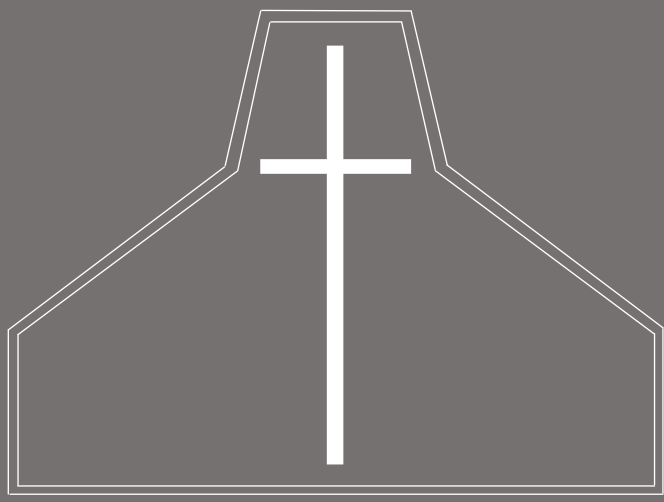


Prayer Diary February 2021

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” Philippians 4:6



St Columba's
Parish Church

Saturday 6

Day of Prayer: Give thanks for more than 32 people or households who have signed up to take part in the Day of Prayer today. Pray that increasingly we at St Columba's would be people of prayer who look to God to work within us and to work through us.

Sunday 7

Sunday Services: Give thanks for the continuing opportunity to worship together online and on CD and for all who make that possible. Pray that we would be able to worship God at home in a meaningful way Sunday by Sunday. Pray for the ministry of Peter White who is our guest preacher this Sunday and next Sunday.

Monday 8

Men's Club: Please continue to remember the members of the Men's Club. Pray for those in the Men's Club and church family who live alone or who have particular needs. Pray that they might know God's presence and strength in these days.

Tuesday 9

The Minister: Pray for our Minister and his family as they are on holiday this week.

Wednesday 10

Bible Studies: Give thanks for all those who are taking part in the new series of online or on the phone Bible Studies on the book of Jonah. There are 6 groups taking part with numbers

ranging from 2 to 7 or 8 in a group. Pray that these might be good times of fellowship as we learn together from God's Word.

Thursday 11

Those who are Unwell: Pray for those who are unwell, remembering in particular those who have recently had surgery or been in hospital. Pray that God might strengthen them in these days and that they might know the love and support of the church family.

Friday 12

Scripture Union: Give thanks for a fruitful conference for our SU Scotland Holidays and Mission leaders at the beginning of January. Pray on for a series of seminars that are being run on two Monday and Tuesday evenings from Jan - Mar. Please pray for wisdom as we continually try to work out what is going to be possible with young people this Easter and Summer and adapt plans appropriately.

Saturday 13

Our Neighbours: Give thanks for the opportunities some of us have had to get to know our neighbours better over these past months. Pray that we would be good neighbours to those who live nearby. Pray for opportunities to speak about our faith in Jesus and for the difference that makes in our life.

Sunday 14

Sunday Club and Bible Class: Pray for our Sunday Club and Bible as they continue to meet together week by week on a Sunday morning by zoom. Pray for the children and young people as they miss one another's company in the same room. Pray that the time they spend together would be meaningful and enjoyable, and that they would grow to learn more of Jesus together.

Monday 15

Vaccination Programme: Today is the Scottish Government's target date for those 70 years of age and older, health and social care workers, care home workers and clinically vulnerable people to have received their first dose of vaccine. Give thanks for all those who have worked so hard in vaccine development and distribution to make this possible. Pray for a continued rollout of the vaccine throughout more of the population. Pray too for the efforts of the World Health Organisation and others who are seeking to make vaccination more widely available throughout the world, especially in poorer countries.

Tuesday 16

Mission Aviation Fellowship: Continue to remember Jo Crotty serving God with Mission Aviation Fellowship in Papua New Guinea. Jo helps organise the

education of children of MAF workers in the region. Jo recently returned from another visit to Goroka in the Eastern Highlands of Papua New Guinea at the end of January.

Wednesday 17

United States of America: Pray for the new President and Administration in the United States of America. Pray that they might seek God's guidance and grace to bring stability and a coming together after the rifts caused in the recent political turmoil.

Thursday 18

Lodging House Mission: Claire Herbert, Chaplain at the Lodging House Mission, writes: "We have been able to assist [during the current pandemic] a total of 549 individual service users, from these there have been over 1000 presentations at our Centre. Our chaplaincy phone line remains available for prayer, support and assistance... We ask for your prayers for God's strength as the team continue to engage with vulnerable people...". The building was closed for a time at the end of January as two employees contracted Covid.

Friday 19

Little Fishes: Please continue to pray for the local families that belong to the Little Fishes Toddler Group. Give thanks for the ongoing opportunity to keep in touch through the

Little Fishes Facebook page.

Saturday 20

Those who have been bereaved: Remember those known to us who have lost loved ones, that they would know God's comfort and presence in these days. Pray too that our church family here at St Columba's would be an encouragement and a support to those who are bereaved.

Sunday 21

Local Churches: As church services throughout most of Scotland continue (at the time of writing) with digital delivery, pray that folks would not grow weary of engaging with these. Pray too for all those who continue to find it very hard not meeting together in person. Give thanks for the 'Reflections at the Quay' TV services that many have found helpful.

Monday 22

Schools: Pray for P1-3 and preschool pupils who are due at the time of writing to return to schools today. Pray that they might adjust to the new change in a very disrupted academic year. Pray too for teaching and support staff who return to school that they might be reassured about the safety of their working environment.

Tuesday 23

The Guild and Men's Group: Continue to pray for members of the Guild and

the Men's Group as they miss the company of others. Pray that we all might be attentive to those who may be feeling lonely in these days and that we might keep in touch as we are able.

Wednesday 24

Friendship Club and Following Jesus Group: Pray for all those who would usually attend the Friendship Club or Following Jesus Group on a Wednesday evening. Give thanks that it has been possible to keep in touch over these past months. Pray for all those with Additional Support Needs for whom days of lockdowns and restrictions are especially hard. Pray that they might know God's comfort and peace.

Thursday 25

Bible Society: The Bible Society in Moldova is working to make the Bible available to as many people as they can. This huge distribution project provides the Scriptures in many different formats and languages. The Society has continued distribution right through the pandemic, mainly to isolated villages and to the most vulnerable families in towns and cities. Many people have been thrilled to receive Bibles alongside other relief supplies. Please pray that in God's Word they will find his strength and comfort. Pray too for the safety of the distribution team.

Friday 26

The Boys' Brigade: Give thanks for the ongoing zoom meetings every Friday for the 1st

Kirkintilloch Boys' Brigade. Pray that during this time of lockdown the boys would benefit greatly from the supportive and nurturing environment of the BB.

Saturday 27

Remember people with dementia and mental health conditions who have found these past months very hard indeed. Pray that they would get the help and support they need and that many of them having been missing as soon as possible. Pray too that we too might be sensitive to the needs of others in the days that lie ahead.

Sunday 28

The Church: Give thanks for how local churches throughout our nation have adapted to online services and for the blessing that has been to many. Pray for wisdom and creativity for churches in the days ahead as they proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and respond to the needs of their communities.