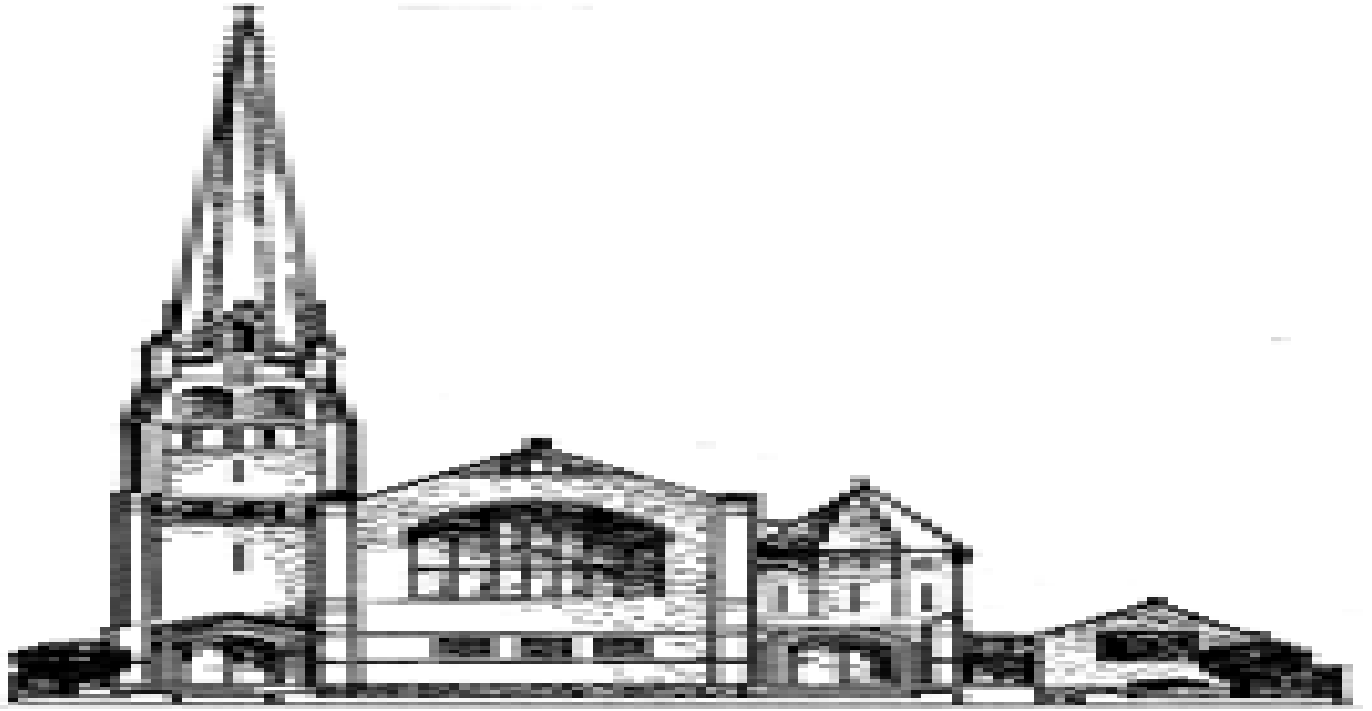


# AYR, ST ANDREW'S CHURCH



## FEBRUARY PRAYER DIARY

*(MIRRORING GOD'S LOVE)*

Love is the touch of intangible joy,  
Love is the force that no fear can destroy,  
Love is the goodness we gladly applaud,  
God is where love is, for love is of God.

**(CH4 Hymn 115)**

Let us love one another because love is from God  
God's love was revealed among us in this way;  
God sent his only son into the world  
So that we might live through him.

**(1 John 4 : 7, 8)**

*Topics are arranged over 7 days which you may find helpful*

### SUNDAY

Sunday after Sunday as we gather to worship, we do so in faith we never worship alone but in company with God's people in heaven and on earth. Please pray for Stanley, our organist, the video, and audio crew as Sunday by Sunday, they lead us in worship bringing to life the presence and promises God.

## **MONDAY**

Give thanks for life and health of members of our congregation and our community. Pray for those who are struggling with one health challenge or the other; be it at home, care home, hospital, hospice, etc. God says, I sent my word and it heals you, I am the Lord your hearer. Let the healing breath of God move through their nostrils to their entire body. From the crown of their head to the sole of their feet; renewing and perfecting their health. In Jesus name.

## **TUESDAY**

Every day the various emergency services: the police, ambulance, fire, coastguards, doctors, nurses, carers etc, are called out to help people in difficulty. Pray for those whose job it is to face danger and put their own lives and that of their families at risk this challenging time so that people might find help in their hour of need and all of us live in safety.

## **WEDNESDAY**

Quietly in the background the finances of our congregation are carefully maintained and managed. Please give thanks for Andrew Gun, Jillie Taylor, and William H Campbell and everyone responsible for looking after the finances of St Andrew's Church. Pray too that as a congregation we will be generous in our financial support of the work of our congregation.

## **THURSDAY**

Meeting and discussions amongst St Andrew's, Auld Kirk, and St Columba ministers has begun in view to develop a mission plan as we prepare to become one in the future. Sessions of the three congregations will meet at some point soon. As we meet pray that God will move within and among us. Opening our ears to hear his joyous laughter and still small voice. Opening our eyes to see the wonderful and surprising possibilities of his Kingdom. Opening our minds that we would know the wisdom of Kingdom living. Opening our hearts to experience his abundant and overflowing love. Opening our souls to see Christ in friend and stranger.

## **FRIDAY**

The Steering Group for the formation of the Presbytery of the South West of Scotland has been working relentlessly. Pray for everyone involved. The Presbytery will encompass a very diverse landscape literally and will become one of the largest Presbyteries. Pray for the development Process of this new Presbytery. Pray that the objective of commencing the new Presbytery in September 2022 as a Court of the Church be achieved. Pray for wisdom and divine guidance as we move from the known to the unknown.

## **SATURDAY**

Let us thank God for the world of his making. If there is a time that we need to cry out to God for peace, unity, and healing for the world – it is now. At a time like this, the prayer, “hearken to our cry and attend to the sound of our pleading”, is most appropriate. Let us pray that we be relieved of the effects of the pandemic and the stress it has caused. Let us plead for the healing presence of God in the lives of all of us especially those who have sacrificed so much by their service to the suffering. Let us pray for the unity of nations.

## A PRAYERS

To you, O heavenly Father, be all praise and glory,  
as day by day you richly fill my life with many blessings;  
a home to share, family to love and friends to cherish;  
a place to fill and work to do  
your gift of a green world, blue skies above,  
and the air we breathe;  
healthy exercise and simple pleasures;  
humanity's long history to remember  
and it's great people to follow;  
good books to read and many creative activities to delight in;  
so much that is worth knowing  
and the skill and technology to know it;  
thoughts of eternity and great things that sometimes fill my mind;  
many happy days and that inward calm  
You give me inn days of gloom;  
the peace passing all understanding  
that comes from Your living in me; the faith that looks through death and the hope of a larg life  
beyond the grave  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*(from a diary of Private Prayer by John Baillie)*

**If you have a prayer request or a favorite prayer which you would care to share in a future prayer diary, please e-mail:**

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