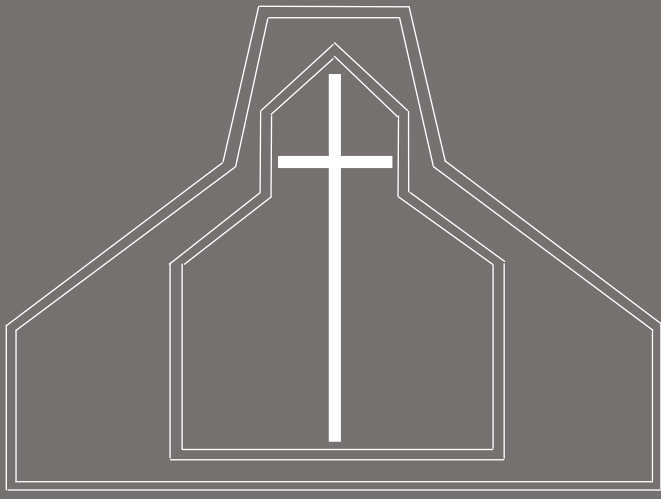


And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep praying for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18



Prayer Diary

April 2026

St Columba's
Hillhead
Parish Church

Sunday 5

Easter Sunday. Praise God for Easter Resurrection and for Jesus' rising from the Tomb, as the power of death is conquered! Remember all the services taking place to celebrate this glorious happening. Pray that all the church services taking place today, including here at St Columba's Hillhead, may be a joyful praise to God and that God would be delighted to receive the praise and worship offered. Pray for all those involved leading these services that Easter joy will radiate from them as they share that joy with each other.

Monday 6

Men's Group. Give thanks for the Men's Group and for those who have had the opportunity to meet together for social activities and friendship in enjoyment and recreation as the current Session has now ended. Give thanks for Jim Kennedy as Chairman and Secretary, Ian Gibb, as they have coordinated the week to week activity. Give thanks for Robert McKenzie who will be Chairman when the new session begins after the summer. Praise God for the good attendance this session, and for the friendships that have grown.

Tuesday 7

Hillhead Holiday Club: Pray for the Hillhead Holiday Club taking place at Hillhead Halls Tuesday to Thursday this

week. Give thanks for the partnership working between St Columba's Hillhead Church and Kirkintilloch Baptist Church that makes this possible. Pray that all the children and families who come would enjoy themselves and learn more about God's love in sending his Son Jesus into the world as our Saviour.

Pray too for the Scripture Union holidays that are taking place over the school Easter Holidays. Pray for enjoyment, for safety, and for young people to respond to the significance of Jesus.

Wednesday 8

Little Fishes and Busy Bees. Give thanks that these Groups continue to be well-attended each week. Pray especially for the Busy Bees Group that those on the waiting list will be understanding of having to cap numbers for reasons of available space. Remember the leaders and helpers of both groups as they plan and oversee the life of these groups especially for safety and wisdom in the outworking of the activities. Pray that those who come along, both carers and children, that they will be aware that they are coming into a warm, inviting place where they are valued and a desire to know more about Jesus' love. Pray that the leaders will enjoy a well-earned break over the School Holidays.

Thursday 9

Discipleship Explored: Give thanks for the Discipleship Explored Group that has been meeting on Thursday mornings. Give thanks for the opportunity to explore the message of Philippians together at Discipleship Explored and for the good friendships that have formed and grown. Pray that after a break over the holiday period, the rest of the course would go well and be of benefit to all.

Pray too for that it may be possible to start another Hope Explored group soon.

Friday 10

Those with Mental Health Issues. Remember those whose mental health is struggling at the moment, especially young people suffering from social media issues. Pray that the Lord would draw close to those who are despairing. Especially remember those known to us who may be struggling. Pray that the Lord will give us the right words to say to someone who is suffering and pray for opportunities for healing conversations. Pray for an increase in understanding and empathy for mental health issues in society and within the Church. Pray that those suffering will find comfort and respite and a path to full healing. Remember also those supporting them that they may know patience, love, hope and healing.

Saturday 11

Conflict and War: Remember all those parts of the world where there is conflict and war today, including Ukraine, the Middle East, and Sudan. Pray for Christians in these countries who themselves are affected by this. May they know God's grace day by day. Pray for churches in these places as they hold out the hope that is in Jesus. Pray for world leaders and others in positions of responsibility to be wise and compassionate in the decisions they make. Pray for those who are living far from home because of the impact of war. May they experience welcome and support wherever they are.

Sunday 12

Holy Week and Easter Events and Services. Give thanks for the various Easter Services and Events which have taken place in our own and other churches. Praise God for message of Forgiveness of Sins and Eternal Life in Jesus that has been proclaimed this Easter Season. Pray for all those who have heard this Good News for the first time, that they might experience personally the joy of Easter. Pray that we all might appreciate in a new way God's love in sending Jesus to be our Saviour.

