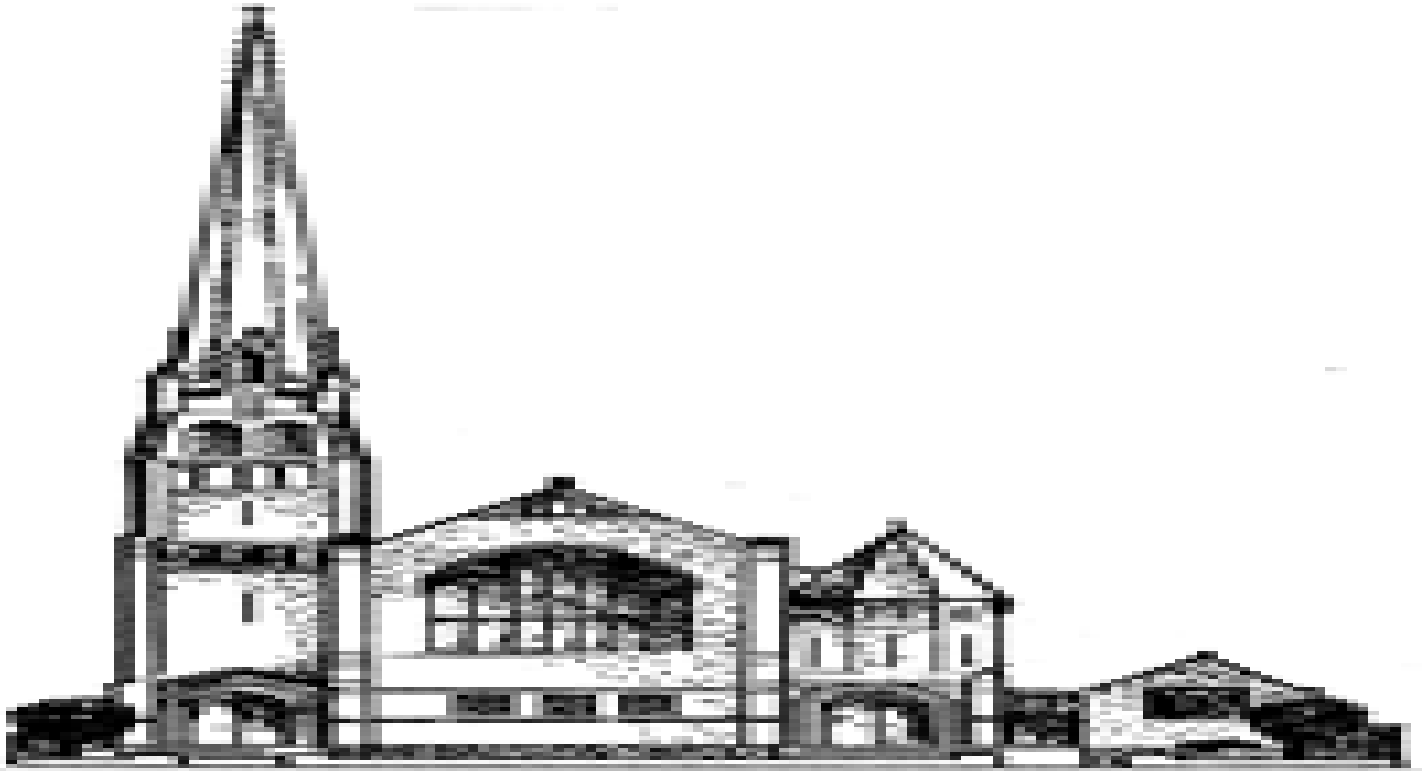


AYR, ST ANDREW'S CHURCH



MAY PRAYER DIARY

(HOPE ALIVE)

All my hope on God is founded,
all my trust he will renew;
safe through change and chance he guides me,
only good and only true.

God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

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Topics are arranged over 7 days which you may find helpful

SUNDAY

Sunday by Sunday as we come worship, we gather to and give thanks to God. Pray for those who work tirelessly, often behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of our services and day to day activities. Pray for the cleaner, the flower team, etc, that God will bless them with new strength as they go about their work.

MONDAY

Give thanks to God for the Kirk Session. The Kirk Session meets this month. Pray for our elders as they prepare to discuss important issues of the congregation, for Stanley as he Moderates the meeting and Ian, our Session Clerk, who has the important task of recording what is discussed and decided and then implementing its decisions.

TUESDAY

The 2022 General Assembly will take place from Saturday 21 May until Thursday 26 May. It will be a hybrid event, with some attending Assembly Hall and others participating online. Rev Iain Greenshields, will serve as the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland in 2022-23. Thank God for this all important meeting of the Kirk, decisions from the GA meeting will shape the future of the Church of Scotland. Pray that decisions arising from 2022 GA meeting will be those that will glorify God and move the church forward.

WEDNESDAY

Pray for anyone known to you who is struggling with illness, relationship breakdown, financial trouble or any other pressure. Ask God to draw near. Pray for hospitals and health centres as they administer medical care; may God move through them bringing healing to many. Give thanks for all those who care for the elderly both within families and outside of the family structure.

THURSDAY

Pray for Christian Aid as they continue to provide support to millions around the world. Pray for internally displaced people around the world. The reasons for their displacement are many: conflict, flooding, drought, fear, etc. Torn from their homes, their families and their communities, displaced people are among the most vulnerable to poverty and exploitation in the world. Pray with Christian Aid that they are treated with respect and care. That all people are protected from harm and have a chance to rebuild their lives.

FRIDAY

Pray with thanksgiving for our congregation. That God will show us the right thing to do and the determination to do it in order to grow and be impactful. Ask God for more anointing upon us, for personal growth in the kingdom life, for great attendance to our services, to send new labourers from outside and new volunteers from inside. Pray that whatever the future holds for us as a church, let God gently guide us into it. Pray for increase **{be it in human or material resources}** that will enable us to do the mission God has set out for us to do.

SATURDAY

The pressure of being a Christian is taking its toll on many believers around the world, who often face hostility from the authorities as well as from their family and local community. Ask the Holy Spirit to help these brothers and sisters and keep their 'lamp burning' (Psalm 18:28).

Pray for Peace in the world. Our world is torn with war and violence. Pray that God provide this world with a peace that is only found in him. Pray for those who are suffering from the results of war and violence. Ask God to provide them with both physical and mental healing. Pray for an end to all the trauma and hurting. Pray for God's love to reign over all. In Jesus' name, Amen. *Hebrews 12:12-14*.

Giving Thanks For Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!

Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.

Thank You for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.

Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.

Draw me closer to You this summer.

Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am or what I am doing.

Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.

As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.

- Author Unknown

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

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