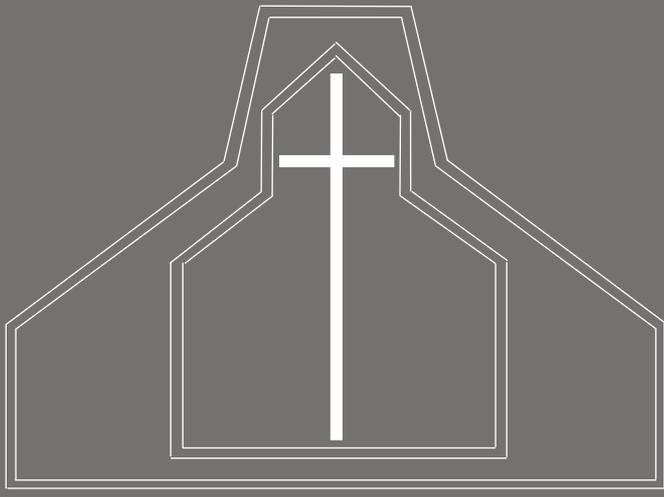


The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

James 5:16



# Prayer Diary

## March 2026

St Columba's  
Hillhead  
Parish Church

## Sunday 1

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.

## Monday 2

Leading your Church into Growth: Give thanks for the recent conference that Philip, Graham Inglis, and Lynne attended in Swanick, Derbyshire. Pray that we might all as a church share in the learning from this conference. Pray that we would be faithful in praying for those we know who are not Christians, as far as we are aware. Pray that God would give us opportunities to invite them and others to events and services at the church, and to share our faith in Jesus.

## Tuesday 3

The Guild. Give thanks for the regular meetings of the Guild. Pray that the Guild may continue to 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 for share and sing some favourite hymns and songs today, and to learn from one and other 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 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 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. 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. Give thanks for those who have come to the Sunday Noah's Ark Group having enjoyed a Midweek Toddler Group.

Pray too that the World Day of Prayer local meeting at St Columba's Hillhead may be good and meaningful opportunity to join with the worldwide church, including in Nigeria, in prayer and praise.

## Saturday 7

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 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 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. 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. Give thanks for the Discipleship Explored group that has been running on Thursday mornings at St Columba's. Pray that it may continue to be a blessing and a benefit, and a means of spiritual growth, for all who attend.

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

## Friday 13

Boys' Brigade. Give thanks for all the boys who belong to The 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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 today for the Afternoon Daffodil Tea being organised as a

fundraising event for the new church roof. Pray that it would also be a time of friendship and fellowship and a good opportunity for our church and community to mix.

## Sunday 15

The Suffering Church: In countries all over the world, Christians face a stark choice: remain hidden, or be attacked, abused or even killed.

In some places, Christians must hide both their identities and their faith. Sometimes, they will be targeted or even killed by the state because of their faith. Other times, the threat comes from family and community, and may include both attacks and intense pressure. If their secret faith is discovered by the wrong person, they could lose their livelihood, their home, their family or even their life.

While their stories and backgrounds are different, most of these secret Christians share the same reality: they are following Jesus alone or with a very small group of people. But the reality is they are not alone: they belong to a global body of Christ. Give thanks for the work of Open Doors, Barnabas Aid and Christian Solidarity Worldwide who support secret believers, including by showing them they have a global family and by encouraging them through local ministry.

## Monday 16

Westminster and Scottish Parliaments: Assisted Dying Bills. Bills aimed at legalising assisted dying have continued passage through the Parliaments in Westminster and Holyrood. Pray for all MPs and MSPs and for the House of Lords as they further consider/debate all the issues raised by this Bill—primarily the long-held stance of sanctity of life, and the proposed desire to change the law to access safe and assisted dying to end life with the consequences that will have. Pray that long-held views on the sanctity of life shared by many people including Christians may yet be upheld and that despite the progress made to date, these bills would not become law. Remember Christian healthcare staff and also those working in palliative care as they deliver end-of-life care everyday with compassion and kindness to those facing death and their loved ones.

## 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. 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 way 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

Areas of Conflict and War. Continue to remember and pray for the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and to pray for a just and lasting peace. Pray for wisdom, integrity and compassion of world leaders and those in positions of influence to that end. Pray for safety and perseverance of Ukrainians in Ukraine. Pray for Ukrainian refugees that they would be welcomed and treated well by host countries. Pray too for the Middle East and especially for country of Iran. Pray for peace, stability and for the church in Iran to grow despite persecution.

Remember too the people of Gaza. Pray that much-needed humanitarian relief would get to those who need it. Pray that ordinary people in Gaza might be able to live in peace and safety and for the opportunity to build a secure future together.

### Sunday 22

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.

#### 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.

#### 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. Give thanks for the opportunity to host the recent Guides 'Thinking Day' at St Columba's Hillhead Church.

#### 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. 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. Father God, we give thanks for SU Group leaders who generously give up their time to lead SU groups. We pray that they foster good relationships with their local schools and are encouraged by the response of the children to what they hear of Jesus. We remember all SU Scotland ministry as it seeks to prioritise young people at

the margins. We give thanks for the recent Scripture Union Primary Weekend Away for East and West Dunbartonshire and Helensburgh. We pray that this may be a lasting blessing to all the children who attended.

#### 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

Those with Addictions. Pray for those who struggle with an addiction which can take many different forms. Pray that they would find in Jesus the strength to overcome their desires to feed their addiction and know freedom and peace. Especially remember family and friends who often bear a great burden for their loved one's struggle and can be emotionally and physically exhausted in seeking to show love and support. Especially remember those who have lost loved ones due to an addiction and are

sorely grieving. Give thanks for the different groups including Alcoholics Anonymous that we are able to host at our Hillhead Halls.

### Sunday 29

Palm Sunday. At the start of Holy Week today pray for the Services rotating around local churches. Pray that the message of the journey of the Lord as he proceeds to Calvary will be proclaimed and reflected upon in thoughtfulness of the extent of God's love for us in allowing His Son to suffer and die for us, how a crowd could enthusiastically greet the Lord with palm branches and praise and only days later be shouting for Him to be crucified. Pray for ministers proclaiming the message today through the preaching of God's Word, and remember Holy Week services taking place this week and pray for those leading these services that God may touch people's hearts with his Easter love for the world.

Pray also for Jo Crotty today whom we are hoping may join us during our morning service. Pray that Jo might not God's blessing as she soon returns to Melbourne, Australia, to take up a post with Wycliffe Bible Translators, 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. Continue to 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.

### Monday 30

AV & IT Team: Give thanks for all in the AV and IT team at the church and for all that they do to support the worship and witness of the church. Give thanks for the live-streaming capability we have at St Columba's Hillhead, for those who record the services each week, and for all those who access them that could not easily get to church otherwise. Pray for those who cannot get to church for various reasons, that many might be blessed through the livestreamed services and feel better connected to the fellowship as a result.

### Tuesday 31

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.