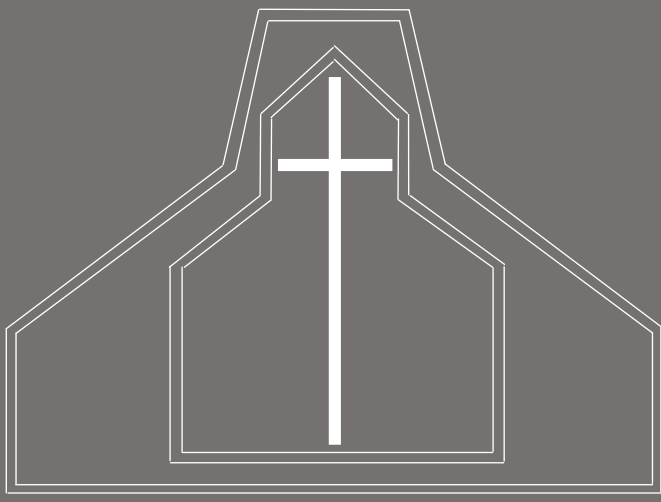


For the eyes of the Lord
are on the righteous and
His ears are attentive to
their prayer, but the face
of the Lord is against
those who do evil.

1 Peter 3:12



Prayer Diary

October 2025

St Columba's
Hillhead
Parish Church

Wednesday 1

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 Meeting 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. Remember Jesus-The Evidence taking place in Hillhead Halls this evening and pray for Derek McIntyre as he presents evidence of different kinds that Jesus is indeed the Son of God. Pray that this event might be helpful in leading some to faith in Jesus.

Thursday 2

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 3

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 especially for help to set up/clear away the hall with heavy lifting of required, necessary materials each week.

Saturday 4

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.

Sunday 5

St Columba's Hillhead. Continue to pray for the upbuilding of the life and fellowship of the congregation. Thank God for His goodness in our food provision and our availability of access to the abundance of such provision. Remember those less fortunate than ourselves as we celebrate Harvest and give our donations to the Lodging House Mission as a response to the need of others that they might be used by God to be a blessing to those who use the facilities of the LHM. 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 Congregational Lunch last month, for those who helped to make it possible, as an opportunity to strengthen fellowship and for other natural ways in which this is happening through congregational life. Pray that this may continue to 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 Little Lights section of the Sunday Club (P1-3) as they start 'officially' today with some of our older Noah's Ark children being part of that. Give thanks for the grant from The Church Hymnary Trust to purchase a large screen TV for the Sanctuary. Pray that the clearer picture will be helpful for displaying words for our congregational singing and for enhancing our worship together.

Monday 6

Men's Group. Give thanks for the resumption of the Men's Group after the summer break and for the pleasure of possible new members. Praise God for the opportunity this gives to welcome men for social togetherness and the fun of shared activities to lighten spirits. Give thanks for Jim Kennedy as Convener and Ian Gibb as Secretary who with the help and support of others sustain the weekly activity and fellowship of the

Men's Group. Pray that there will be a continuing interest in the life and witness of the Church of Jesus Christ and spiritual life.

Tuesday 7

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 8

Following Jesus Group and Friendship Club. Give thanks for the enjoyable trip with the Seagull Trust in June and for the love and care for each other which Jesus teaches through Scripture. 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 9

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 Young People's and SU groups at schools that she will be a great ambassador for the Lord in her work and witness.

Friday 10

Boys' Brigade. Give thanks for the new Session which has just recently recommenced. Remember the leaders and boys as they engage afresh in activities and progress towards gaining badges and awards. Pray for a fruitful year of relationships and commitment as each end everyone seeks to learn and grow in stature and responsibility and for an

interest among new boys to participate. Pray that all may come to a closer relationship with Jesus and through faith reflect the grace of the Lord in life and action.