Monday 13

The Bereaved. Remember those who have lost loved ones, especially those in recent/not so recent days and personally known to us. Remember those who have suffered through sudden trauma or chronic illness. Such loss is devastating for anyone who lost a loved one close to them and grieving can be painful and difficult. Pray that the Lord in His compassion will be close to them especially through dark and difficult days and that those surrounding them may be a quiet and sensitive support.

Tuesday 14

The Lodging House Mission (LHM). Give thanks for the work and witness of TLHM and Glasgow City Mission in their work in caring for the vulnerable in our society. Give thanks for the practical and prayerful encouragement of Glasgow Presbytery congregations that these may be a blessing to those who reach out to LHM for help and support at all times. Remember the Manager, Chaplain and staff who provide relational support and encouragement in a variety of different ways of activities and opportunities in the daily life of the LHM that the service-users will know Christ's presence with them.

Wednesday 15

Bethany Christian Trust (BCT). Pray for the management and staff of BCT as they seek to deepen the roots of their Christian ethos and values, ensuring their mission is bolstered by a steadfast dependence on God and a strong support network for their team. Uphold the whole BCT team of staff and volunteers to remain in God's love, and to show His love in action across Scotland, all for His glory. Remember Rev. David McAdam in his frontline work in assisting those who are particularly vulnerable by helping them to integrate back into the community. Pray that God will continue to equip and strengthen him for this significant ministry.

Thursday 16

Jo Crotty. Give thanks for Jo's visit to the UK and for her visit to StCH on Palm Sunday to share with us her work and witness for Wycliffe Bible Translators.

Give thanks for Jo's work with the development of material for Children's Trauma Healing Worship and for the training of local people to deliver this course. Pray for Jo as she now returns to Melbourne, Australia to take up a post with Wycliffe Bible Translators there in supporting missionaries on home assignment. Pray that her Masters course would be helpful and rewarding. Pray too for Jo's brother

Greg, his wife Maureen and their family, as Greg grows progressively weaker due to his MND condition. Pray that they would know God's peace in these days.

Friday 17

Boys' Brigade. Give thanks for all the boys who belong to The 1st Kirkintilloch BB, and for their continuing attendance, activities and achievements. Give thanks especially for new members this session in the Anchor and Company sections.

Remember the leaders as they plan and prepare for each week's meetings that their commitment and enthusiasm will permeate through to the boys and so encourage faith and commitment in them to advance Christ's Kingdom in The Boys' Brigade.

Pray for refreshment for the officers and leaders over the school break and that the new session thereafter will be encouraging.

Saturday 18

New Church Roof: Give thanks for the buildings we have at St Columba's Hillhead Church and for all that they make possible. Give thanks too for those who maintain and look after them. Pray that the funds needed for a new church roof would be raised in a timely way. Pray for grant applications currently being considered, that God's would be upon these. Pray

too for the Gift Day on Sunday 26 April, that there would be a good response to that opportunity to support this important project. Give thanks too for the money that has already been raised through fundraising and other events such as the Afternoon Daffodil Tea.

Sunday 19

St Columba's Hillhead. Continue to pray for the upbuilding of the life and fellowship of the congregation. Pray that as God's people within our Church we may work for the Lord together in unity and love and that the mission of the Church will know God's blessing in life and witness. Give thanks for the continued coming together and growth in fellowship of folks from both congregations and for the natural ways in which this happening such as over tea and coffee on a Sunday morning. Pray that this may continue to strengthen and deepen the love and unity of God's people and that with encouragement to and from each other congregational life will be strong in the Lord.

Remember too the Christian Aid Service for Lenzie and Kirkintilloch that will be meeting this evening at the Hillhead Halls. Pray that this will be a good opportunity to raise awareness of the work of Christian Aid to promote the wellbeing of some of the poorest people in the world.

Give thanks that this is done in Christ's name.

Monday 20

Luwero Christian Ministries. Almighty God, we give thanks for all the work being done in your name at Luwero in Uganda. We pray for all the different areas of this significant ministry- for the junior and senior school, for the clinic, for the farm, for new developing land with its demanding physical work, and for helping to teach young people to survive amidst the loss of parents through HIV and AIDS. We praise you for the way in which many are being brought close to you in faith through the work of your Spirit and we delight in sharing partnership of the Gospel with Gabriel, Deborah and his family and the people of Luwero. We pray for Gabriel and Deborah in their leadership of the ministry at Luwero that they would be kept safe from harm by the powers of darkness which surround them.

Tuesday 21

The Guild. Give thanks for the session of the Guild that has now finished. Give thanks for the various speakers who have given of their time to come throughout this session. Pray for the Guild Committee as they now prepare the programme for

the new session after the summer.

Give thanks for the way in which the Guild has been a means of forming good friendships and getting to know what else is going on in the church. Pray that in this way God might use the Guild as a stepping stone to faith in Jesus for some.

