

Following Christ Spreading the Word Serving the Community

Prayer Diary - February/March 2023

Please bring before God each day the needs of individuals and of the wider world and pray especially for the ministry and mission of Kinross Parish Church.

Local Church and Community

Worship – ministers, those leading worship in prayer, music, children's ministry, flowers, welcome and refreshment teams. May God be honoured among us. **Discipleship** – personal prayer and Bible study; housegroups; Growing Young process; the Discipleship corner in the church. May we all grow in our faith. **Pastoral** – the sick and bereaved; elders and visitors; groups within the church (Craft Group, Guild, All Friends Together, Table Talk etc). May we nurture one another.

Outreach – litter-picking and allotment; monthly presence at the Farmers' Market; Food Tidings; support for Ukraine (including the weekly hub meetings for Ukrainian refugees locally), MAF, Christian Aid, Tearfund. May we point our community and our world to Jesus.

Admin and Communication – office team, website, Facebook, magazine, publicity. May the word be spread.

Finance and **Property** – those who give and those who steward those gifts; those who maintain the church and church centre and all who come and go in them, including lets to non-church groups.

Kythe – the staff and volunteers, trustees and management and that every young person in our community may know that they are loved by God.

Kinross Centre – the staff and volunteers and executive committee and that all service users may know that they are loved by God.

Broke not Broken – the staff and volunteers and all in our community who are facing serious financial and mental health challenges at the moment.

Wider Church, Nation and World

Churches in the Kinross-shire Networks and across the Presbytery of Perth – pray for all those involved in shaping what congregational life, and the administration and resources of it, will look like in the coming years.

The Church of Scotland and other denominations – pray for Rt Rev Iain Greenshields, Moderator, and for all who stand up for Jesus in all areas of our national life.

Our partner church in Debrecen, Hungary – it has been decided that we will work towards resuming the summer exchange in 2024.

The Hungarian-speaking church in Csongor, Ukraine as they provide accommodation and support for refugees.

The Persecuted Church – remember before God our sisters and brothers in Christ who face injustice and danger simply for standing up for Jesus.

Our Partnership with Mission Aviation Fellowship – pray for Ruth and Duncan Jack as they get to grips with their role with MAF in Uganda.

The King and the Parliaments in Westminster and Holyrood – remember all who carry responsibilities of leadership in our national life, that they may live and act with integrity and for the good of all.

Situations of Conflict – name before God the many situations in our world where there is war: Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen, Myanmar etc – pray for peace and for the advance of God's Kingdom.

Fairtrade – give thanks for our own Fairtrade team and pray for those across the world who work for justice and equity.

Weekly Focus

1st to 4th February – The Wider World

Seek God's blessing for the work of organisations like MAF, Tearfund, Christian Aid, Open Doors, that the good news of Christ may be spread across the world in word and in deed and that many may find life in all its fulness in these days.

Pray for wisdom and vision for the administrators of Traidcraft as they find the best way forward for the business, and for their suppliers across the world.

Ask for God's hand to be upon all those involved in the conflict in Ukraine and pray that peace would triumph very soon.

5th to 11th February – Pastoral

Pray for those who have been recently bereaved and those supporting them.

Ask God to help those in the congregation involved in offering pastoral care to those who are facing difficult circumstances because of illness, frailty, age, anxiety or poor mental health.

Pray that our church family may be a community of support for all through prayer, fellowship and practical help.

12th to 18th February – Parish Grouping

Pray for our own Kirk Session meeting on Monday evening and remember the kirk sessions of our neighbouring churches as they begin to look at how we might work more closely together for the benefit of all and for the mission of the church.

Pray for the ministers, Robert Calvert, Margaret Michie, Alan Reid, Lis Stenhouse and Austin Wicks as they find their role in the parish grouping.

Seek the outpouring of God's Spirit upon our community that many may turn to God in these days and find hope, joy and peace in believing.

19th to 25th February - Children and Families

Pray for the new Kirk Session working group focussed on younger families that ways may be found to build the church's ministry and mission.

Ask God's blessing on all involved with Stepping Stones, Junior Church, Crossfire, BB, Dungeons and Dragons and the occasional church family social events.

26th February to 4th March - Scotland

Pray for the first 'in-person' meeting of the new Presbytery of Perth at Bankfoot on Saturday, and for Doug Gay, the keynote speaker, that a new vision for the way ahead may begin to become clear.

Pray for all involved in shaping the future of the Church of Scotland.

As the church family Ceilidh takes place on Sunday afternoon pray that it will help in the deepening of relationships across the ages.

5th to 11th March – Outreach

Pray for the Outreach Group as they meet this week.

