



*Following Christ
Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*

Prayer Diary – January 2018

As we turn our eyes to the year ahead, we mark the beginning of the Scottish Government's Year of Young People in which the Church of Scotland is participating nationally and locally. As a congregation, we also look forward to the further distant future as we engage in Vision 2030 and seek to discern God's leading in becoming a church that is fit for a new generation.

Let prayer be at the heart of our looking forward that we might seek first the Kingdom of God.

Monday 1st – *Luke 2:22-24 – The Presentation of Jesus.* Entrust the coming year into God's hands and ask that He may guide you as an individual, and lead the Church in His way in the year ahead.

Tuesday 2nd – *Luke 2:25-27 – Simeon, led by the Spirit.* Give thanks that our congregation is made up of people of all ages and pray that all may find a place in the life and work of the church.

Wednesday 3rd – *Luke 2:28 – Giving thanks for Jesus.* Pray that the Lord would increase the strength of His Church in Kinross, both in numbers and in depth of faith and commitment during the coming year.

"A light to lighten the nations." (Luke 2:32)

Thursday 4th – *Luke 2:29-32 – Simeon's Song.* Pray for the family of Betty Bruce as they gather today for her funeral, and ask that they may find comfort.

Friday 5th – *Luke 2:33-35 – Amazing things.* Pray that together as a Church we may seek and find new vision for the work of the Kingdom in Kinross and beyond in the coming years.

Saturday 6th – *Luke 2:36-38 – Worship day and night.* Ask God's blessing on those who sense God's call upon their life in some way at this time, and pray that He would make clear to them how they may serve in the future.

Sunday 7th – *Heb.9:1-2 – The Old Covenant.* Pray for all those who have a part to play in leading worship and groups for children and young people today that all who come together in Christian fellowship may be strengthened in their faith. Morning Service at 10.30am with Creche, Junior Church and Jampact. Informal Communion.

Monday 8th – *Heb.9:3-4 – The Most Holy Place.* Ask God's blessing on the staff of Kinross Primary and High Schools at the beginning of a new term, and pray that our children and young people may find life in all its fullness. Silent Meditation at 8am.

Tuesday 9th – *Heb.9:5 – God's Presence.* Remember Evelyn Cairns and the Pram Service team in their work with the youngest members of our community. Pram Service at 10am. Whyte Court Service at 2.30pm. Sycamores Service at 4pm.

Wednesday 10th – *Heb.9:6-7 – Priests and High Priest.* Pray for the family of Alisdhair MacKay as they mourn the death of a son, father and grandfather. Midweek Service at 10.45am. Craft Group at 1.30pm.

*"Through the eternal Spirit, Christ offered Himself as a perfect sacrifice to God."
(Hebrews 9:14)*

Thursday 11th – *Heb.9:8-10 – The Way into the Most Holy Place.* Pray for the work of Kythe and, in particular, for the management team and for youth worker Barry Dougall, that the work may develop. Thursday Group at 7.30pm.

Friday 12th – *Heb.9:11-12 – Christ our High Priest.* Seek God's blessing on the work of the Brigade in Kinross, giving thanks for all leaders, girls and boys. Brigade sections 6-10pm.

Saturday 13th – *Heb.9:13-15 – Christ's Perfect Sacrifice.* Consider today what good things God may have for you to do in the coming days and in the longer term. Commit yourself to fulfilling His plan for your life. Prayer Breakfast at 8.30am.

Sunday 14th – *Lev.1:1-3 – An Offering without any Defects.* Pray that, as we learn more in the coming weeks about how Christ is the fulfilment of the Old Testament, we may rejoice in all He has done for us. Morning Service at 10.30am with Creche and Junior Church. Crossfire at 7.30pm.

Monday 15th – *Lev.1:4-5 – A sacrifice for sin.* Ask God to show you if there is someone you could invite to find out more about the Christian faith. Pray for an opportunity to invite them in the coming weeks or months.

Tuesday 16th – *Lev.1:6-9 – A pleasing aroma.* Pray for the Worship Group as they meet tonight to consider how our various worship services may be developed during the coming year. Pram Service at 10am. Guild at 7.15pm.

