



*Following Christ
Spreading the Word
Serving the Community*

Prayer Diary – September 2020

This month we mark 'Creation Time' and focus on our stewardship of all that God has made and given. Take time this harvest time to give thanks for all the good things we enjoy day by day throughout the year, but also to reflect on how you might make better choices as a consumer, and to pray for those campaigning for a better future for God's earth in human hands.

Tuesday 1st Sept. – *Ephesians 1: 18-21* – Give thanks that the congregation is part of the 'Growing Young' process this year, in company with 20 other churches and pray that it would have an impact on the nature of our church life. [Station Rd, Kirklands Ct, Swansacre, Lomond Mews, Queen's Cres, Douglas Cres Primary School]

Wednesday 2nd – *Ephesians 3: 14-19* – Pray for those involved today in the first physical gathering of the church since lock-down, that it will be a significant step forward, not only for those able to attend, but for the congregation as a whole. Midweek Service in the Church, 10.30am. Midday Time for Prayer. [High St (Bank of Scotland to Church Centre), Police Houses, St. Ronan's Dr, Chambers Ct, Talla PK]

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. His love endures for ever.
(Psalm 136:1)

Thursday 3rd – *Philippians 1: 3-6* – Give thanks that Kinross Parish Church is taking part in the Eco-Congregation movement, and pray that this is something that will develop during the coming year. [Bell Gardens, Muirhead Crescent, Simpson Wynd]

Friday 4th – *Philippians 1: 9-11* – Pray for all taking part in the online Alpha Course at the moment, leaders and participants, that all may grow in faith and in understanding. [Avenue Rd, Kinross House Estate, Coventry PI, Mill St, Burns Begg St, Kirkgate, Old Causeway, Causeway Ct, Millbridge]

Saturday 5th – *Philippians 4: 4-7* – Pray for the Church of Scotland Guild as its national gathering takes place today online, and as our local Guild considers how best to move forward in the current circumstances. [Sandport, Sandport Gait, Nan Walker Wynd, Sandport Close, Pier Rd]

Sunday 6th – *Philemon 1: 4-6* – Pray that the Holy Spirit may deepen our unity as the Body of Christ, even while we are physically separated. Virtual Morning Service at 10.30am. Communion on Zoom at 11.15am. Prayer for the Nation at 7pm. [Parliament Square, Brewery Lane, School Wynd, Piper Row, Whyte Ct, Smith St, Myre Terrace, Curate Wynd]

"I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ." (Philemon 6)

Monday 7th – *1 Timothy 2:1-4* – Give thanks for those of all ages who are forming the steering group and the support group for Growing Young, that together they may discern the prompting of God's Spirit. Silent Meditation 8am. [High St (Church Centre to Todd & Duncan), Queich Pl, Old Cleish Rd, Bridgend]

Tuesday 8th – *James 5: 13-18* – Pray for Alan Reid in the responsibilities he bears and ask that he may know God's wisdom in the leadership he gives. [Bowton Rd, Montgomery Rd, Ross St]

Wednesday 9th – *Psalms 116: 1-6* – Give thanks for the work of the Day Centre, supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our community. Pray for Nan Cook and her staff. Midweek Service in the Church, 10.30am. Midday Time for Prayer. [Montgomery St, Montgomery Way, Montgomery Ct]

Thursday 10th – *Psalms 119:89-93* – Pray for All Friends Together as they enjoy an online gathering this evening, and for the national Prospects group to which they belong. [Levenbridge Pl, Devonvale Pl, Hopefield Pl, Junction Rd, Clashburn Rd, Clashburn Close, Clashburn Way]

Friday 11th – *Psalms 119:103-105* – Give thanks that the church has an opportunity to be involved with the community allotments and orchard, as part of our developing eco-congregation commitment. [Ochil View, Churchill Rd, Emslie Dr, Macdonald Avenue, Alexander Dr]

Saturday 12th – *Psalms 119:129-131* – Give thanks for the team from the Fuller Youth Institute, who are running the Growing Young webinars that our representatives will attend every few weeks. [Green Rd, Green Pk, Green Wood.]

