ~ Saturday 20th April

The Circuit is hosting District Synod on Saturday 20th April at Strathmore Road MC.

We are asking for (at least) two volunteers from each church to assist for a short time during the day. There are many opportunities to get involved with: in the car park, refreshments, registration for example and we hope that members from across the Circuit can help keep the event running smoothly.

Synod hours are approx 9:30-3:30 but we are hoping you will only be required for a portion of the day.

Please contact admin@swtynese.org.uk if you are able to help.

The Way Service ~ Sunday 28th April 7:30pm at Strathmore Road



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## The Way Weekend at Ryton & Strathmore Road 17th ~ 19th May

The Circuit is hosting The Way Weekend for a second year. With worship, seminars, Bible teaching and prayer, led by a variety of speakers. The weekend opens on Friday 17th May at Ryton, before moving to Strathmore Road on Saturday 18th and finishing on Sunday 19th in the evening. More details will be released closer to the date. We hope you can join in for some, or all of the event.

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Practicing The Way – The Sabbath, Strathmore Road MC, Rowlands Gill

Strathmore Road MC are hosting “Practicing The Way – The Sabbath” over four weeks at 7:30pm from Monday 15th April (skipping the May Day bank holiday). Sabbath is a 24 hour time period set aside to stop, rest, delight and worship. In our era of chronic exhaustion, emotional unhealth and spiritual stagnation, few things are more necessary than the recovery of this ancient practice. For further details please contact Helen Johnson: 07807871430

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## Prayer

- ~ For the many countries of the world living with war, famine, disasters and the effects of natural disasters.
- ~ We pray for the country and people of Ukraine still living in war. We pray for peace.

- ~ For an end to the bloodshed in Gaza & food and aid to reach those who need it.
- ~ Those we know who are grieving.
- ~ For those we know who are sick, unwell and/or awaiting treatment.

## **Pray for the world**

### **Historic heatwave in South East Asia**

South East Asia is experiencing a blazing and 'historic' heatwave, with many countries reaching over 40 degrees in unprecedentedly high temperatures. In some areas, schools have had to shut. Many farmers have been impacted. Pray for protection over these countries that are extremely vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Ask for an easing from the heatwave and for cooler weather to come.

### **Refugees, hunger, conflict and climate change in Chad**

Pray for all those facing food insecurity in Chad, where the UN has warned that more than a million people face losing access to lifesaving aid unless more funding is raised to help. Pray for the basic needs of people who have been displaced by the conflict across the border in Sudan and sought shelter in Chad. Pray for provision for their basic needs, and for protection for women, as incidences of sexual and gender-based violence increase in situations where people are forcibly displaced. Pray for a peaceful and smooth presidential election in Chad over the next few months.

### **Survivors of the genocide in Rwanda**

In Rwanda, 7 April 2024 marked the start of the 30th commemoration of the Genocide against the Tutsi. Starting on 7 April 1994 and over the following 100 days, an estimated 1 million Tutsi were killed by their fellow Rwandans. The UN has dedicated 7 April as the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi in Rwanda. This year, the UN Secretary-General shared this message: 'Today, around the world, the darkest impulses of humanity are being awakened once more by the voices of extremism, division and hate. To those who would seek to divide us, we must deliver a clear, unequivocal, and urgent message: never again. Let's pray for the survivors and victims of the genocide for strength, comfort, peace, and provision. Let's pray for unity and reconciliation for Rwanda, and let's pray that "Never Again" becomes a reality in the world.'