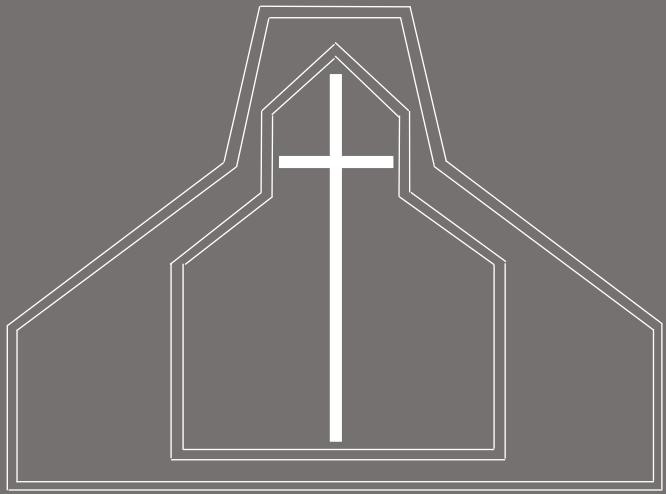


Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

James 5:13



Prayer Diary

February 2026

St Columba's
Hillhead
Parish Church

Sunday 1

St Columba's Hillhead. Give thanks for the freedom we have to worship Sunday by Sunday and at other times during the week. Pray for the estimated 388 million Christians worldwide today who experience severe persecution or discrimination because of their faith in Jesus. Give thanks for the recent well-attended Open Doors UK 'World Watch' event at Westminster where 112 MPs learned more about the suffering church worldwide. Pray for David Smith, MP, the UK's recently appointed Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief. Pray that he may have wisdom and boldness in his work. Pray too that he may be an effective advocate as he seeks to promote freedom of religion worldwide.

Monday 2

Leading your Church into Growth: Please pray for Philip, Graham Inglis, and Lynne, as they attend a conference on Church Growth in Swanick, Derbyshire Mon to Wed this week. Pray that the speakers and sessions would be helpful and informative. Pray too that the discussion with other church leaders from elsewhere in the UK would be stimulating and beneficial. Pray that God might be at work and that all that is learned may be

put to good use here at ST Columba's Hillhead.

Tuesday 3

The Guild. Give thanks for the recent Burns Night hosted by the Guild and for the happy time of friendship and fellowship that was enjoyed there. Pray that the Guild may know God's blessing this year. Pray that it might be a great support and encouragement to all who attend. Pray too that it may be a means of forming good friendships and getting to know what else is going on in the church, and that the Guild might be a stepping stone to faith for some.

Wednesday 4

Midweek Fellowship. Give thanks for the regular weekly meeting of the Midweek Fellowship and for the opportunity to worship God and share fellowship together, especially for those who may not be able to attend Church on Sundays. Praise the Lord for the love, support and encouragement shared amongst those who attend. Give thanks for the opportunity to share and sing some favourite hymns and songs today, and to learn from one another why these are important to us. Pray that the Word of God may bear much fruitfulness in the hearts and lives of those who attend and pray that more people may desire to come along.

Thursday 5

Walk and Talk. Remember 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 6

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.

Saturday 7

Jo Crotty. Pray for Jo as she has recently returned to Australia. Give thanks for

the work that she and others have done towards for the Childrens' Trauma Healing Course in PNG in recent months and pray for those who have been trained locally to now take this forward. Pray for Jo's brother Gregg who has MND in Australia, his wife Maureen, and their family, that they would know God's loving arms upholding them in these days. Give thanks that Jo is spending some time to Scotland and plans to be at the Midweek Service this week (Wed 11 Feb). Pray for safe travels and for God to strengthen and encourage Jo.

Sunday 8

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 to 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 9

Men's Group. Give thanks for the Men's Group and for those who have the opportunity to meet together for social activities and friendship in enjoyment and recreation. Give thanks too for new members in this session. Remember Jim Kennedy as Chairman and Secretary Ian Gibb as they coordinate the week to week activity. Pray that there will be a regular good attendance and those who come will know the warm welcome and friendship offered as a helpful support.

Tuesday 10

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.

Wednesday 11

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. Praise God for a happy time at ProBowl in January for both the Friendship Club and the Following Jesus Group. 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.

Thursday 12

Discipleship Explored. Pray for the Discipleship Explored group that is due to start this morning at St Columba's. Pray for all who attend, that it may be a helpful way of exploring how we can follow Jesus as we learn from the New Testament book of Philippians. Pray that the group will be welcoming and encouraging and of spiritual significance to those who attend.

Pray too for that it may be possible to start a Hope Explored group later this month.

Friday 13

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.

Saturday 14

The Bereaved. Remember those who have lost loved ones, especially those in recent/not so recent days and personally known to us, especially at this time of the

year when emotions can be accentuated. 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.

Sunday 15

Church building: Give thanks for the fabric of St Columba's Hillhead Church, both at St Columba's and Hillhead, and for those who maintain the buildings. Pray for the project to raise the significant funds required for a new roof at St Columba's. Pray that God would provide and sufficient funds would indeed be raised in a timely way, so that the church roof may be replaced.

