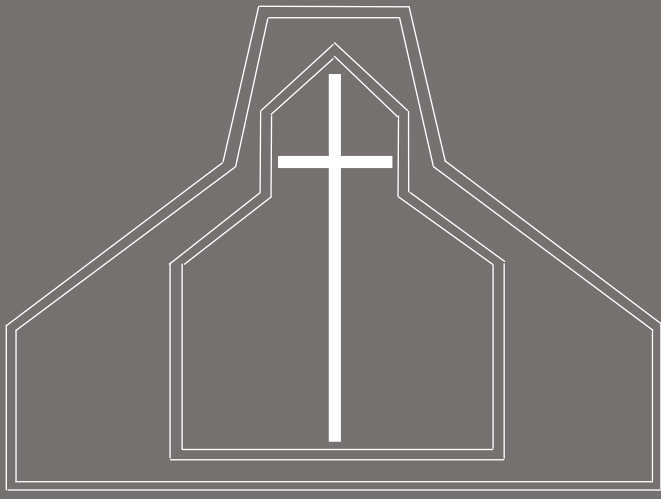


If you remain in me and  
my words remain in you,  
ask whatever you wish,  
and it will be done for you.

John 1:7



# Prayer Diary

## June 2026

St Columba's  
Hillhead  
Parish Church

Sunday 7

St Columba's Hillhead. Continue to pray for the upbuilding of the life and fellowship of the congregation, especially as we gather together today to celebrate the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper. Pray that the fellowship around the Lord's Table will be a time of peace and gratitude for Christ's death for us. 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, on this the fourth anniversary of our church union, and for the natural ways in which this is happening such as over tea and coffee on a Sunday morning and weekly activities. 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. Pray to that end for the church BBQ this afternoon, and the cycle ride/walk planned before that, that relationships would be strengthened and that friendship and fellowship may be enjoyed together.

Monday 8

New Church Roof. In February this year, we launched an appeal for a

new church roof! In common with many of the houses near the church, we find it is now time to replace our roof.

The cost for this work was estimated in December 2025 to be £115,000. The kirk session agreed to an ambitious target date of June 2026 to raise the necessary funds.

As set out in the last edition of the magazine, we are in the fortunate position that we can use £40,000 from existing funds to put towards this project.

Give thanks for an amazing response to raising a target sum of at least £35,000 after gift aid in less than 3 months for the new church roof through a combination of fundraising and dedicated giving. Give thank too for the award of £5000 towards the new roof from the Baird Trust.

We are so grateful to God for his provision thus far for the new roof project. Please pray that the remaining four grant applications would be received favourably by those who are considering them.

Above all, pray that God would oversee this project and provide all that is needed. Please pray that the gracious hand of our God would be upon us. Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Psalm 127:1.

Tuesday 9

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.

Wednesday 10

Friendship Club and Following Jesus Group. Give thanks for the Canal Trip the Following Jesus Group enjoyed last Wednesday evening with the Seagull Trust. Please pray that the Friendship Club would similarly enjoy their canal trip this evening. Give thanks that both these groups have continued to meet regularly throughout the session, that they 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. Give thanks for Pat Muir and the leaders. Pray that they may be inspired by the Lord to further this significant ministry - and that they might have a good rest over the summer. Give thanks for these valued groups and for the ministry

in sharing Jesus with these valued people whom He loves and cares for.

#### Thursday 11

The Suffering Church. Football teams from 48 nations begin today to compete in this year's World Cup. Open Doors reminds us that 14 of these nations are the places where Christians face the highest levels of persecution worldwide. Open Doors have produced downloadable and printable 'Pray as they Play' football cards as a prompt to help us pray for Christians in these places during (and beyond) the World Cup. As football teams from these nations compete to win the biggest prize in football, please pray for change, fairness and victories for Christians from those countries. The 14 countries with their ranking on Open Doors World Watch list are: Iran (10), Saudi Arabia (13), Iraq (18), Algeria (20), Morocco (23), Uzbekistan (25), Democratic Republic of Congo (29), Mexico (30), Tunisia (31), Turkiye (41), Egypt (42), Qatar (44), Colombia (47), and Jordan (49).

#### Friday 12

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 for rest and refreshment for helpers over the upcoming summer break.

#### Saturday 13

Children & Family Worker. 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. Pray for Cassie as she builds relationships with young families and furthering already established relationships and groups. Pray for Cassie as she plans and prepares for activities and becomes more involved in congregational life and the community, especially in the life of the SU groups at schools that she will be a great ambassador for the Lord in her work and witness.

