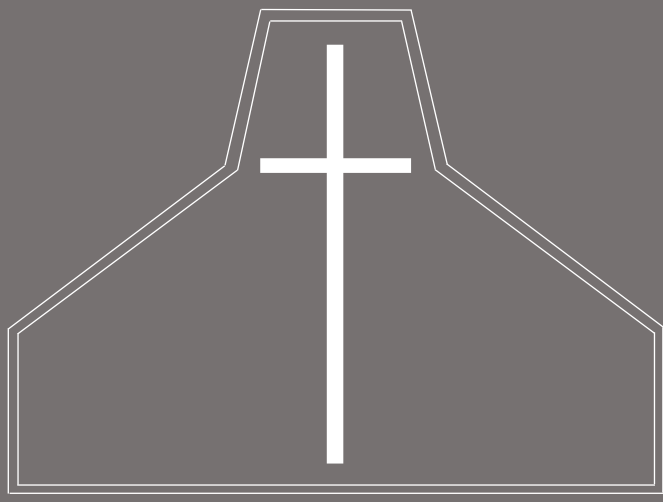


But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 6:6



Prayer Diary

June 2022

St Columba's
Parish Church

Wednesday 1

Midweek Fellowship: Pray for the Midweek Service and for those who attend that the worship time and sharing around God's Word may be a delight to the Lord and to each other. Pray for Philip as he conducts the Midweek Service that the Lord will bless the preparation for the preaching of His Word. As the Midweek Service stops for the summer on the 22nd June pray for the fellowship of those who regularly attend this meeting that they may know the ongoing encouragement and support to and for each other through the summer days.

Thursday 2

Ukraine: Continue to pray urgently for the situation in Ukraine. Pray for all people affected by the violence and destruction- pray for compassion and support for all; for refugees that they might find a safe place to stay; for provision of essential supplies; for healing for people who are wounded/experienced trauma; comfort for those grieving. Remember those in positions of leadership that leaders on both sides will balance responding to the injustice of the invasion with a firm desire to seek ways to find a just solution and restore global peace and security. Pray that God's power will be revealed through His Church in this situation, bringing a message of love

and hope in the darkness. Pray that there will be an end to the horror soon and that peace may be restored quickly.

Friday 3

Queen's Platinum Jubilee: Give thanks for the 70 years of selfless service, dignity and faithfulness of Her Majesty, The Queen as expressions of her sincere Christian faith which serves as a witness to the Nation. Pray for her in her current weakness of mobility and her inability to attend functions and celebrations as she would have hoped. Pray that her family may be a support and encouragement to her in these days and learn from her personal Christian faith and example as her hope and stay. Pray that the sharing of the Queen's Jubilee Refreshments on Sunday may be a joyous time of celebration together.

Saturday 4

Bethany Christian Trust: Give thanks for the service of volunteers who play such an important role in the work of BCT. Pray for further volunteers to offer their time and talents to further the work of BCT where there are gaps and by making each experience a positive and fruitful one for everyone involved. Give thanks for the countless stories of deep compassion, new connections and life-changing growth both for the volunteers themselves

and for the individuals who come alongside.

Sunday 5

Church Worship: Pray for the Word of God as it is proclaimed today that it will be sharper than a two-edged sword as it is heard and pray that it will heard with thoughtfulness and fruitfulness, especially on this Pentecost Sunday. Pray for the Holy Spirit's empowerment in His people as He uses Philip mightily to His glory in leading as he expounds God's Word. As we share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper today pray that our communion with the Lord will be a special blessing. Remember also the Evening Service with the expounding of the message of Job Trusting God in the Storm that it will speak to people's hearts and be a hope in their lives.

Monday 6

Children and Families Worker: Give thanks for the very generous and encouraging response to the congregational appeal. Please pray for grant applications being written for submission and consideration. Pray that this Project will be favourably regarded by Grant Providers as applications are submitted. Give thanks for all the sterling work which has been done by the Team to progress this thus far and pray for its ongoing development.

