



*Following Christ
Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*

Prayer Diary – January 2019

In the season of Epiphany, we focus on the revelation of Christ to the world. As we enter into a new year, which we hope to make a 'year of invitation', let us pray for opportunities to reveal Christ to the people around us, and to invite others to discover for themselves what we have found to be true.

Tuesday 1st January – *Luke 2:21 – The Significance of Time.* Pray that 2019 may be a really significant time in the life of Kinross Parish Church.

Wednesday 2nd – *Luke 2:21 – The Significance of Symbol.* Pray that we may each have a deeper experience of Jesus Christ as we engage with the Scriptures, as individuals, and in the life of the church.

Thursday 3rd – *Luke 2:21 – The Significance of the Name.* Pray that the Name of Jesus may be lifted up in our community in the coming year, and that many may be drawn to Him. Thursday Group meeting at 7.30pm.

"A week later when the time came for Him to be circumcised He was given the name Jesus." (Luke 2:21)

Friday 4th – *Luke 2:22-35 – Light of the World.* Pray that we learn, like Simeon, to wait upon the Lord and to see the fulfilment of God's purposes.

Saturday 5th – *Luke 2:36-40 – Walking with God.* Pray that we may learn to walk more closely with God, with a listening spirit and a readiness to speak of Christ to others. Coffee Stop from 10am.

Sunday 6th – *Matt.2:1-2 – We have come to worship.* Ask God to inspire in you a fresh desire to seek Him and to worship Him in body, mind and spirit. Morning Service at 10.30am with Creche, Junior Church and Jampact. Informal Communion. Crossfire at 7.30pm.

Monday 7th – *Matt.2:3 – The Challenge of Christ's Coming.* Pray that the message of Christ's coming may disturb people into finding out more about Him at this time. Silent Meditation at 8am. Outreach Group Meeting at 7.30pm.

Tuesday 8th – *Matt.2:4-6 – Where will the Messiah be born?* Pray that Christ may be born afresh in the hearts of many in our community, and that His leadership may direct the future. Talkback at 3pm.

Wednesday 9th – *Matt.2:7-8 – Secret Meeting.* Let your 'secret meeting' today be an encounter with the living God in the place of prayer, and not a part of any human scheming. Midweek Service at 10.45am. Craft Group at 1.30pm.

Thursday 10th – *Matt.2:9-10 – Following the Star.* Pray for happiness and joy for all who seek to follow Christ today. Remember especially those who are being persecuted for their faith at this time.

"We saw His star when it came up in the east and we have come to worship Him." (Matt.2:2)

Friday 11th – *Matt.2:11 – Kneeling Worship.* Pray for a deepening spirit of worship in our congregation that goes beyond all outward expressions. Brigade sections 6-10pm.

Saturday 12th – *Matt.2:12 – By another road.* Ask God to show you the direction He wants you to take in life, and pray for similar guidance in the life of Kinross Parish Church. Prayer Breakfast at 8.30am. Visitors' Group meeting at 10am. Coffee Stop from 10am.

Sunday 13th – *Luke 3:15 – Hope is rising.* Pray that there may be a quickening of spiritual interest in our community and nation at this time. Pray especially for Youth Alpha beginning this morning. Morning Service at 10.30am with Creche, Junior Church and Jampact. Crossfire at 7.30pm.

"Jesus also was baptised. While He was praying, heaven was opened. The Holy Spirit came down upon Him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you." (Luke 3:21-22)

Monday 14th – *Luke 3:16 – Baptism of Fire.* Ask God to pour out His Holy Spirit afresh that there may be revival in our community and nation. Bereavement Group meeting at 9.15am.

Tuesday 15th – *Luke 3:17 – Refiner's Fire.* Pray that God will bring to light, in us and in our church, what needs to change in order that we may be effective in His service. Pram Service at 10am. Talkback at 3pm.