Give thanks for the Seeds for Growth funding that is helping to support this work. Pray for a follow-on application for a further two years of funding from Seeds for Growth that is to be submitted by the end of

June 2026. (Seeds for Growth is a Church of Scotland Fund for congregations to promote mission and outreach). Pray that when this application is submitted it may be favourably looked upon.

#### Sunday 14

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 others who lead the older Sunday Club class 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.

As we have our Annual Stated Meeting after the morning service today, pray that we would do so with grateful hearts for God's generous provision for us.

Remember also this evening 'Praise in the Park' as we gather with others from

different churches in a public act of worship at Peel Park.

#### Monday 15

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 peace. Pray for Christians in these countries. 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.

#### Tuesday 16

Luwero Christian Ministries. Continue to remember Gabriel and Deborah Kijjambu and their family as they serve the Lord in this ministry for the Lord. Praise God for the blessing of the flourishing progress of the various parts of the project-church, schools, clinic, farm and orphanage as they continue to develop. Pray that Gabriel would have good health to continue with this work. Give thanks for the many lives that have been given to the Lord through the ministry and pray for God's continuing blessing on this work.

Give thanks for the Pastors' Conference last month - for the 600 delegates who attended and for the 500 children who were at the children's programme. Give thanks for Ernie Bayton and for Rev Stuart Smith who both travelled from Scotland to speak at the conference. Pray that the teaching and the fellowship there will be a continued blessing as it is now shared amongst many local churches and communities.

#### Wednesday 17

Kirk Session. Give thanks for all that our elders do in their different roles throughout the church. Pray for the last session meeting before the summer that will take place this evening. Pray for the elders as they have set aside time at this meeting to consider the important topic of 'Mission'. Pray that God would lead us in all we do as a local church to carry out his mission in our church, in our community, and beyond.

#### Thursday 18

Christian Aid. Give thanks for the more than 80 years of Christian Aid's work around the world to seek to eradicate poverty and for the opportunity we have had at St Columba's Hillhead to play a part in that.

Give thanks for the focus last month during 'Christian Aid Week' on the work of Christian Aid worldwide. Give thanks for the funds raised, including at our own church.

Pray too for the urban farming project highlighted through this year's Christian Aid Week. Give thanks for the training and support for families in Kenya with small plots of land to farm these plots in a productive and sustainable way to provide both food and income.

Pray that the Lord will continue to bless the ongoing need for support through Christian Aid.

#### Friday 19

The Boys' Brigade. Give thanks for all the boys who belong to The 1<sup>st</sup> Kirkintilloch BB, and for their attendance, activities and achievements over this past session. Remember the leaders as they enjoy a break over the summer months. Pray that when the new session begins, 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 20

Bible Society, Cambodia. Continue to pray for the 'Seen. Valued. Loved' project running in Cambodia, and supported by the Scottish Bible Society. Three days' wages is what a single Bible can cost in Cambodia. For many Cambodian Christians, owning a Bible is not simply a question of availability but

of affordability. Only about 1.5% of people in Cambodia currently own or can access a Bible, leaving the vast majority without God's Word in their hands. There is an immediate need for 50,000 to 100,000 additional Bibles to meet the requests of churches and new Christians across Cambodia.

Please pray that God would meet that desire for Bibles in Cambodia. Give thanks for the 'Seen. Valued. Loved' project, that supports Bible-based literacy classes and also the provision of audio Bibles. Give thanks for transforming difference that is making in many people's lives - that they now know they are seen, valued, and loved by God.

#### Sunday 21

The Church and Ministry. Remember the work and ministry of God's servants today as they proclaim the Word of God that they may know God's Hand upon them as they serve the Lord. Pray for the Holy Spirit's boldness in preaching and for God's Word to bear much fruit in peoples' lives. Pray that His ministers may be mindful and watchful as faithful leaders of Christ's Church and that God may protect them in their living out of the Gospel in daily life. Pray also for the Church of Scotland as it seeks to engage with Scotland in a new and Biblical way and the consequent work of Presbyteries - in working

with local congregations in challenging times, especially remembering The Presbytery of Glasgow. Pray for the ongoing life and witness of St Columba's Hillhead in working together to promote discipleship and mission in our local area.

Pray for our All Age Service this morning at St Columba's Hillhead, that people of all ages would sense that they truly belong to the church.

Pray too for those who are joining St Columba's Hillhead Church today, that God would bless them as they take this step to show their commitment to Christ and his church.