Tuesday 7

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF): Thank God for the MAF team in Liberia. The new aircraft hangar, offices and stores are finally finished, thanks to their tireless teamwork. Pray that these new facilities will transform MAF's work in western Africa and serve more people more effectively. Also continue to remember Jo Crotty in Papua New Guinea (PNG) as her contract with MAF comes to an end. Remember Jo prayerfully in her love for PNG and as she spends some time with her family before seeking to return to PNG working with Wycliffe UK/SIL PNG and its translators to assist with the Scripture Use Programme for PNG. Remember Jo as she attends Moorlands Bible College in Dorset for some extra training and fulfils the logistics and necessary paperwork to make this change.

Wednesday 8

Friendship Club and Following Jesus Group: Give thanks for the recent opportunity that was taken up to attend the annual Prospects Across Scotland weekend at Tulliallan to gather and praise with members of other groups and for the encouragement given and received through interaction. Pray for the Friendship Club this evening as it is due to enjoy a trip on the Canal with the Seagull Trust. Pray that the

the possible Open Evening may draw much interest and enjoyment and help further the desire to help and support both groups.

Thursday 9

The Bereaved: Remember those who have lost loved ones, especially those in 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.

Friday 10

Little Fishes: Continue to pray for the flourishing of Little Fishes as it seeks to draw close to young children and their carers. Pray for an increasing interest amongst those who attend and for them to spread the word and attract others as weekly numbers fluctuate. Give thanks for the leaders who are involved week by week and pray for winsomeness amongst them as they engage with the children and their carers. Pray for a welcoming and kind environment for the families and for safety, especially at coffee time, in social engagement. Pray for thoughtfulness and

discernment amongst the leaders as they seek to see how best to take the Group forward as the summer break approaches with Fri. 17th June as the last meeting this session. Remember Busy Bees at Hillhead as they meet on a Wednesday morning and give thanks for an encouraging start for this recently-started Group. As it stops for the summer on 22nd June pray for the interest to continue till it restarts after the summer.

Saturday 11

Those who are Unwell or in Hospital: Remember those who are unwell, awaiting investigation, diagnosis, surgery/treatment especially in the current demand upon the Health Service. Pray that they may receive their required care as promptly as possible. Continue to remember and give thanks for all Healthcare staff, especially our local GPs and Surgery staff and wider healthcare workers, amid great pressures to respond to increasing demands upon them for their help and care.

Sunday 12

Service of Union: Pray for the praise of God in His Church that He might delight in the worship offered in His House and the congregation of His people. Remember the Service of Union today of St Columba's Hillhead at St Columba's as the congregation formally

unites with Hillhead. Give thanks for the Presbytery's recent approval of the union of the congregations and pray that the congregations might work together in a spirit of unity and fellowship to the glory of God.

Monday 13

Tearfund: In the last 2 years, the Lebanese pound lost around 90 per cent of its value- propelling three quarters of the population into poverty. It has made essentials, such as bread, unaffordable for many families. Hunger levels across the country are rising rapidly. The general atmosphere in Lebanon is one of deep frustration and anger" says Clare Tiffin, who leads Tearfund's work in Lebanon. Tearfund is committed to ending hunger here and is working with communities to foster unity and heal divisions that have sprung up. Pray that new, inspired politicians and parties will be committed to working towards a future for all the diverse people of Lebanon. Ask God for hope to be inspired and that living conditions will improve for people living in poverty. Pray that a financial plan will be put in place to help ease the economic crisis so that people are able to access their money in the banks again.

Tuesday 14

Those with Mental Health Issues: The last 2 years have been difficult for many

in loss of social support and encouragement. Pray for those who are suffering mental health issues, especially children and young people who have suffered much during the last two years through loss of social interaction. Remember those who seek to provide caring support. Remember their families who experience pain watching loved ones suffer and often feel helpless and isolated too. Pray for those in the NHS and those in the wider Caring Agencies who are under great pressure from increased demand for their services through increased waiting times. Pray especially for those known to us who are experiencing difficult times in these days.