Saturday 11

Middle East. Continue to remember this ongoing complex situation and pray that God's peace would fill the hearts and minds of everyone who is suffering as a result of this expanding conflict involving the peoples of Israel, Gaza, and the wider Middle East in volatile times. Pray for an earnest desire for peace discussions between Israel and Gaza to succeed, for the end of suffering for all those caught up in this conflict, the release of hostages and for humanitarian aid being brought into Gaza- pray that these may continue. Pray for:

1. Lasting Peace- an end to the violence- and remember world leaders with influence in the region to make wise decisions that exceed the fragility of current peace discussions.

2. Safety- for all civilians, that God would protect them from harm, particularly the most vulnerable, including children, older people and people with disabilities as they try to reshape their lives amidst a devastated environment. Remember aid workers as they seek to provide vital humanitarian assistance and medical supplies and

pray for their protection. Pray for safe access to food, water, sanitary items, medical supplies, fuel and electricity.

3. Hope- remember those who are terrified and traumatised, mourning and suffering throughout the region. Ask the Lord to save them from despair, for the trauma and violence they've experienced not to overshadow hope. Pray that people throughout the region would not lose hope, that peace is possible.

With God, all things are possible. Matthew 19: 26.

(from Tearfund)

Sunday 12

Sunday Club. 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 the leaders in their commitment of service that they would know wisdom and honour the Lord in their preparation, leadership and encouragement of the young people. 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 and get to know Jesus more

fully. Give thanks for the new P1-3 group Little Lights having just started this month as Noah's Ark children progress to school in age. Pray also for discernment in knowing ways of supporting young families in coming to church. Remember the Dedication Service today for church organisations, groups, activities that we might all be mindful to honour the Lord in our service for Him. Pray that all the church groups would support and enable the upbuilding and the sharing of our faith in Jesus.

Monday 13

Ukraine. Continue to remember the conflict and people in Ukraine, especially as world leaders deliberate over the future of Ukraine with continuing bombardment and little progress in peace talks. Pray that there may be a just cessation of hostilities between Ukraine and Russia with a just settlement for people to live free from conflict, violence and devastation. Pray for a physical, social and spiritual rebuilding of Ukraine with people not living in fear of bombardment and loss of life and possessions. Remember current world leaders especially as they seek to endeavour to bring a just conclusion to the conflict-pray for wisdom, integrity and discernment as they seek to make decisions which will have a significant bearing on the future life

and living of the Ukrainian people. Pray for the people of Ukraine as they have had to suffer much during the last few years of war that they may have a continuing resilience for the future.

Tuesday 16

The Guild. Remember and pray for the Guild as it meets today. Give thanks for Carol Johnston as the new Convener and for Margaret Rogerson as Secretary as well as the supporting members of the Committee under the ongoing theme Let us Build a House. Remember Rev. Julie Hearty as she speaks today. Pray that the Guild and the Church will be enriched by the worship, fellowship and service of its members and that they will grow in faith, hope and love and encourage one another as the Session progresses. Pray for the many projects which the Guild supports both at home and abroad that Christ may be honoured and many helped in various works of service and action.

Wednesday 15

Warm Welcome. Give thanks for the regular weekly opportunity to offer a warm space and caring support to the community at Hillhead Halls. Praise God for the help and support available from Christians Against Poverty. Pray that people will know the love and caring support is done in Jesus' name and pray for God's leading as the ministry

of Warm Welcome continues to develop. Pray that relationships will be deepened and people will see the love of the Lord reaching out to them that they may come to know Him in faith, hope and love. Praise God for the team-working with Kirkintilloch Baptist Church and especially pray for the new work Connect starting with children in the afternoon from 3-4pm. Especially pray for the change of timing for Warm Welcome (1pm - 2.45pm) as a 3month trial of providing a soup and sandwich lunch is introduced. Remember also the changes in the foodbank delivery model with just emergency food parcels now available at Hillhead. Please pray for folks as they adjust to this change.