#### Monday 22

Jo Crotty. Continue to pray for Jo and for her work with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Pray for Jo as she is currently based in Melbourne, Australia. Pray for Jo as she supports Wycliffe staff members in Australia. Pray for her too as she works towards a Masters degree in Education, consolidating much of her practical experience over 20 years in teaching. Pray also for Jo's brother Greg and his wife Maureen and their family as Greg is now increasingly disabled as a result through MND. Pray for God's grace to surround the whole family. Remember too all those local workers in PNG who have been trained by Jo to deliver the Healing Hurting Hearts Trauma

Healing Workshop for Children. Pray that resource and their delivery of it would be a blessing to many.

#### Tuesday 23

Local Schools. Pray for young families known to us as schools break up this week for the summer holidays. Pray that staff at our local schools would be refreshed over the summer break and that pupils too would have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Give thanks for the opportunity we have as a church to support our local schools. Pray for the 'Oxgang Primary Leavers Assembly' this morning, and for the Primary 7s and their families in particular, as they will be moving to High School in August.

#### Wednesday 24

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. Pray for Philip as he prepares for this last meeting before the summer, 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.

Pray for folks who will greatly miss the opportunity to meet together in this way over the summer, that God would strengthen and support them.

#### Thursday 25

Walk and Talk. Remember the Walk & Talk Group as it continues to enjoy meeting on Thursday 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 26

The Leprosy Mission. Pray for the work of the Leprosy Mission at the Aburoff Clinic in Sudan. Based in Khartoum, it's the country's only specialist leprosy clinic, a beacon of hope providing vital treatment for people who have often travelled for hours to get there.

Pray for the staff – for clinic manager Seela and for John, who oversees leprosy prevention. Many of their patients have sought help for the symptoms of leprosy for some time, but without specialist support they have not been diagnosed and cured. This leads to their symptoms become worse such as greater loss of sensation and injury in their

hands and feet, and even sight loss and blindness.

Pray for greater awareness and for earlier diagnosis of leprosy in Sudan. Pray that people would be able to access the services provided by the Aburoff Clinic in a timely manner. Pray for the necessary funding for the work of the Aburoff Clinic to continue and for it to be a place of hope and healing for many years to come. Pray that the work done there would be seen as being in Christ's name and driven by Christ's love, and that through this work some would come to know Jesus as their Saviour and Lord.

#### Saturday 27

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). Since the Iran War erupted on 28 February, Iran has largely closed the Strait of Hormuz – one of the world's busiest oil shipping channels – which has sent global fuel prices soaring.

In most of the low-income countries where MAF provides a humanitarian air operation, the price of fuel has risen by at least 50%, and there are indications of more increases on the way which is a real concern.

Donovan Palmer, CEO of MAF International writes: *'Most of us are deeply worried about fuel costs, but MAF's flying literally means life or death for some of the world's most isolated communities. Therefore, we can't stop and won't stop*

*flying. We are doing everything we can to continue providing a lifesaving service for the world's most isolated communities. Delivering healthcare, development and essential supplies is a top priority, but the current fuel crisis could put severe pressure on our ability to provide essential connections for the world's most vulnerable in the near future.'*

Please pray urgently for God's provision of the necessary fuel for MAF's important work amongst some of the poorest and most isolated communities in the world.

#### Sunday 28

St Columba's Hillhead. Give thanks for all those who visit our church on a Sunday morning – whether as a 'one-off', on an occasional basis, or who have started to come more regularly. Pray that we might be welcoming to those who come amongst us. Pray that everyone who comes to the church service this morning, or who connects with us online, will sense the warmth of the fellowship but above all the presence of the Lord.

#### Monday 29

Those who are Unwell, in Hospital or in Care. Remember all those who are unwell, awaiting or undergoing investigation, diagnosis, surgery/treatment, and for those recovering from surgery,

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.

Tuesday 30

Scripture Union. Give thanks for the SU Holidays Sponsorship Fund and for how many families it supports, making it possible for their child or children to have an SU Holiday. Pray that SU supporters, volunteers and staff may be proactive in directing parents towards this

financial help, particularly if the cost-of-living crisis is preventing them making a booking. Pray for all those who are about to have an SU Holiday. Pray for safety in travel and on site. Pray for the leaders, cooks and support staff that they may have a unity in sharing the Gospel and a love and diligence in carrying out their responsibilities. Pray for a sense of God in the midst, and for opportunities to encourage and minister to one another. Praise God for SU Scotland's centres and their facilities, which bring blessing to many. Pray also for the Senior Management Team that they may seek and know God's wisdom in their responsibility to direct the work of SU Scotland.