



Prayer News Bulletin

MAY 2025

"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;" (Psalm 130:5)

Dear Friends

I am enjoying my 3-week block at Holyrood Evangelical Church (HEC), taking part in various things in the life of the church, having opportunities to share about what God is doing in Japan, and catching up with friends, supporters, and getting to know folks who are new in the church. Spring in Edinburgh is truly beautiful.

Family News

We had a lovely time celebrating my parents' anniversary, and I enjoyed catching up with Daniel and Yada, and Matthew and Annamaria. **Yada** now has a job and starts work on the 6th. They have also moved into their flat. **Calum** and his girlfriend Jordan are coming over from Florida from the 26th for a holiday in Scotland before attending Matthew's wedding celebration on 7 June. I haven't seen Calum for two years so am looking forward to our time together. He has funding for his two summer courses, so is now applying for financial assistance for the remaining 6 courses to finish his MBA. **Alistair** has enjoyed a good start to his final football season. Please pray for:

- ✚ All the preparations for the wedding celebration. It's not easy for Matthew and Annamaria organising a wedding in Edinburgh while based in London so I am doing what I can to help.
- ✚ A good time with Calum and Jordan.

Home Assignment

This month is fairly full with deputation meetings, including some things which I need to prepare from scratch. I am, however, grateful for every opportunity and for all the people I meet.

The church in Sakata is hosting a Kids Gospel Team from Northern Ireland for a week at the end of July. We hope this will provide a good foundation for ongoing children's outreach once I go there. Pastor Kizu is looking to recruit people from the church to help with the team as well. I have a call with Pastor Kizu on the 29th to discuss various things about my placement there. Please pray for:

- ✚ Inspiration and the help of the Holy Spirit for the different meetings;
- ✚ Medical and financial clearance to be confirmed for my return to Japan on 9 August; and
- ✚ My call with Pastor Kizu and the preparations for the short-term team.

Dates for May (when I am taking part in things. There are other things where I just attend):

1 st : HEC women's Bible study	2 nd : Comely Bank Prayer Group (online)
3 rd : St Paul's Cherry Blossom Fair	4 th : HEC Sunday school
5 th : HEC Baby and Toddlers	7 th : HEC Japanese dinner and prayer meeting
10 th : Perth ladies' breakfast	11 th : Holyrood Evangelical Church
16 th : Inverness Prayer Group	17 th : Whyte's Causeway Missions Event
18 th : Strathblane Parish Church	19 th : Aberdeen Prayer Group
25 th : Bridge of Weir Parish Church (am)	25 th : Orwell & Portmoak Church (pm)

OMF News

I have also been asked to do some additional work on the international project I was involved with last December, which requires a lot of sensitivity. Our former personnel system has now gone offline and we are in a blackout period for the next two weeks while everything is transferred over. We will need to give training and support to people learning how to use the new system (which I don't know myself yet!) once it hopefully goes live on the 13th. There are also some additional guidelines and documents to prepare. Please pray for:

- ✚ A smooth rolling out of the new personnel system and that people would learn quickly how to operate the new system so that it can be a help to our ministry and not a burden; and
- ✚ My involvement in things I cannot share publicly about – for good and discerning listening.

With love and prayers, Lorna