Pray for plans for the Good Friday Experience and for Family Week in the summer. Uphold the work of Kythe across Kinross-shire and beyond and pray for every young person who is touched by that ministry that they may know God's love.

Pray for all involved in Broke not Broken and ask God for wisdom in finding sustainable solutions for those affected by poverty in our country.

12th to 18th March – Church Groups

Give thanks for the fellowship and support found in church groups like the Guild, Craft Group, All Friends Together, choir, house-groups, Table Talk, Let's Sing etc and pray that each one may grow as members invite others to join them.

Pray that Christ may be known in every aspect of our church life and that God's love may be shared with the wider community.

Pray that God would deepen a spirit of prayer in our congregation that we may consciously depend upon God daily and know His touch.

19th to 25th March – Miscellaneous

Pray that the way may become clear following the Warm Spaces experiment over the winter for how best to offer and develop support to the vulnerable in Kinross. Give thanks for those who undertake the work of church admin and those who steward the church's finances and property. Pray that these tasks may be well done in ways that will support congregational ministry and mission.

Pray for the church family bowling trip on Sunday evening.

26th March to 1st April – Approaching Easter

As we approach the Easter season, pray that the transforming message of God's love for the world in sending His Son to win the victory over sin and death may shake our community in the coming weeks. Pray that our witness as a church and as individuals may point those around us to the Saviour.

Pray for the Parish day-by-day

- 1. Station Rd, Kirklands Ct, Swansacre, Lomond Mews, Queen's Cres, Douglas Crescent, Primary School
- 2. High St (Bank of Scotland to Church Centre), Police Houses, St. Ronan's Dr, Chambers Ct, Talla Pk
- 3. Bell Gardens, Muirhead Crescent, Simpson Wynd
- 4. Avenue Rd, Kinross House Estate, Coventry PI, Mill St, Burns Begg St, Kirkgate, Old Causeway, Causeway Ct, Millbridge
- 5. Sandport, Sandport Gait, Nan Walker Wynd, Sandport Close, Pier Rd
- 6. Parliament Square, Brewery Lane, School Wynd, Piper Row, Whyte Ct, Smith St, Myre Terrace, Curate Wynd
- 7. High St (Church Centre to Todd & Duncan), Queich Pl, Old Cleish Rd, Bridgend
- 8. Bowton Rd, Montgomery Rd, Ross St
- 9. Montgomery St, Montgomery Way, Montgomery Ct

- 10. Levenbridge PI, Devonvale PI, Hopefield PI, Junction Rd, Clashburn Rd, Clashburn Close, Clashburn Way, Sainsburys, Park & Ride, Recycling Centre.
- 11. Ochil View, Churchill Rd, Emslie Dr, Macdonald Avenue, Alexander Drive
- 12. Green Rd, Green Pk, Green Wood
- 13. Muirs (Green Hotel to Springfield Rd), Sir Alan Smith Gardens, The Sycamores, Muirpark Rd, Muirfield Grove, Muir Grove
- 14. Muirs (Springfield Rd to Gallowhill Rd), Whinfield Dr, Whinfield Gardens, Broom Rd, Broom Ct, Sunnypark
- 15. Muirs (Gallowhill Rd to Leisure Centre), Burnbank Meadows, Lethangie Rd, Bishop View, High School, Health Centre, Kythe Hub..
- 16. Lathro Pk (1-59 & 2-28), Gallowhill Wynd, Highfield Circle
- 17. Lathro Pk (79-135 & 30-64), Courcelles Ct, Lathro Ct, Lathro Lane
- 18. Acremoar Drive, Latch Dubh Lane
- 19. Dalwhamie Street, Drumeuther Way
- 20. Gallowhill Rd, Gallowhill Gardens, Mavisbank, Lomond Pl, Argyll Ct
- 21. Argyll Rd
- 22. Renton Dr, Morlich Pl, George Dr, Thompson Pl, Torridon Pl, Sandwood Pl, Rannoch Pl
- 23. Sutherland Dr, St. Mary's Pl, Tummel Pl, Morar Pl, Katrine Pl
- 24. Maree PI, Seaforth Dr, Leven PI, Cameron Avenue, Springfield Rd
- 25. Wilson Ct, Springfield Pk, McWilliam Pl
- 26. Beveridge PI, McBain PI, Gordon PI
- 27. West (A91/A977) Balado, Burnbrae, Kellieside, Tillyochie
- 28. South (B996) Cleish Road, Classlochie, Hatchbank
- 29. Orwell and Portmoak
- 30. Cleish and Fossoway
- 31. Presbytery of Perth

Time for Prayer Together

Sunday evenings at 6pm – Time for Prayer together on Zoom Silent Meditation on 6th February and 6th March Compline at 9pm on 16th February and 16th March