Wednesday 22

Warm Space/Connect. Loving Heavenly Father, we thank you for the regular weekly opportunity to offer a warm space and caring support to the community at Hillhead Halls. We thank you for the opportunity to partner with Kirkintilloch Baptist Church in this and pray that you would grow and strengthen the team. We praise you for the encouraging start to the new arrangements, for the way in which the soup and roll format is going well. We especially pray for the 'Food for Thought' slot at 1.45pm that it will be well-received.

We pray too for the Connect Group for children that meets 3 till 4 on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you for all the children who attend. We pray that they would enjoy their time at Connect and be able to engage with and understand the weekly Bible stories.

We pray for your continued leading and guiding as the ministries of Warm Welcome and Connect continue to develop.

Thursday 23

Walk and Talk. Remember Trevor and the Walk & Talk Group as it continues to enjoy meeting on Thurs. afternoons for an hour or so of walk and conversation. Remember those who regularly share together in this hour of gentle exercise and the opportunity to socially share interest in each other and their lives. Pray for those who come regularly and for new members that each will feel welcomed and know the mutual interest and love gained from 'a listening ear'.

Friday 24

Those who are Unwell, in Hospital or in Care. Remember all those who are unwell, awaiting or undergoing investigation, diagnosis, surgery/treatment especially in the current demands upon the Health Service. Give thanks for those who are recovering from surgery/treatment and pray that they will know increasing strength and wholeness in the forthcoming days. Pray that those who need medical help may receive their required care as promptly as possible and pray for recovery, healing and strength to endure however God provides. Especially remember those known to us suffering from chronic/terminal illness and pain as people seek to live with the constant reminder of suffering. Remember

their families and carers who also share in the pain and suffering. Continue to remember and give thanks for all Healthcare staff, especially our local GPs and staff amid continuing great pressures to respond to increasing demands upon them for their help and care. Pray for those in long term care, all NHS and Social Care staff as they seek to provide compassionate care especially in a time of increasing demands.

Saturday 25

Dads and Toddler Group: pray for the 'one off' Dads and Toddler Group running today at the St Columba's Halls. Pray that dads and granddads with young children might enjoy coming along today for play, bacon rolls and coffee. Pray that we might learn through this event how we can better support young families in our community.

Sunday 26

Sunday Club, Little Lights, Noah's Ark. Give thanks for the regular attendance by those young people who come to Church on Sundays and seek to know more about Jesus and get to know Him as Saviour and Lord. Pray for the young people where it can be difficult to be different as someone who comes to Church with few peers. Remember Vicky and those who lead Sunday Club that they would know wisdom

and honour the Lord in their preparation, leadership and encouragement of the young people. Give thanks for the new Little Lights class for P1 to 3 children and pray for Cassie as she leads this. Remember Noah's Ark as it meets today and pray that the families who are coming along may feel welcomed and may have a deepening interest and desire to come along. Pray also for discernment in knowing ways of supporting young families in coming to church.

Monday 27

Mission Aviation Fellowship: MAF is an international Christian organisation whose purpose is to bring help, hope and healing through aviation to people living in isolation and poverty.

Every 5.6 minutes a MAF aircraft takes off or lands somewhere in the world, transporting people who live in remote villages and assisting missions, churches, aid and development agencies and others working to transform the lives of communities that are cut off from the outside world.

MAF has operated in Liberia since 2015, serving remote communities through aviation. Pray for MAF as it serves local partners including churches, hospitals, missionaries, NGOs, and development and relief agencies who are

working to provide access to healthcare, safe drinking water and the Gospel to the isolated people of Liberia.

Tuesday 28

Glasgow Presbytery: Remember churches throughout the Presbytery of Glasgow seeking to put into practice the Presbytery Mission Plan. Pray for churches known to us where this involves difficult or painful decisions about buildings that are hugely significant to people. Pray that in times of change and even disappointment we may be drawn closer to the Lord, our Faithful God, who loves his people with an unchanging and eternal love.

Wednesday 29

Friendship Club and Following Jesus Group. Give thanks that both these groups continue to meet regularly and are well-attended and for the members, carers and leaders who all contribute to making these happy and meaningful evenings. Pray for the ongoing life and fellowship of the Groups that the love of Jesus will encourage and deepen the life of all and especially remember Pat Muir and the leaders that they may be inspired by the Lord to further this significant ministry. Give thanks for these valued groups and for the ministry in sharing Jesus with these valued people

whom He loves and cares for.

Thursday 30

Leprosy Mission. Give thanks for the work of the Leprosy Mission worldwide and for our own Leprosy Mission GB. Pray for all those affected by leprosy today with the many impacts it has on people's lives, livelihoods, and relationships. Thank God for the work in Jesus' name of places like Anandaban Hospital in Nepal. Pray that many would find hope in Jesus who touched and healed those whom others ignored.