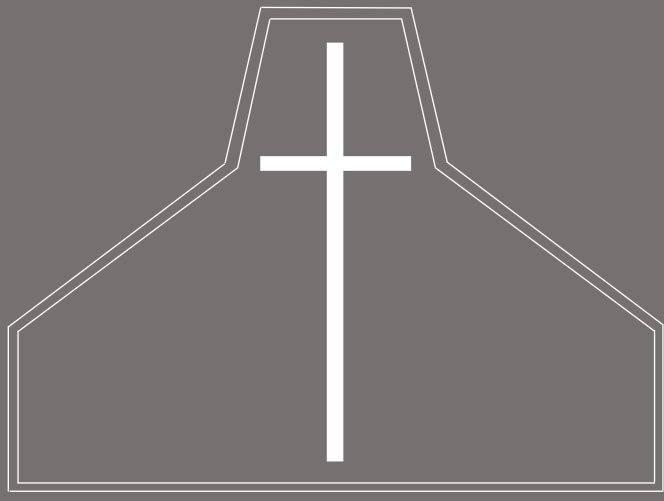


“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matthew 11:28-30



Prayer Diary November 2020

St Columba's
Parish Church

Thursday 5

Children and Young People: Remember children and young people who are struggling with the current restrictions on meeting up with members of their family and their friends. Pray for youth organisations and the work they are doing in difficult circumstances to keep their members involved.

Friday 6

The Boys' Brigade: Give thanks for the zoom meetings arranged every Friday here at the 1st Kirkintilloch Boys' Brigade. Pray for the BB this evening as they take part in an online Remembrance Service. Pray that the boys would continue to benefit from the supportive and nurturing environment of the BB in these unusual days.

Saturday 7

Those who are unwell: Pray for those known to us who are unwell or housebound. Pray that they might know God's presence and strength in these days together with the love and support of the church family.

Sunday 8

On this Remembrance Sunday we give thanks to God for the freedom we have in this country and for those who have sacrificed so much during conflict and war to make that possible. We thank God too for those who serve today in our Armed Forces. We pray for

those who have lost loved ones in conflict and war and for those whose lives have been forever changed by it.

Monday 9

Men's Club: Please continue to remember the members of the Men's Club. Some live alone and others have specific health needs. Give thanks for the regular phone calls that have been set up to help members keep in touch with each other.

Tuesday 10

The Guild: Give thanks for how the members of the Guild have continued to keep in regular touch with one another over these past months. Give thanks for the strong friendships that the Guild has fostered that have been so helpful during this time. Continue to remember especially those members who live alone.

Wednesday 11

Online Bible Studies: Remember the online Bible Study Groups as they meet online at various times during the week. Pray that the time spent together studying the 'Encountering the God who speaks' material produced by the Scottish Bible Society will be enriching and encouraging.

Thursday 12

Lodging House Mission: The Lodging House Mission report that more and more people are becoming homeless due to the

current economic downturn. Pray for the team there as they offer support in a number of ways to homeless, vulnerable, and socially excluded people. Give thanks for the gift we were able to send from St Columba's for the Lodging House Mission Harvest Appeal and for the opportunity this has given us to share in the work of Lodging House Mission.

Friday 13

Little Fishes: Please continue to pray for the local families that belong to the Little Fishes Toddler Group. Pray for the Little Fishes Team here at St Columba's as they seek to continue to support and encourage these families.

Saturday 14

Bible Society: 'Pan de Vida', translated as 'Bread of Life', is the Peruvian Bible Society's longest running ministry to children. In recent years, the society has supplied over 6000 children with food and spiritual guidance, providing a life-saving ministry in both physical and spiritual terms. Normally children attend a Pan de Vida group before or after school where they receive a nutritious, filling meal. Each child also receives a colourful Bible storybook telling them of Jesus and the love he has for each one of them. Give thanks to God for this wonderful ministry and pray that He might continue to bless it.

Sunday 15

Sunday Services: Give thanks for the opportunity (at the time of writing) to now hold Sunday services in the church building and for the encouragement these are to those able to attend. Give thanks too for continued online services from St Columba's and other churches elsewhere and for those who produce them. Pray that they might be a blessing to those who listen.

Monday 16

Operation Christmas Child: Give thanks for the mission of Operation Christmas Child to show God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Pray that the shoeboxes of gifts and donations from us here at St Columba's might be a blessing to all those who receive them and might speak of the love of Jesus.

Tuesday 17

Advent and Christmas Events: Pray for all those here at St Columba's involved in planning and organising services and events over the Advent and Christmas period. Pray especially for our organist and pianist Jean, for those who sing at the services, and for the IT team in all they do for us.

Wednesday 18

Mission Aviation Fellowship: Give thanks that Jo Crotty, who is serving God with Mission Aviation Fellowship, has now been able to return to Papua New Guinea. Pray for Jo as she settles back into life in Papua New Guinea and as she supports families in MAF with home-schooling their children.

Thursday 19

The Minister: Pray for Philip as he prepares the service each week, together with the extra services coming up in December, that God would help him to preach the Bible faithfully. Pray too for God's blessing on the whole manse family.

Friday 20

The NHS: Give thanks for all those who work in Health and Social Care as they continue to provide services in the midst of the ongoing situation with coronavirus. Pray that they might know times of refreshing even in these very challenging times.

Saturday 21

Rohingya Refugees: Remember more than 911,000 people who according to UNICEF have fled violence in Myanmar and are now living in refugee camps in Bangladesh, surviving in extremely basic conditions. Pray for organisations like Tear Fund who are active in supporting families and making child-friendly spaces in these camps for

children who are recovering from trauma.

Sunday 22

Give thanks for Sunday Club and Bible Class who continue to meet online every Sunday via Zoom. Pray for the leaders that prepare the weekly lessons and that the children may continue to be engaged.

Monday 23

Those who have lost loved ones: Remember those known to us who have recently lost loved ones. Pray that they might find hope and comfort in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ and that we might be a help and support to them.

Tuesday 24

Our neighbours: Pray for neighbours and other folks that we have got to know better during the last months. Pray that we might be a help and support to others as we are able in these days. Pray for opportunities to invite people we know to one of the Christmas services in December.

Wednesday 25

Friendship Club and Following Jesus Group: Please continue to pray for all those in the Friendship Club and the Following Jesus group and their families. Pray for them especially that even with the continuing and cumulative impact of ongoing restrictions to everyday life they may know God's presence and

his peace. Give thanks that it remains possible to keep in touch with many of the families of folks in both groups.

Thursday 26

New Life: Give thanks to God for all those whom we know who have recently had new babies born in the family. Pray that these little ones would bring much joy, that they would grow up healthy and strong, and would come in time to love the Lord Jesus.

Friday 27

Christians Against Poverty: Give thanks for the organisation Christians against Poverty who bring hope to tens of thousands of people every year as they work to release people from grinding poverty through debt counselling and community groups. Pray that the local group here in Kirkintilloch may offer help to people in our own community.

Saturday 28

Government: Pray for all those in national and local government with the many difficult decisions they face every day. Pray that they might act with wisdom and compassion and look to God for guidance.

Sunday 29

First Sunday of Advent: On this first Sunday of Advent, give thanks to God for His great love in sending Jesus into the world. Pray that we might be struck afresh this year by the wonder of the

light that is Jesus dawning in the darkness. Pray that many in our community might find hope in Jesus, the light of the world, this Advent season.

Monday 30

Foodbank: Continue to remember all those who help with the East Dunbartonshire Foodbank in Kirkintilloch as they provide emergency food and support to people in crisis. Pray that people in our own community who are hungry might get the food they need.