



April 2026 News and Prayer Update

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Expressing God's Heart, through His People, for His Glory

Dear Praying Friends, Customers and Supporters of the Open Door Project,

'It's so good you are here', 'I'm so glad Inverness has a Christian Bookshop again!', 'I missed getting cards with Bible verses on'. These are just some of the comments of customers who have come into the shop. Word is getting around and we know that many across the city and the Highlands are planning to visit the shop.

Prize-Giving

I don't need to tell you that the minds of Children and young people are a major battle ground. Church kids are not excluded, that's why it is important to feed them with wholesome, bible based truth. There are so many wonderful resources available and it continues to be our passion to make these available to churches. So, Sunday School teachers, Youth leaders, we are here to help you choose appropriate Bibles and books which go into homes where maybe there aren't any books available, especially Christian books. **There may even be Children who have never been inside a Christian Bookshop!**

Introducing the Volunteers

This month I'm starting a new feature in the monthly Prayer News and Update. I would like you to meet our volunteers. So, every month from now on, one of our volunteers is going to introduce him/herself.

'Let me introduce myself...

My name is Janette Thompson and I've recently started as a volunteer with The Open Door Project, helping in the bookshop each Tuesday.

Originally from Northern Ireland, I moved to the Highlands three years ago to join my family. I've been coming to the Highlands for over twenty years and am now pleased to be able to call it home.

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Christian Gifts and Resources

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Opening Times

Monday	10am - 3pm
Tuesday	10am - 3pm
Wednesday	10am - 3pm
Thursday	10am - 3pm
Friday	10am - 3pm
Saturday	10am - 5pm

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Serving in the bookshop has been such a blessing and encouragement to my faith. I have had the opportunity to meet other volunteers from different denominations across the city as well as meeting and talking with people from all sorts of backgrounds who walk through our doors. It has been amazing to see who God has sent our way and discover why they're visiting.

Volunteering was a step into the unknown and still is. I'm learning to do all sorts of tasks and acquiring skills whilst being under the wise direction of Esther!

I am truly delighted to see the opening of a Christian bookshop. I have lamented the loss of good Christian bookshops over the years. The bookshop's establishment is a visible and tangible witness to Christ in the city and an opportunity for Christians of differing denominations to work together, sharing the love of God and having fellowship together whilst strengthening our faith.'

Praise and Prayer

- Praise God for every customer who comes into the bookshop
- Praise God for each of the volunteers who have been able to join the team so far
- Praise God for joy, health and strength in this new routine of being in the bookshop six days a week
- Pray for people who need help to pop in for a chat!
- Pray for more customers to find the bookshop
- Pray for the churches to point their congregations to the Bookshop
- Pray for the Sunday School to make use of the Bookshop in the upcoming Prize Giving season. "Think books, think Bookshop"
- Pray for additional volunteers! There are still several gaps during the week.
- Pray for someone to take on the management of the finances of The Open Door Project. An important role to be filled now that the Bookshop is up and running.

Thank you for your continued support of The Open Door Project. If you live in Inverness or around the Highlands please share the fact that we are here. **A lady came into the Bookshop from the Isle of Skye. She didn't know that Inverness had a Christian Bookshop again. She was looking for a Bible and asked in one of the Charity Shops. It was there she was told about The Open Door Project Bookshop and found her way here! Praise the Lord....**

Now we look forward to seeing you in the Bookshop and may even share a cup of Coffee with you. Please pass this letter on to friends and family. We all need each other....

With our love in Jesus our Saviour

Esther Dowey on behalf of The Open Door Project team

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