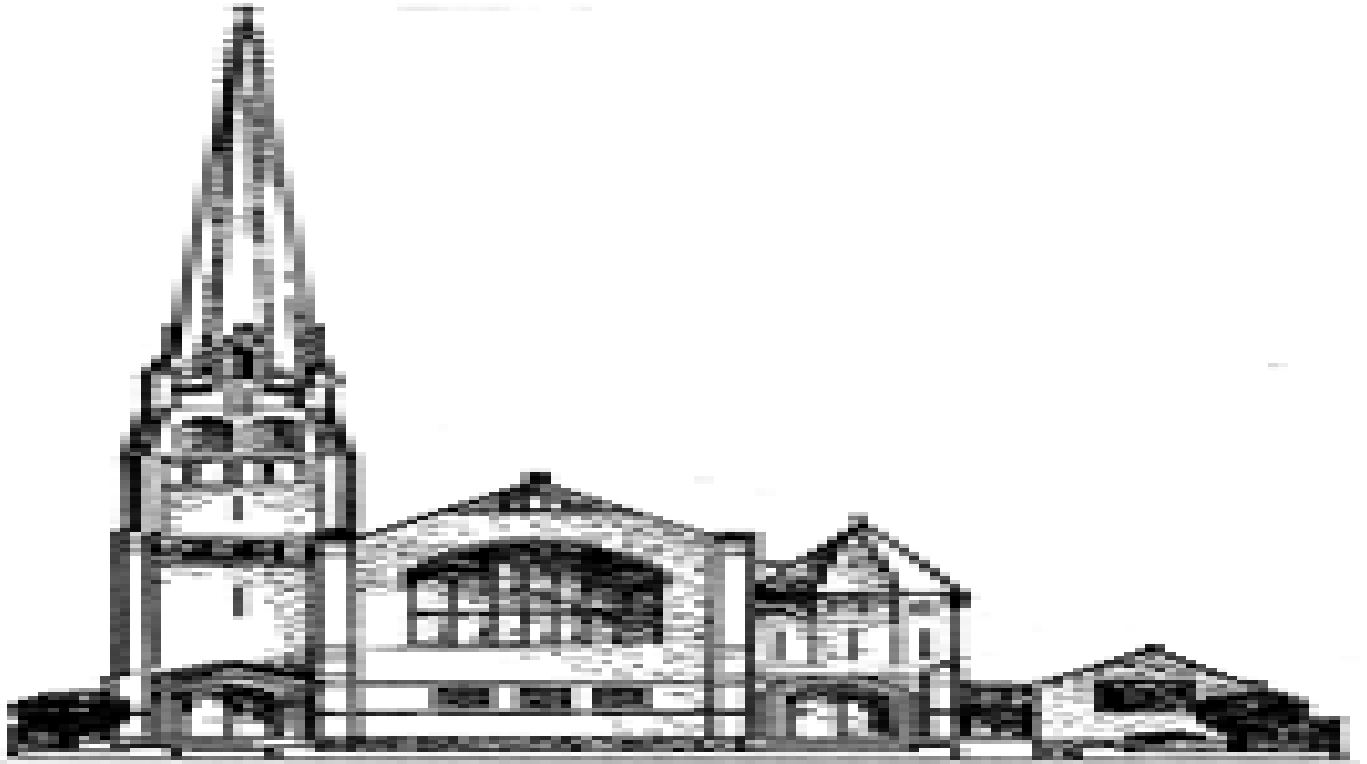


AYR, ST ANDREW'S CHURCH



MARCH PRAYER DIARY

(TOUCHING HEAVEN, CHANGING EARTH)

Jesus, tempted in the desert,
Lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
Use your power, the tempter tells him;
Turn these barren rocks to bread!
Not alone by bread, he answers,
Can the human heart be filled.
Only by the word that calls us
Is our deepest hunger stilled

(CH4 Hymn 338)

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

The Church is praying around the world. No problem is too big or small for our sovereign God. Thank God for the world of his making. Pray for all the countries that are going through conflict and political instability. Pray particularly for Ukraine and Russia; pray for peace, and that their citizens be free from fear and know stability once more. Many countries are crying out for mercy. Lord, we entrust them to your sovereign care, and we too pray for Your compassion and provision.

TUESDAY

Lent is the 40 day period where we draw closer to God in the lead up to Easter. In this Lenten season ask God to strengthen us against the temptations of the devil, and remove from us all lust and every unrighteousness, and shield us against our foes, seen and unseen. Pray that God would make our mind steadfast in his will and aware of our soul's need.

WEDNESDAY

Mental health problems affect us all in some way, either directly or through the pain of someone we know and love. 1 in 4 of us are emotionally unwell at any one time. Pray that the stigma of mental illness may be broken down. Pray that those struggling with mental health may be met with love and acceptance and that it will begin with us.

THURSDAY

Meeting and discussions amongst St Andrew's, Auld Kirk, and St Columba ministers has began 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

Thank God for our congregation and for members of it. Pray and ask God to restore the glory of our congregation. Pray for numerical growth within our congregation. Pray that the wind of the Holy Spirit will fall upon new converts and members within every congregation and that the spirit of "true evangelism" be released upon us. Pray for children that were baptised in our congregation.

A PRAYERS

Our God, you hold our lives in your hands.
You have promised to give us a new heart
and to put a new spirit in us.

We pray:

renew us everyday.

Forgive us where we have failed
to be good stewards and to be good neighbours.

Give us the courage

to think beyond our own lives;

to live and consume responsibly

so that our near and far neighbours can experience their full dignity, and that we can help restore
and admire

the beauty of our communities and of this earth.

Our God, you hold our world in your hands.

You hear your creation groaning

but you have promised to liberate it from its pain.

We pray:

renew our world. Forgive those of us who haven't used their power wisely.

Give us and our leaders the courage

to think beyond our own economies; to seek genuine partnerships

so that all people can experience the fullness of life,

and that our planet is known to be the common home

for all creation and future generations.

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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