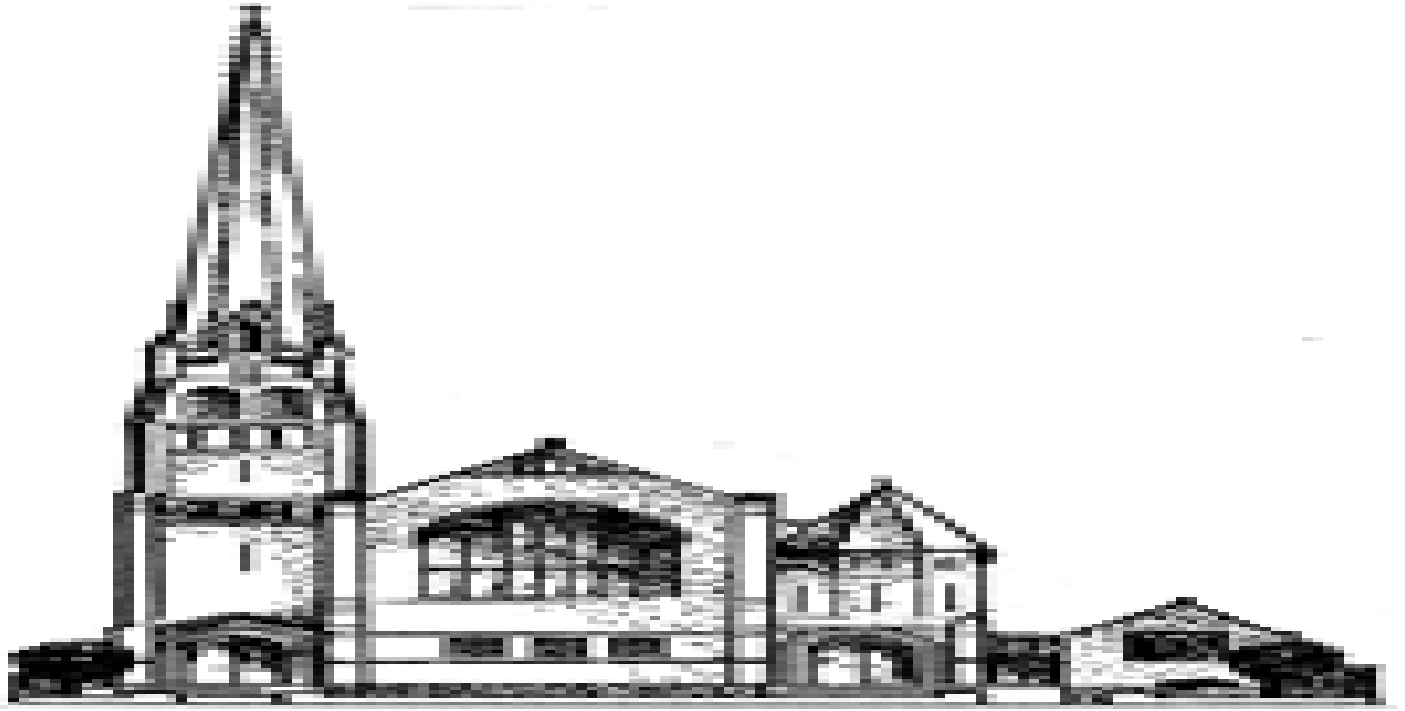


AYR, ST ANDREW'S CHURCH



JANUARY PRAYER DIARY

(LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS)

Lord for the years your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks to you.

(CH4 Hymn 159)

Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength,
They shall mount up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint.

(Isaiah 40:31)

Topics are arranged over 7 days which you may find helpful

SUNDAY

Worship belongs to all the people of God. In the reformed understanding, worship is not the right or rite of an ordained cast, but it is the duty, joy, and prerogative of all believers. Please pray for Stanley and the worship team as Sunday by Sunday, they lead us in worship bringing to life the presence and promises God.

MONDAY

The week of prayer for Christian unity is observed each year between 18 and 25 January. Give thanks to God that we have been called into the f

amily of Christ, no longer strangers but pilgrims together in the life of his kingdom. Pray that as we seek to follow Christ we will be brought closer to one another and find new ways of tackling poverty and injustice and sharing our Lord's loving concern for people on the margins of society.

TUESDAY

Every day the various emergency services: the police, ambulance, fire, coastguards, doctors, nurses, careres 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 safty.

WEDNESDAY

Pray for CrossReach, the social care arm of the Church of Scotland, offering loving care to people of all ages who are in need of a helping hand, supporting them to live life to the full whatever their circumstances. The Dochas Project on the Isle of Lewis supports adults recovering from sustance abuse through home visits, financial and housing advise. Let us pray for all receving such support that they will find resolve to tackle their problems and through their interaction with staff experience the goodness and caree of God

THURSDAY

With the Christmas over meetings and discussions amongst the three congregations (St Andrew's, Auld Kirk, and St Columba) will start as we plan to become one in the future. 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

Today and tomorrow we are going to make prophetic declarations for this new year. A prayer offered in faith has great effect. Pray saying: I decree that from the beginning to the end of this new year, I shall be like a tree planted by the riverside that bears fruit in its season, whose leaves does not wither. Whatever I do will prosper, in Jesus name (Psalm 1:1-3).

SATURDAY

Thank You, LORD, for this year 2022. I take your Word for my life. You shall give me peace, hope and a year full of your blessings, in Jesus name. There are so many sick people around you and in the hospitals. You may know some by name. Start praying for God's healing power to be released in their lives.

A MEDITATION FOR NEW YEAR

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown"; and he replied, "go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. that shall be to you better than a light, and safer than a known way." So I went forth, and finding the hand of God, trod gladly into the night. He led me towards to hills and the breaking of day in the lone east. So heart, be still! What need our human life to know if God hath comprehension? In all the dizzy strife of things both high and low, God hideth his intention. God knows. His will is best. The astretch of years which wind ahead, so dim to our imperfect vision, are clear to God. our fears are premature. In him all time hath full provision. The rest; until God moves to lift the veil from our impatient eyes, when, as the sweeter features of life's stern face we hail, fair beyond all surmise, God's thought around his creatures our minds shall fill. *Minnie Haskins (1875 – 1957)*

A PRAYERS FOR EPIPHANY

Holy Jesus,
before your infant form sages bowed the knee
and acknowledged your lordship
over all power and wisdom.
Grant us also clear vision and courage,
that in the light of your light
we may devote our power and potential
to your service,
even when that requires us to go home by another way.

Amen.

(Prayers from the Church of Scotland's Book of Common Prayer)

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

God of compassion
Who came into our world in the frailty of human form,
Breath your hope and grace over our troubled world.
Teach us the ways of peace
And rid our hearts of all hatred and violence that lead to war
Make us hungry and thirsty for justice.
Help us to see the other as made in your image.
Break down the walls of fear and separation,
And plant seeds of hope and rebirth in the places of despair.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

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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