



*Following Christ
Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*

Prayer Diary – December 2018

Advent

Join with others, morning and evening, each day of Advent in the words of the following prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, You came among us as a child in Bethlehem.
Make Your home in our hearts this Christmas – God with us –
and bless our community, our nation and our world
with the knowledge of Your transforming Light and Peace.
Amen.

Saturday 1st December – *Matt 25:31-46 – Parable of the Sheep and the Goats.* Pray that the Family Week event, ADVENTure, this afternoon from 4-6pm, will help families to get the Christmas story in focus from the start of Advent. Coffee Stop from 10am-12noon.

Sunday 2nd – *Matt 25:1-13 – Parable of the Ten Virgins.* Pray that there may be a sense of God's presence at this morning's Communion Service. Creche, Junior Church and Jampact in the morning and Crossfire in the evening.

"Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel." (Ancient Advent Antiphons)

Monday 3rd – *Luke 20:1-8 – Jesus' Authority.* Quieten your heart and make space for God to speak into the busyness of these days. Silent Meditation at 8am in the church.

Tuesday 4th – *Luke 20:9-19 – Parable of the Tenants.* Pray that in the coming together of young and old at this time of year we may hear God's voice speaking through one another. Pram Service at 10am. Whyte Court Service at 2.30pm. Talkback at 3pm. Sycamores Service at 4pm.

Wednesday 5th – *Luke 20:20-26 – Giving to Caesar and to God.* Give thanks for the work of Kinross Centre as it celebrates 35 years of service to the elderly. Midweek Service at 10.45am. Craft Group at 1.30pm.

Thursday 6th – *Luke 20:27-40 – God of the living.* Pray for those who care for the sick, whether professionally or voluntarily. Thursday Group at 7.30pm.

Friday 7th – *Luke 20:41-21:4 – Pride and Humility.* Give thanks for those who share the Gospel with children and young people in our church and community. Brigade Groups from 6-10pm.

Saturday 8th – *Luke 21:5-19 – The End of the Age.* Pray for blessing for those who live in your street, remembering any particular situations of need you may be aware of. Prayer Breakfast at 8.30am. Coffee Stop from 10am-12noon.

Sunday 9th – *Luke 7:28-35 – John the Baptist.* Pray for Margaret Michie as she leads this morning's service, and for Alan Reid as he takes a weekend off. Morning Worship at 10.30am with Creche, Junior Church and Jampact.

“Lo! He comes with power descending, Christ, the Lamb, for sinners slain.”

(Charles Wesley)

Monday 10th – *Luke 21:20-28 – Lo! He comes with power.* Pray for our national leaders at this time of uncertainty and for blessing for our country, especially for those in greatest need at this time.

Tuesday 11th – *Luke 21:29-38 – The Kingdom of God is near.* Pray for the Kirk Session Council in their work of co-ordinating the many different areas of our congregation's work. Pram Service at 10am. Talkback at 3pm. Guild at 7.15pm. Kirk Session Council meeting at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 12th – *John 7:53-8:11 – Go and sin no more.* Pray for the homeless people who will receive a gift this year from our Christmas Wrap. Rosemount Nursery Nativity. Midweek Service at 10.45am. Craft Group at 1.30pm. Christmas Wrap at 7.30pm.

Thursday 13th – *Luke 22:1-13 – Make Preparations.* Ask God for an outpouring of peace in the hearts of people all over the world, and for a movement of the Holy Spirit that would bring transformation, even in the most intractable situations of conflict.

Friday 14th – *Luke 22:14-30 – The Table of the Kingdom.* Pray that there would be an increasing openness in the hearts of many in our community to the message of Jesus Christ. Brigade Groups from 6-10pm.

Saturday 15th – *Luke 22:31-38 – That your faith may not fail.* Give thanks that the Christmas message touches people in many different ways. Coffee Stop from 10am-12noon. All Friends Together 11am-1pm.

Sunday 16th – *John 3:22-30 – Joy at the Bridegroom's Voice.* Pray that, as the children and young people of our congregation retell the familiar Christmas story in church today, that something of the wonder of the message may lodge itself in all our hearts. Morning Worship at 10.30am with Creche. KCT Coffee, Cake and Carols at 4pm.

Monday 17th – *Luke 22:39-53 – Your will be done.* Remember before God today all those for whom Christmas brings painful memories of missing loved ones. Bereavement Service at 6.30pm.

“Joy to the world, the Lord is come, Let earth receive her King.”

(Isaac Watts)

Tuesday 18th – *Luke 22:54-62 – The Cock Crowed.* Ask God to challenge you about things in your life that need to change. Pram Service at 10am. Talkback at 3pm.

Wednesday 19th – *Mark 1:1-8 – Prepare the Way for the Lord.* Pray that this morning's Assembly at Kinross High School may offer pupils an opportunity to reflect on the spiritual side of Christmas. Midweek Service at 10.45am. Craft Group at 1.30pm.

Thursday 20th – *Matt 3:1-12 – Make straight paths.* Pray that the light of Christ may shine in the darkness of this time of year. Late evening service of Compline at 9pm.

Friday 21st – *Matt 11:2-15 – More than a Prophet.* Pray for those struggling with financial challenges at this time of year and pray that they may find true riches in Christ. Kinross Primary Assembly at 9.30am. Brigade Groups from 6-10pm.

Saturday 22nd – *Luke 3:15-20 – One more powerful than I will come.* Invite the Lord Jesus Christ to

come into the hearts of people in our community who may be seeking answers to life's questions at this time.

Sunday 23rd – *John 3:16-21* – *God so loved the world*. As we join our voices in the songs and familiar words of Christmas, pray that there may be new insights and fresh joy in our worship. Service of Carols and Readings at 10.30am.

Monday 24th – *Luke 2:1-14* – *The time came*. Pray that the time may come this Christmas for some in our community to receive Christ for the first time, and allow Him to make His home in their hearts. Crib Service at 4.30pm and Watchnight Service at 11.15pm.

Tuesday 25th – *Luke 2:15-20* – *Spread the Word*. Thanks be to God for His indescribable Gift. Morning Worship at 10.30am followed by Christmas Lunch in the Church for those who would otherwise be on their own.

"Christians, awake!
Salute the happy morn on which the Saviour
of the world was born. " (John Byrom)

Wednesday 26th – *John 3:31-36* – *One from above*. Remember before God all those who work during the festive season in the service of others.

Thursday 27th – *Matt.18:1-9* – *Greatest in the Kingdom*. Ask God to bless the children of our community that they may know the love of Jesus.

Friday 28th – *Matt.18:10-14* – *The Lost Sheep*. Pause to give thanks for all the good things you have enjoyed in recent days, and ask God to show you practical ways in which you may be a blessing to others in the days ahead.

Saturday 29th – *John 7:37-44* – *Come to Me*. Give consideration to who God might wish you to pray for specifically during the coming year.

Sunday 30th – *Matt 1:18-25* – *Immanuel, God with us*. Pray that the reality of God's presence with you today and every day may change your attitude and your actions. Morning Worship at 10.30am with Creche.

Monday 31st – *John 8:12-19* – *The Light of the World*. Take time to look back over the past year with gratitude, and to lay before God the year that lies ahead with the prayer that you may keep in step with His Spirit in all that you do and say and think.

Time for Prayer – in the Church
Silent Meditation at 8am on Monday 3rd Dec.
Prayer Breakfast at 8.30am on Saturday 8th Dec.
Compline at 9pm on Thursday 20th Dec.