"The offering will be accepted as a sacrifice to take away sins... The smell of this food-offering is pleasing to the Lord." (Leviticus 1:4,13)

Wednesday 17th – *Lev.1:10-11 – The shedding of blood.* Pray for the staff and service-users of the Day Centre and pray that many more people would come along and share in its activities. Midweek Service at 10.45am. Craft Group at 1.30pm. Talkback at 3pm.

Thursday 18th – *Lev.1:12-13 – Purified by fire and water.* Pray for an increasing sense of family in the fellowship of the church where every single person may give and receive something of God's love in their interaction with others. Compline at 9pm.

Friday 19th – Lev.1:14-15 – *A burnt offering.* Pray for those in our community who have a sense of spiritual longing but do not know how to find God, that we, as a church, may offer the right opportunities for those who seek to find Jesus Christ. Brigade sections 6-10pm.

Saturday 20th – Lev.1:16-17 – *Discarded with the ashes.* Give thanks for those who play their part in the governance of the Church, at Presbytery and General Assembly level, that each one may be filled afresh with the Holy Spirit. All Friends Together at 11am.

Sunday 21st – Lev.2:1-16 – *With salt but without yeast.* Give thanks for the good relations that exist among the Kinross-shire Churches, and pray that our unity may help many in our community to come to faith in Christ. Morning Service at 10.30am with Creche and Junior Church. Crossfire at 7.30pm.

*"The fire must always be kept burning on the altar and never allowed to go out."
(Leviticus 6:13)*

Monday 22nd – Lev.3:1-17 – *All the fat belongs to the Lord.* Pray for the Administration and Communication Group as they meet this evening, that they may provide the support needed for the Church's ministry and mission.

Tuesday 23rd – Lev.4:1-35 – *Unintentional Sins.* Planning for this year's way we use our material resources. Pram Service at 10am.

Wednesday 24th – Lev.5:1-13 – *Sin and Guilt.* Pray for the various house groups that meet each week for Bible Study and prayer, and for fellowship and mutual support. Midweek Service at 10.45am. Craft Group at 1.30pm. Talkback at 3pm. Finance Group at 4pm.

Thursday 25th – Lev.5:14 – 6:13 – *Restitution.* Pray for God's leading for the Outreach Group as they meet tonight.

Friday 26th – Lev.6:14-30 – *The priests' share.* Ask God to call a new generation of women and men into various kinds of Christian ministry in our time. Brigade sections 6-10pm.

Saturday 27th – Lev.7:1-38 – *Holiness.* Give thanks for those who use their musical and floral gifts in Sunday worship, and those who offer a welcome at the church door or by serving coffee, and pray for a deep sense of the presence of God among us when we gather as a church. Visitors' Group meeting at 10am.

"When the community had assembled, Moses said to them, 'What I am now about to do is what the Lord has commanded.'" (Leviticus 8:4)

Sunday 28th – Lev.8:1-13 – *Dedicated to the Lord.* Pray for all those who will come through the doors of the church today – young and old, regulars and visitors – that each may know a particular blessing from God today. Morning Service at 10.30am with Creche, Junior Church and Jampact. 6.30pm – Celtic Worship Service. Crossfire at 7.30pm.

Monday 29th – Lev.8:14-29 – *Consecrated to the Lord.* Ask God to shape the life of our congregation in such a way as to bring blessing to all involved, and to the wider community over the coming year.

Tuesday 30th – *Lev.8:30-36 – Committed to the Lord.* Pray for the first meeting of the Kirk Session Council. Pram Service at 10am. Causeway Court Service at 2.30pm. Kirk Session Council at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 31st – *Lev.9:1-11 – Let there be light!* Pray for Alan Reid in his various responsibilities. Midweek Service at 10.45am. Craft Group at 1.30pm.

Time for Prayer – in the Church

Silent Meditation at 8am on the 8th Jan.

Prayer Breakfast at 8.30am on the 13th Jan.

Compline at 9pm on the third Thursday of the month - 18th Jan.