Wednesday 15

The Lodging House Mission (LHM): The LHM provides dignity, love and respect to those who come through its doors- regardless of their faith. Over the years, the chaplaincy at LHM has provided an invaluable tool in helping people turn their lives around. For many it is an important part of the empowerment process. The work of the chaplain includes listening, caring, leading the Church Service on Tues. afternoons and Prayers on a Wed. and Thurs. morning. Pray for the Chaplain, Claire Herbert, in this significant role that she may be blessed with discernment and compassion as she uses her

considerable skills to be involved in the day to day personal problems of those she engages with in her work at LHM.

Thursday 16

The Leprosy Mission (TLM): Give thanks for TLM's three key research programmes which are based in Bangladesh, India and Nepal with an emerging research programme in Nigeria and for the their two research laboratories to further improving care for leprosy reactions and neuritis and the impact of leprosy on persons affected by leprosy. Pray that they will find easy-to-use, affordable diagnostic tests for use by community health workers. Pray also for the development and testing of new drugs for leprosy and its complications with fewer side effects for the treatment of reaction. In Sept. 2022 the International Leprosy Congress will take place in India. By God's grace TLM's researchers will be there to present their studies- pray for them as they prepare papers and posters. Thank God for the grant-giving organisations that support TLM's research and ask God that more funds will be forthcoming to support TLM's researchers to continue the vital work they do.

Friday 17

The Housebound: Remember and pray for the housebound who are

unable to leave their homes for one reason or another. Pray that they may not feel isolated but have people to call upon them intermittently to ease their isolation which exacerbates anxiety and loneliness. Pray that the longer summer days of daylight may be an encouragement and may they know the peace of Christ in their hearts to know that they are not alone.

Saturday 18

The Bible Society, Malawi: Sunday Schools in Malawi are often bursting at the seams, but hugely under resourced. It is not uncommon for one hundred children to share one Bible. The Bible Society of Malawi works with Church leaders to resource children's ministry. Through their provision children no longer need to share, and each child can receive their own copy of a Children's Bible. The project aims are to distribute free Bibles to encourage children to develop an interest in the Word of God while they are still young. Please pray that children will not be limited by being unable to access the Bible. Give thanks for children who get their own copy of a Children's Bible. Pray that they will come to know the love of Jesus in their lives.

Sunday 19

Sunday Club and Bible Class: Give thanks for the regular participation of our

young people in Sunday worship and the life of the congregation. Especially be thankful for the commitment of the leaders who faithfully seek to share the Gospel by teaching the young people the Christian message of discipleship today and for the significant contribution of Karen Wallace as a leader in Sunday Club over the last years who is now standing down. May she know God's blessing now and in the days ahead. Pray that our young people may grow in faith and wisdom as they learn more of the Lord's desire to know them more as Saviour and Friend. Pray for some further helpers to share in the leading of these groups to assist the leaders in their commitment to working with the young folks. Remember Praise in the Park at Peel Park tonight at 7pm organised by ACTS, Churches Together in Lenzie & Kirkintilloch as an opportunity to witness to the Lord in the community.

Monday 20

Home for Good: Thank God for the 50,000 churches around the UK and what these church families are doing to love, serve and support their community. Pray that more individuals, couples and families from church communities in the UK offer to open their hearts and homes to children and young people through fostering, adoption or supported lodgings for teenagers. Pray that

families who foster, adopt or provide supported lodgings will be welcomed, cared for and supported well by their local church. Remember children and young people that they will know they are loved and cared for, and that they belong and are valued by the church family they are a part of.

Tuesday 21

Christians Against Poverty (CAP): Pray for the local CAP Group which exists as a national debt counselling charity that works through local churches to relieve poverty and help people out of debt especially in these current financially-challenging days. Pray for those who offer free debt counselling to people living in our area. Pray that people will seek their help early to prevent further debt increasing and receive practical and emotional support to show people there is always hope. Pray also for the local foodbank, that in the current economic climate those who need and seek assistance with food provision may be welcomed and provided for and hearts open to give gladly to provide food items. Remember those who willingly serve as volunteers to provide this service that they will be safe and secure.

Wednesday 22

Church/Grounds Maintenance: Give thanks

for those who keep work to keep the grounds in such good order by regular attention and diligent service. Pray that more helpers will volunteers to participate in this essential work of maintenance. Also remember and give thanks for those who similarly and faithfully labour to keep the fabric of the church building and halls in good order.