Thursday 16

Jo Crotty. Jo writes in a recent email, *"I am enjoying teaching the p2/3 class at UIS but alongside my brother's continued decline from MND and my own recovery of energy since 'hitting the wall' in January and having unexpected surgery in June I find I am totally exhausted by the weekend and have been sleeping most of Saturday and Sunday each week. Prayers for energy very much appreciated.*

Jo asks for specific prayer for:

1 - Strength and energy each week.

2 - For my brother's health to not decline too fast so I can have some good time with him next year.

3 - For peace in my soul

4 - For packing up and preparing to be away from PNG for an unknown length of time while still teaching and trying to get the Healing Hurting Hearts materials finished and then one more workshop run.

Friday 17

Luwero Christian Ministries. Continue to remember Gabriel and Deborah Kijambu 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 (kindergarten, primary and secondary) which in total have approx. 800 pupils currently in attendance, clinic, farm and orphanage as they continue to develop. Pray for Gabriel that his health may continue to strengthen after his health issues earlier this year. Pray for support and encouragement amongst other church leaders to share the workload as Gabriel has pastoral oversight over 16 pastors across the wide geographic area. 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 too for the much-

appreciated recent rainfall in Luwero.

Saturday 18

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). Give thanks that from MAF's base in Kijjansi, Uganda, MAF aircraft can reach any airstrip within the country swiftly and safely within 90 mins. Thank God for the gratitude of many charities and organisations who fly with MAF find this a real blessing. Please pray that MAF aircraft remain a blessing. Praise the Lord for MAF partner The Bucket Ministry which distributes water filters and helps prevent diseases caused by dirty water. Thanks to this Christian charity, children like 15-year old Jeremiah Wamimbi, who suffered for years battling constant diarrhoea and typhoid, can now drink clear, safe water. The team's visit to Mbale also resulted in 15 young people giving their lives to Jesus and being baptised.

Sunday 19

The Suffering Church. On this the Lord's Day remember and pray for Christians across the world who do not have freedom to worship the Lord openly and are persecuted for their faith in Jesus, suffering hardship and torment. Russian police have raided churches in occupied Ukraine, issuing fines and other punishments for alleged 'illegal activity', jailing prisoners of conscience for exercising

freedom of religion or belief and stopping meetings for worship and closing religious communities amongst other actions to suppress faith. The United Nations Human Rights Council has repeated earlier UN calls for Russia to respect freedom of religion and belief. Please hold these believers in prayer. Pray

1. for Pastor Rytikov, Oksana Volyanskaya all who have been affected by these police raids, that God will comfort and protect them.
2. That churches will not be daunted by these raids and continue to worship together.
3. For peace and an end to Russian occupation in Ukraine.

Monday 20

Seeds for Growth. Give thanks for the opportunity for some of our Toddler Group leaders to attend the Playtime Conference in Belfast towards the end of last month. Please pray for Little Fishes, Busy Bees and Noah's Ark/ Little Lights as learning and ideas from that Conference are shared. Give thanks for the start of the new group for Primary aged children Connect that is now running on a Wednesday. afternoon 3-4pm. Give thanks for this opportunity to run this group in partnership with Kirkintilloch Baptist Church. Pray for children as they attend and for the leaders as they interact with them that this would be a safe and

happy place. Give thanks for the plan to read a Bible story each week with the children.

Tuesday 21

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, especially in these current days of world uncertainty, instability and change. Pray that policy-makers will be thoughtful and discerning as they make decisions and draft new policy for the wellbeing of the nation. 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.

Wednesday 22

Hope Explored. Remember this opportunity this evening (and 2 successive Wed. evenings) at Hillhead Halls where Hope Explored is being run to share the hope that is in Jesus. Please pray that this would be a valuable opportunity to explore what Christians believe about the hope that

there is in Jesus. Pray for an openness and freedom to share thoughts and feelings and a positive and conducive atmosphere to speak about Jesus. Pray that people who attend may thoughtfully and favourably respond.