Monday 16

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). Give thanks for Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), the world's largest humanitarian air operator. Praise God that for over 75 years MAF has been flying light aircraft over jungles, mountains, swamps and deserts, enabling more than 1,500 aid, development and mission organisations to bring medical care, emergency relief and long-term development.

Give thanks for the 60 years that MAF has been serving isolated communities in Chad through a range of partners. Pray for Esmara Gaalswijk, MAF's new country director in Chad who writes: *'I am here with MAF to reach isolated Chadians with the Gospel. So many people here have not heard the Good News, but I have seen with my own eyes the difference that MAF makes... There's overwhelming suffering in eastern Chad where many refugees cross the Sudanese border and live in camps. We're asking partners how we can assist. I pray that God will provide people and resources for MAF to bless the Chadian people.'*

Tuesday 17

Christians Against Poverty. Pray for the work of Christians against Poverty operating locally. Give thanks for those who serve to help those in need. Times of financial hardship places great pressures on many people and many feel totally helpless for lack of sufficient money to meet necessities especially in the colder months of winter with less financial support for heating. Pray that they may receive support when it is needed and remember CAP volunteers as they engage with people to alleviate their financial circumstances. Give thanks for the opportunity for folks to be signposted to

Christians against Poverty when appropriate at Warm Welcome and pray that this may be a beneficial for some.

Wednesday 18

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 19

Children & Family Worker. Dear Father God, we continue to give thanks for Cassie's presence with us

and her involvement in the regular programme of services and events such as Little Fishes, Busy Bees and Noah's Ark. We pray for Cassie as she builds relationships with young families and furthering already-established relationships and groups. We ask you for Cassie to know wisdom and discernment as she plans and prepares for activities and becomes more involved in congregational life and the community, especially in the life of the Young People's and SU groups at schools that she will be a great ambassador for the Lord in her work and witness.

Friday 20

National and Local Government. Bring before the Lord all those in positions of authority across the United Kingdom across the political spectrum. Remember especially our Prime Minister and First Minister of Scotland and the members of their Government that they may seek to exercise integrity and wisdom in their life and work. Pray that policy-makers will be thoughtful and discerning as they make decisions and draft new policy. Especially pray for Christians in political life. Pray that they will be able to live out their faith in their life and work and influence political decisions for good. Pray that the Lord may give strength to them especially

when times are difficult and pressure is on them because of their faith.

Saturday 21

Ukraine. Continue to remember and pray for the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and in other areas of the world, especially in a time of heightened tension and escalation of the war of words and actions of nation leaders. Pray that a just and lasting solution will be found to end the wars and bring much-needed peace and stability for all, especially for those who suffered under the devastation, loss of life and security for living. Remember world leaders especially through whom much of the resolution will rest. Pray for a mutual understanding and respect, with a desire to end the conflict and live in, and for, peace.

Sunday 22

Leprosy Mission. Give thanks for the work of the Leprosy Mission worldwide and for our own Leprosy Mission GB. Give thanks too for the recent visit from Brian Crockett of the Leprosy Mission to St Columba's Hillhead Church. Thank you for the opportunity to learn more about leprosy and its impact around the world.

We pray for all those affected by leprosy today with the many impacts it has on people's lives, livelihoods, and

relationships. Thank you 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.

Monday 23

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. We thank you that Gabriel is getting stronger in health after his earlier illness. We pray for his continuing recovery.

Tuesday 24

5th Kirkintilloch Brownies. Give thanks for the local Brownie Pack which meets

on Tuesday evenings in Hillhead Building and remember Lynne Semple as Brownie Leader in her encouragement of the young folks. Pray that the young ones will grow in wisdom as they learn about life and develop life skills for maturity. Pray that they will know and care for one another and honour the Brownie Guide Code in practice. Pray that they will know the love and support of the Church fellowship.

Wednesday 25

Those who are Vulnerable. Give thanks for the work of The Lodging House Mission, Bethany Christian Trust and The Salvation Army who seek to draw near and support those who are vulnerable, especially in these cold and dark days of winter. Remember the Management and Staff of all these agencies that they will be shining lights of hope and compassion and that all the services they provide will be adequately resourced.

Thursday 26

Scripture Union. Gives thanks for the work of Scripture Union Scotland and for the vision at SU Scotland to see every child and young person in Scotland exploring the Bible and responding to the significance of Jesus.

Scripture Union is the official resource partner for the UK & Ireland for the animated film, 'The King of

Kings,' starring Pierce Brosnan and Uma Thurman. Pray for opportunities to screen this film at churches throughout the UK and that these may stimulate helpful conversation and discussion about who Jesus really is.

Friday 27

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.

Saturday 28

Operation Christmas Child: Give thanks for all the shoe boxes and other items collected and sent from St Columba's Hillhead for the 2025 Christmas Shoe Box Appeal for Operation Christmas Child. Pray that these and all the other gifts given worldwide might make a real difference in the lives of many children who have very little. Pray that as these gifts are given in Jesus' name, that his love might be shared by all those who distribute shoe boxes.