Sunday 13th – *Psalms 119:147-149* – Give thanks that the 'Let's Sing' group have continued to keep in touch by phone over the last few months. Virtual Morning Service at 10.30am. Prayer for the Nation at 7pm. [Muir's (Green Hotel to Springfield Rd), The Sycamores, Muirpark Rd, Muirfield Grove, Muir Grove]

Monday 14th – *Isaiah 40: 6-8* – Pray that the harvesting of the cherry plums in the church garden may lead to the development of other eco-projects on our property, in the years ahead. [Muir's (Springfield Rd to Gallowhill Rd), Whinfield Dr, Whinfield Gardens, Broom Rd, Broom Ct, Sunnypark]

Tuesday 15th – *Deuteronomy 6:4-9* – Pray for the 'wise owls' who are acting as a support group for the younger people involved in the Growing Young process. [Muir's (Gallowhill Rd to Leisure Centre), Burnbank Meadows, Lethangie Rd, Bishop View, High School]

Wednesday 16th – *Psalms 19: 8* – Give thanks for Kathy Dain and pray for her today, as her Interim Review is held and the remainder of her placement is sketched out. Midweek Service in the Church, 10.30am. Midday Time for Prayer. [Lathro Pk (South), Gallowhill Wynd, Highfield Circle]

Thursday 17th – *Isaiah 55: 10-11* – Pray for pupils, staff and chaplains at Kinross High School as they adapt to new ways of working. Compline 9pm. [Lathro Pk (North), Courcelles Ct, Lathro Ct, Lathro Lane]

Friday 18th – *Exodus 20:1-3* – Give thanks for the Fairtrade team and pray for ways to develop the impact of this work in the years ahead. [Acremoar Drive, Lathrocht Grove]

Saturday 19th – *Amos 8:11-12* – Pray for all at Kinross Primary School that they may be kept safe in these difficult times. [Dalwhamie Street, Drumeuther Way]

Sunday 20th – *Nehemiah 8:9-10* – Pray for all involved in the move to live-streaming Sunday services and especially for any technical challenges to be overcome. Virtual Morning Service at 10.30am. Prayer for the Nation at 7pm. [Gallowhill Rd, Gallowhill Gardens, Mavisbank, Lomond Pl, Argyll Ct]

Monday 21st – *Romans 10: 16-18* – Pray that plans to organise an environmental fair in the Church Centre next year, including energy-saving advice, may come to fruition. [Argyll Rd]

Tuesday 22nd – *Matthew 7: 24-27* – Ask God to shape our life as a church as we begin emerge from lock-down, and pray that there will be room for all God's family to flourish and grow. [Renton Dr, Morlich Pl, George Dr, Thompson Pl, Torridon Pl, Sandwood Pl, Rannoch Pl]

Wednesday 23rd – *Luke 8: 11-15* – Continue to pray for the practical arrangements for midweek worship in the church, that those attending may be kept safe and that God's Word may bring encouragement. Midweek Service in the Church, 10.30am. Midday Time for Prayer. [Sutherland Dr, St. Mary's Pl, Tummel Pl, Morar Pl, Katrine Pl]

Thursday 24th – *John 14: 23-25* – Pray for those involved in the Eco-Congregation steering group as they develop initiatives, such as litter picking around the town. [Maree Pl, Seaforth Dr, Leven Pl, Cameron Avenue, Springfield Rd]

Friday 25th – *2 Timothy 3: 14-17* – Pray for the BB in this centenary year, as they explore how they may begin to hold physical meetings. [Wilson Ct, Springfield Pk, McWilliam Pl]

“We also thank God continually because when you received the word of God you accepted it not as a human word but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.” (1 Thess.2:13)

Saturday 26th – *1 Thessalonians 2:13* – Pray for the children and young people, of our church family and of the wider community, that each one may encounter the living God for themselves. [Beveridge Pl, McBain Pl, Gordon Pl]

Sunday 27th – *Hebrews 4: 12-13* – Give thanks for the harvest of the earth in its abundance and pray that God will teach us how to be good stewards of His creation. Virtual Morning Service at 10.30am. Prayer for the Nation at 7pm. [Rural West (A91/A977) – Balado, Burnbrae, Kellieside, Tillyochie]

