



*Following Christ
Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*

Prayer Diary – Advent and Christmas 2017

As we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world as one of us – Immanuel, God with us – let us reflect on what it means that God is with us in our world, and in our lives, and pray that those who do not experience the presence of God may know His touch and His blessing at this season.

Friday 1st – *Psalm 100:4 – Come near and worship.* Pray that there will be a particular sense of the presence of God at Brigade meetings this month. Brigade sections 6-10pm.

Saturday 2nd – *Psalm 100:5 – Goodness, love and faithfulness.* Prepare yourself to meet with the living God as we celebrate communion tomorrow.

Advent Sunday – *Psalm 46:1 – God is our strength.* Ask God to make Himself known amongst us as we gather for worship. Pray for all those with a part to play in the service, and the children's groups today. Morning and evening Communion Services at 10.30am and 6.30pm. Creche, Junior Church and Jampact during the morning service. Crossfire at 7.30pm.

*"The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge."
(Psalm 46:7)*

Monday 4th – *Psalm 46:2-3 – Do not be afraid.* Ask for God's blessing on the Activity Days for Primary School children at the church today and tomorrow, that it will be a good experience for all involved.

Tuesday 5th – *Psalm 46:4-5 – The Presence of God.* Pray for the team leading the children's Activity Day at the church today, that their strength may be renewed. Pram Service at 10am. Whyte Court Service at 2.30pm. Guild Christmas Meal.

Wednesday 6th – *Psalm 46:6-7 – God with us.* Pray for the staff and pupils of Kinross Primary School as they settle in to their new building. Pray that God will bless that learning community with His presence now, and in the years ahead. Midweek Service at 10.45am. Craft Group at 1.30pm.

Thursday 7th – *Psalm 46:8-9 – The God of Peace.* Pray for those in our world who are planning evil deeds, that they may turn back and find a better way. Thursday Group Christmas Meal.

Friday 8th – *Psalm 46:10 – Be still and know that I am God.* Set apart some time today to still yourself consciously, and rejoice in the presence of God with us. Brigade sections 6-10pm.

Saturday 9th – *Psalm 46:11 – God with us.* Pray for Cheryl Wallace and Rodney Thomson as they are married today. Prayer Breakfast at 8.30am.

Sunday 10th – *Hosea 1:1 – God speaks into time.* Pray that we may all be open to the voice of God, day by day, and attentive to what He is prompting us to be and to do. Morning Service at 10.30am with Creche, Junior Church and Jampact.

“Formerly you were... without hope and without God in the world ”
(Ephesians 2:12)

Monday 11th – *Hosea 1:2 - Unfaithfulness.* Ask God to open a door for the Gospel message in our community at this time, that the door may be opened to those who are looking for answers to life's big questions.

Tuesday 12th – *Hosea 1:3-5 - Consequences.* Pray for the staff and pupils of Kinross High School, and remember Barry Dougall as he builds relationships in the work of Kythe. Pram Service at 10am.

Wednesday 13th – *Hosea 1:6 - Unloved.* Pray for those who will gather for the Christmas Wrap this evening, and for those who will receive one of the gifts that have been given. Midweek Service at 10.45am. Craft Group at 1.30pm. Christmas Wrap at 7.30pm.

Thursday 14th – *Hosea 1:7 - Loved.* Pray for all whose work imposes added burdens on them at this time of year, that they may be strengthened, day by day, and may be a blessing to those they serve.

Friday 15th – *Hosea 1:8-9 – Not my People.* Pray that this evening's Churches Together event - Coffee, Cake and Carols – will be a joyful shared celebration of Christ's coming among us. Brigade sections 6-10pm.

Saturday 16th – *Hosea 1:10-11 – Children of the living God.* Ask God to be with you in your home, at your work and in all your relationships throughout this season and always. All Friends Together 11am-1pm. Junior Church Party 2-4pm.

Sunday 17th – *Matthew 1:18 – Conceived by the Holy Spirit.* Pray for the young people as they share the Christmas Gospel with us in word and drama and song that we may marvel anew at the Good News of Christ's coming. Nativity Service at 10.30am.

“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him
Immanuel (which means ‘God with us’) ”
(Matthew 1:22-23)

Monday 18th – *Matthew 1:19 – Joseph: a righteous man.* Pray for a sense of peace and healing at this evening's Bereavement Service at 6.30pm in the Church.

Tuesday 19th – *Matthew 1:20 – Do not be afraid* Pray for the Primary 1 classes as they make a visit to the Church this afternoon to learn about Christmas traditions. High School Assembly at 8.45am. Pram Service at 10am.

Wednesday 20th – *Matthew 1:21 – Jesus means Saviour.* Pray for God's blessing on the staff and service users at the Day Centre today, and those who gather to worship there. High School Assembly at 8.45am. Midweek Service at 10.45am. Craft Group at 1.30pm.

Thursday 21st – *Matthew 1:22-23 – Immanuel means God is with us.* Pray that those responsible for leading Christmas services locally may proclaim the Christian message with grace and power. High School Assembly at 8.45am. Compline at 9pm.

Friday 22nd – *Matthew 1:24 - Obedience.* Lift before God those for whom this is a difficult time of year. Kinross Primary Christmas Assembly. Brigade sections 6-10pm.

This Christmas, think about someone you know who has not heard or experienced the Gospel message of hope. Pray that they may come to know the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Saturday 23rd – *Matthew 1:25 - Faithfulness.* Pray for those who will be carol singing at Sainsbury's this morning and for those who hear them, that the true joy of this season may be shared.

Sunday 24th – *Luke 2:1-3 – God speaks into time.* Ask God to bless all those who come through the doors of the Church today with an experience of God with us. All-age Carol Service at 10.30am with Creche. Crib Service at 4.30pm. Watchnight Service at 11.15pm.

Monday 25th – *Luke 2:4-7 – God's Word became a human being.* O Holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. Christmas Morning Worship at 10.30am

Tuesday 26th – *Luke 2:8 – God's Word is for all.* We hear the Christmas angels the great, glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel.

Wednesday 27th – *Luke 2:9-12 – Do not be afraid.* Pray for those who are frightened or who are coming to terms with difficult circumstances, that they may be guided into a better future.

“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom
he is pleased!” (Luke 2:14)

Thursday 28th – *Luke 2:13-14 – Glory to God.* Ask God to be at work in a new way in our church and community, in our nation and across the world.

Friday 29th – *Luke 2:15 – Hearers and Doers of the Word.* Remember those who serve Queen and Country in the armed forces, that they may be kept safe as they undertake the tasks given to them.

Saturday 30st – *Luke 2:16-20 – God's Word fulfilled.* Give thanks for God's faithfulness in times past and pray that He may guide you throughout the coming year.

Sunday 31st – *Luke 2:21 – And they called Him Jesus.* Pray that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow and every tongue will confess Him as Lord.

Time for Prayer – in the Church

Silent Meditation at 8am 11th December (note change of date)

Prayer Breakfast at 8.30am on the 9th Dec.

Compline at 9pm on the third Thursday of the month - 21st Dec.