Thursday 23

Prison Fellowship, Scotland: Pray for the work of Prison Fellowship in Scotland who work with all 15 of Scotland's prisons and where no one is beyond hope. Pray for good relationships with Prison Staff/ Chaplaincy Staff and for meaningful relationships with prisoners, participating in weekly conversational/bible study groups and for support for families and children affected by imprisonment. Give thanks for volunteers from churches in Scotland who help to make the Good News available to those in Scottish prisons.

Friday 24

Scripture Union: Give thanks for the impact that Christian community can have in a child or young person. Pray that God's love, joy and peace overflows from volunteers to young people at all SU groups and events. Give thanks for the young people who have signed up for COMMISSION and are keen to serve as trainee leaders.

Pray that God equips them and blesses many others through them. As the Summer Camp/Missions period gets under way pray for the filling of practical roles like cooks and minibus drivers. Pray for confidence for chief cooks, many of whom haven't cooked for large groups for 2 years now. Ask the Lord to bind all the teams in love and peace so that the Gospel is witnessed in love and action. Remember Jackie Ringan in her significant role as Director of Development and Holidays. Also remember the Summer Café at St Columba's this morning for the congregation and parish as an opportunity to meet and share together.

Saturday 25

Lammermoor Gardens: Continue to remember the residents and staff in Lammermoor Gardens. Pray that they will be enjoying greater opportunity of freedom from restrictions to see family and friends and to enjoy the summer and longer days of light. Give thanks for the Church's opportunity to meet with folks for a monthly service of worship and provide pastoral care.

Sunday 26

The Church Worldwide: Give thanks for the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which will be proclaimed throughout the world today. Pray that the

Holy Spirit will empower Christians with boldness to speak for Jesus and remember Christian leaders and pastors who minister to their people that they may be wise and circumspect in their living for the Lord as they lead. Pray especially that the Lord's Kingdom may come on earth as it is heaven as Christians around the world join together to pray and worship today. Remember the Joint Songs of Praise with St Columba's Hillhead and Harestanes Baptist at 7pm this evening at Hillhead that the Lord's people will join together in joyful praise.

Monday 27

The Suffering Church: Give thanks for those lands where Christians have the freedom to worship openly without fear of being arrested. Remember the significant work of Open Doors, Christian Solidarity Worldwide and The Barnabas Trust which tirelessly seek to support those who are persecuted and oppressed for their faith. Especially pray for two Christian women (Fariba & Mehri) in Iran-one of whom is recently married- who have begun two-year prison sentences for involvement in church activities. Pray 1) that they and all other Christian prisoners will be sustained by God's strength 2) that Iran's justice system will be stirred and provoked to overturn the sentences of more Christian prisoners

3) that Iranian Christians will not grow discouraged, and pray that the tentative steps towards religious freedom will be built upon and not reversed.

Tuesday 28

Church of Scotland: Pray for the continuing work of the Church in Scotland and abroad as it seeks to make challenging organisational changes over the coming months. Remember those in full-time ministry who seek faithfully to proclaim God's Word week by week and for their encouragement. Pray for changes within Presbytery structures and the reallocation of ministry resources throughout the Presbytery that they will come together efficiently and purposefully. Especially pray for reorganisation within Presbyteries that changes amongst congregations will be seen as a strengthening change for mission and development and a commitment to work in creative ways of proclaiming the Gospel.

Wednesday 29

Christian Aid: The work of Christian Aid in Zimbabwe has people at its heart. Pray 1) to strengthen- poor and marginalised women, men's resilience, and access to inclusive markets 2) to promote good governance and citizens' participation in local and national decision-making processes which impact their lives 3) to

strengthen poor and marginalised women and men's capacity to challenge social, economic and political institutions for increased accountability, peace and empowerment 4) to become a globally networked, digitally enabled and financially resilient programme.

Thursday 30

Our Neighbours: Pray that we might be good neighbours to all those amongst whom God has placed us. Pray that through our inter-connection of relationships and lives the light and love of Christ may be made known. Pray that people may seek to know more about Jesus and be drawn closer to Him. Pray for opportunities to allow this to happen.