Monday 28th – *James 1:22-25* – Give thanks that Eco-Congregation initiatives will be able to involve all generations in practical acts. [Rural South (B996) - Cleish Road, Classloch, Hatchbank]

Tuesday 29th – *2 Timothy 2:1-2* – Pray that our congregation may be wisely led in challenging times and that together, as a church, we may honour God in all that we do. [Orwell & Portmoak]

Wednesday 30th – *Matthew 25: 35-36* – Give thanks for the fellowship we share with members of other churches, locally and around the world. Midweek Service in the Church, 10.30am. Midday Time for Prayer. [Cleish and Fossoway.]

Public Worship and Times for Prayer

There are currently no gatherings for prayer in the church. An act of worship is being recorded each week and is available in audio format by dialling 01577 528270 and in video format on Youtube and the KPC Facebook page www.facebook.com/kinrossparishchurch/ where recordings of occasional led times of prayer are also posted.

Sunday evenings at 7pm – Prayer for the Nation

Wednesday at 12 noon – Prayer for the Community

Silent Meditation on the first Monday morning of the month – 7th Sept.

Compline at 9pm on the third Thursday of the month – 17th Sept.

Additional Prayers - September 2020
Harvest

“I will keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.” **Psalm 16:8**

God of Peace,
We pray for your church.
For our parish and the communities.
For our brothers and sisters around the world.
Strengthen and encourage us Lord.
As we settle into new rhythms of life,
we remember those who have suffered
and are struggling with the effects
of the last few months.

Amen

(Church of Scotland)

“Praise the Lord! Sing a new song to the Lord; praise him in the assembly of his faithful people!”

Psalm 149:1

Father God,

As some of us are able to come together again in our church building, we thank you for this progress. We know Your Church is not a building, it is Your people, all over the world. We have all learnt how to 'sing new songs' over the last few months, and for that we also offer our heartfelt thanks. Although those gathering in the church building will not be able, at present, to literally sing, our hearts will sing with praise to You, even though no words leave our lips. All of Your Church will continue to rise up and sing songs of joy, and spread the good news of the gospel – no matter where we are, or who we are with, or even if we are on our own, we know You are always with us, loving us and guiding us. Help us as we go forward.

Amen

“Be determined and confident. Do not be afraid of them. Your God, the LORD himself, will be with you. He will not fail you or abandon you.”

Deuteronomy 31:6

Lord, as we gradually move forward, help us not to be afraid, but to put everything into Your hands. When we feel fear – of the present or of the future – teach us to bring it to You in prayer. We thank You, Father, that You are always there, always listen to us, and guide us to make the right decisions, with the help of Your Hbly Spirit, living in each one of us

Amen

“Go to the Lord for help; and worship him continually.” Psalm 105:4

Living God, we thank you that we can always come to you for help – no matter what the problem is. Forgive us that we forget to thank You, praise You and worship You continually, especially in these days. As we gradually adjust to a 'new normal', help us Lord to remember the lessons we have learnt in lockdown and help us to encourage each other in our faith and the spreading of Your Word.

Amen

"The land has produced its harvest; God, our God, has blessed us.
God has blessed us; may all people everywhere honour him!"
Psalm 67: 6-7

Loving heavenly Father,

In this season of harvest, we thank You for the riot of colour, the amazing tastes, the shapes and the choice of produce we can enjoy. Year after year, this abundant earth pours out its wonderful harvest and yet, generous God, so often we give you little thanks. We remember the people who work, through all weathers, to bring us this harvest - from farmers to packers to carriers to shops, and recognise our need to thank them more than once a year - especially in this unique year. Help us to remember all of these people when we next take a grape from the fruit bowl, or pour a glass of milk.

And, Lord, let our minds pause also in grateful contemplation of your abundant, everlasting love for each one of us. Your earth produces enough food for everyone, but not for everyone's greed. Strengthen the hands of the aid agencies, Father, and reorder the priorities of governments worldwide, and move the hearts of all of us to recognise the face of Christ in the plight of the hungry. For what we have received, make us truly thankful.

Amen.