Wednesday 16th – *Luke 3:18 – Preaching in many different ways.* Ask God to show us how we may proclaim the Good News in ways that will connect with our society. Midweek Service at 10.45am. Craft Group at 1.30pm.

Thursday 17th – *Luke 3:19 – Speaking the truth to Power.* In these days of political uncertainty, pray for those called to speak God's message among our civic leaders, that they may be bold like John the Baptist. Compline at 9pm.

Friday 18th – *Luke 3:20 – Imprisoned for Christ.* Remember before God those who are imprisoned for their faith in Christ in various countries around the world. Brigade sections 6-10pm.

Saturday 19th – *Luke 3:21-22 – Baptism of Jesus.* Pray that the Holy Spirit will come down upon someone for whom you are praying at this time, that they may know fulness of life. Coffee Stop from 10am. All Friends Together at 11am.

God of all, you have shown us the path of justice. You are the father of the orphan. You are the constant companion of the widow. You are the friend of the stranger. In each of these, may we meet you and recognize the wind of your Spirit, moving us toward the need for justice. In all that we do, may we know your grace and mercy and offer healing and justice in your name.

Sunday 20th – *Amos 5:22-25 – Let Justice Flow.* Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Pray for all taking part in today's Kinross-shire Churches Pulpit Exchange. Morning Service at 10.30am with Creche, Junior Church and Jampact. Cheese Roll and a Chat at 12 noon. Crossfire at 7.30pm.

Monday 21st – *Eph.4:22-25 – Put on the New.* Pray that Christian witness in Kinross-shire may be powerful and effective, through word and action.

Tuesday 22nd – *Psalms 145:8-13 – That all may know.* Pray especially for the work of Kythe, finding new ways to engage the young people of our communities with the Gospel. Pram Service at 10am. Talkback at 3pm.

Wednesday 23rd – *Hebrews 13:1-5 – Welcome the stranger.* Pray that our churches may be communities of welcome and sanctuary for the vulnerable around us. Midweek Service at 10.45am. Craft Group at 1.30pm. KCT meeting at 7.30pm.

Thursday 24th – *Amos 8:4-8 – Trampling the Needy.* Pray for those locally who are struggling with material, emotional and spiritual poverty.

Friday 25th – *Jeremiah 10:12-16 – Loving Creator.* Pray that God would reveal Himself to people in Kinross-shire in ways that would inspire faith in Christ. Brigade sections 6-10pm.

Saturday 26th – *1 Sam.1:13-17 – Crying to God.* Pray for those around us who are crying out to God at this time, and ask God to show you how you may become the answer to their prayer. Coffee Stop from 10am.

Sunday 27th – *Luke 4:14-15 – News Spread.* Pray for the proclamation of the Gospel in Church, and for opportunities to spread the Good News about Jesus amongst those with whom you have to do. Morning Service at 10.30am with Creche, Junior Church and Jampact. Evening Service at 6.30pm. Crossfire at 7.30pm.

*“This passage of Scripture has come true today as you heard it being read.”
(Luke 4:21)*

Monday 28th – *Luke 4:16 – As was His custom.* Pray for those who have fallen out of the habit of going to church that they may find their way back.

Tuesday 29th – *Luke 4:17 – It is written.* Pray for those who have never discovered the blessing of regular Bible reading to find resources that will inspire them to begin. Causeway Court Service at 2.30pm

Wednesday 30th – *Luke 4:18 – Good News.* Pray for someone who is ill or anxious that they may know the touch of Christ to restore them today, and ask God to show you if there is someone to whom you could reach out to and encourage.

Thursday 31st – *Luke 4:19 – The Day of Salvation.* Pray that many will come to faith in these days as they find salvation in Jesus Christ.

Time for Prayer – in the Church

Silent Meditation at 8am on the 7th Jan.

Prayer Breakfast at 8.30am on the 12th Jan,

Compline at 9pm on the third Thursday of the month - 17th Jan.

If there are matters you would like to see included in future prayer diaries, please give your suggestions to Anne Sutherland or Alan Reid.

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