Thursday 23

CARE. Lord Jesus, please help Christians who have influence and authority in government, medicine, education, business, entertainment, online culture and other spheres to speak up courageously on behalf of vulnerable people in society, bringing godly solutions to the problems they face. Lord, we pray for a major reversal of the secular attitudes that pervade many areas of today's society. May the deep roots of Christianity that have shaped our history and culture be reactivated to release the truth and grace of Your Word into the life of our nation. In a world full of fear and uncertainty, we give thanks for growing signs that many people in the UK-especially the young- are exploring the Christian faith. We ask you to continue breathing upon this 'Quiet Revival' for the glory of Your name. Amen.

Friday 24

Those with Mental Health Issues. Remember those whose mental health is struggling at the moment, especially young people suffering from social media

and life 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 25

The Scottish Bible Society (SBS). Give thanks for the Macedonian Bible Society, who have produced a series of videos featuring sign-language interpretation. Covering nine biblical stories, these videos open the Scriptures to the Deaf Community in a deeply powerful way. Ask the Lord to provide the necessary resources and personnel to bring the work of Sign-Language translation to fruition, incorporating the involvement of the Deaf Communities themselves. Pray that every deaf individual will have access to God's Word in their heart language. Pray that God will inspire and support SBS staff as they seek to produce new resources, begin new projects and reach new audiences. Give

thanks for the freedom we have here in Scotland to work with so many people and reach so many areas of society in the service of God.

Sunday 26

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. Especially remember and pray for the congregation of Cumbernauld: Trinity as their building was recently destroyed in a fire. Pray that they would know God's peace and that even good might yet come. Pray that they would know the love of God and the support of the wider Church.

Monday 27

Scripture Union (SU). Give thanks for the Bible Shorts series which goes out on social media communicating biblical truth to young people in an accessible way. Pray that many young people will linger, read, and click to watch the whole episode on YouTube, accessing a bit of the Bible and stopping to consider Jesus. Pray also that God will strengthen and bless all who lead and attend the weekly Open Bible Club for children in Pereyaslav, Ukraine. Give thanks for all SU groups which meet in Scotland's schools. Pray for youth workers, teachers, pupils and volunteer helpers who lead them and pray that these groups will be beacons of light within their schools.

Tuesday 28

5th Kirkintilloch Brownies. Give thanks for the local Brownie Pack which meets on Tuesday evenings in Hillhead Building and remember Lynn 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 29

The Leprosy Mission (TLM). Give thanks that TLM is recognised across the world for excellence in the fields of leprosy, neglected tropical diseases and disability. Praise God for the pioneer ground-breaking surgical techniques and rehabilitation programmes that TLM have developed which transform lives. In recent years, there has been an increasing number of cases of foreign labourers from Southeast Asia being diagnosed with leprosy in Korea. Pray for TLM Korea which is praying and working hard to find effective ways to provide quick diagnosis and treatment for new foreign labourers entering the country. Remember Jesus Hospital, part of TLM Korea, as it cares for over 400 leprosy patients, elderly people suffering from disabilities caused by leprosy, and their families every year through outpatient treatment in the Leprosy Village around Daegu. Once a month, TLM Korea staff visits the Leprosy Village church to promote good fellowship and faith.

Thursday 30

The Lodging House Mission (TLHM). 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 the TLHM 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 TLHM that the service-users will know Christ's presence with them.

Friday 31

Bethany Christian Trust (BCT). *Loving Heavenly Father, we thank you for your boundless love that makes us i=one family in you. Help us create a space where people can feel the warmth of belonging and safety. Guide all the staff of BCT and volunteers as they seek to provide support that nurtures trust and hope in you. May all our conversations be filled with compassion and encouragement, leading to independence and lasting joy. Let BCT's work reflect Your heart, where everyone can find a hope and a future. Bless Rev. David McAdam in his work and service for you as he seeks to minister hope and encouragement to those who are vulnerable with whom he meets. In Jesus' name. Amen.*