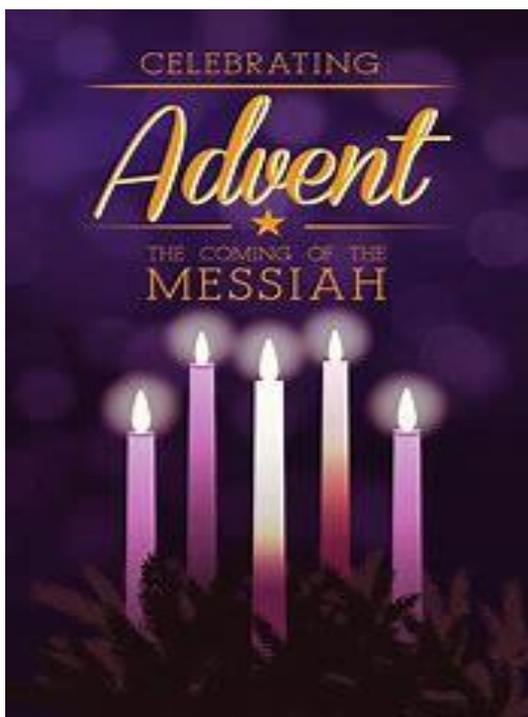


Presbytery of Melrose and Peebles

# Prayer Diary



December 2020,  
January & February 2021

## **Ashkirk I/w Selkirk**

Give praise for the way in which the "in person" services are going in both Ashkirk and Selkirk.

Give praise for the united online services which allow Ashkirk, Ettrick & Yarrow and Selkirk to worship together.

Give thanks for the way the Selkirk teenage Hot Chocolate Club is flourishing on Zoom.

Pray for effective communication of the linking process which will allow the Congregational Votes to take place in January/February with regard to the linking of Ettrick and Yarrow Church with Ashkirk and Selkirk.

## **Bowden and Melrose**

Give thanks for blended worship – online, by telephone and in person.

Pray that people will continue to feel part of our church fellowship.

Pray for our congregation and parish as we prepare to mark Christmas in a very different way.

Give thanks for online opportunities to reach more people, old and young, with the good news of great joy.

Pray for those for whom this will be a difficult and lonely time.

Give thanks for strong, caring local communities.

Pray for resilience and hope in the long winter months ahead.

## **Caddonfoot I/w Galashiels Trinity**

We give thanks that we have been able to continue to worship online, and that Trinity has reopened for worship.

We pray for Caddonfoot preparing to reopen.

We pray for the people of our parishes that God will watch over them, comfort them and keep them safe throughout the Christmas period.

We pray that that we will find appropriate ways to celebrate Christmas so that the message of hope will be heard louder than ever, and that we may say, if not sing, 'Joy to the World'!



## **Carlops I/w Kirkurd and Newlands I/w West Linton: St Andrews**

Please pray for Nancy Norman and the worship team as services continue via Zoom and in the church building at Newlands.

Pray too for the ongoing process relating to establishing a new and wider linkage in this part of the Presbytery.

## **Earlston**

Give thanks that we are back in church for worship, and commend in prayer the team which has prepared the church, and manages the Covid regulations so diligently every week.

We pray for the team of worship leaders as they seek to find Covid-safe ways to deliver their message.

Give thanks that we are now able to stream the services on YouTube and we pray for a good uptake on these, and that those not online will take advantage of listening in on the Direct Dialling line.

We pray for those who are still feeling enclosed and lonely, weary of the lockdown.

And we pray for the elders who maintain good contact with their folks.



## **Eddleston I/w Peebles Old**

During a time of continuing anxiety about the spread of Covid, we pray for the virtues of patience, fortitude and long-suffering courage shown by our Lord Jesus Christ.

We remember particularly those within our congregations who have lost dearly loved ones; those who are nursing and shielding the sick and those who are undergoing continuing treatment, praying particularly for our Locum, John Smith. We pray for families struggling to feed their children, and for those anxious about the care of the elderly.

Strengthen and inspire, Almighty God, all who feel frustrated and uncertain during the Vacancy and the forthcoming Readjustment within the Presbytery Plan. Grant us vision and energy to embrace the changes ahead and to work towards furthering Your kingdom here on earth.

## **Ettrick and Yarrow**

Give praise for the united online services which allow Ashkirk, Ettrick & Yarrow and Selkirk to worship together.

Pray for effective communication of the linking process which will allow the Congregational Votes to take place in January/February with regard to the linking of Ettrick and Yarrow Church with Ashkirk and Selkirk.

Pray for the opening of Ettrick & Yarrow Churches for private prayer.

## **Galashiels Old and St Pauls I/w Galashiels St John's**

Give thanks at this time of Advent as we remember the words of the Prophet Isaiah (9:6). For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be upon his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Give thanks for God's provision for our every need. We have been so blessed during this time of lockdown with the wonders of modern technology and are indebted to many who week by week have dedicated their time and talents, shared and so much appreciated by all.

Pray for our congregations, our linkage at present, St Paul's with St John's, and our future union with Trinity.

Pray for wisdom from above to show us the Lord's will for us here in Galashiels and pray for unity in the Spirit.

Pray for the elderly in our church who are unwell and missing regular contact and fellowship with other members.

Pray for people to know God's Presence, whether they live alone or with family and to continue to grow in faith and love for the Lord.



## **Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn**

### **We give thanks for**

- the work of the Nominating Committee in presenting a Sole Nominee to the Congregation
- the installation of camera equipment in Innerleithen Church allowing the live transmission of Services
- the continuing ministry of our Locum, the Revd Sara Embleton, during these challenging times.

### **We further pray for**

- the smooth out-working of the protocol approved by the General Assembly in the summer for electing a new Minister during the restrictions imposed to combat Covid-19
- the many visits being undertaken by Elders in relation to the election of a new Minister.

## **Lyne and Manor I/w St Andrew's Leckie Peebles**

### **Manor**

Give thanks to God for successful reopening of the Church building for weekly worship and the strong attendance.

Please pray for continued safety and that we find ways to celebrate and bear witness in a very different Christmas.

### **St Andrew's Leckie**

Give thanks for the resuming of face to face children and youth work and for an increase in numbers attending.

Please pray for our Christmas outreach with a walk round nativity around the town where families can watch pre-recorded films telling the Christmas story on their phones.

### **Maxton and Mertoun I/w Newtown I/w St Boswells**

As we enter yet another season with the restrictions that we have all been living with since spring, we give thanks for the blessing of Advent and Christmas as we look forward to celebrating the birth of Jesus in a different way with hope and with love.

We give thanks and pray that all in our Parishes and in our Charge will feel blessed at this time.

We pray for our office bearers as they continue with their discussions bringing our Parishes together in Union.

### **Stow St Mary of Wedale and Heriot**

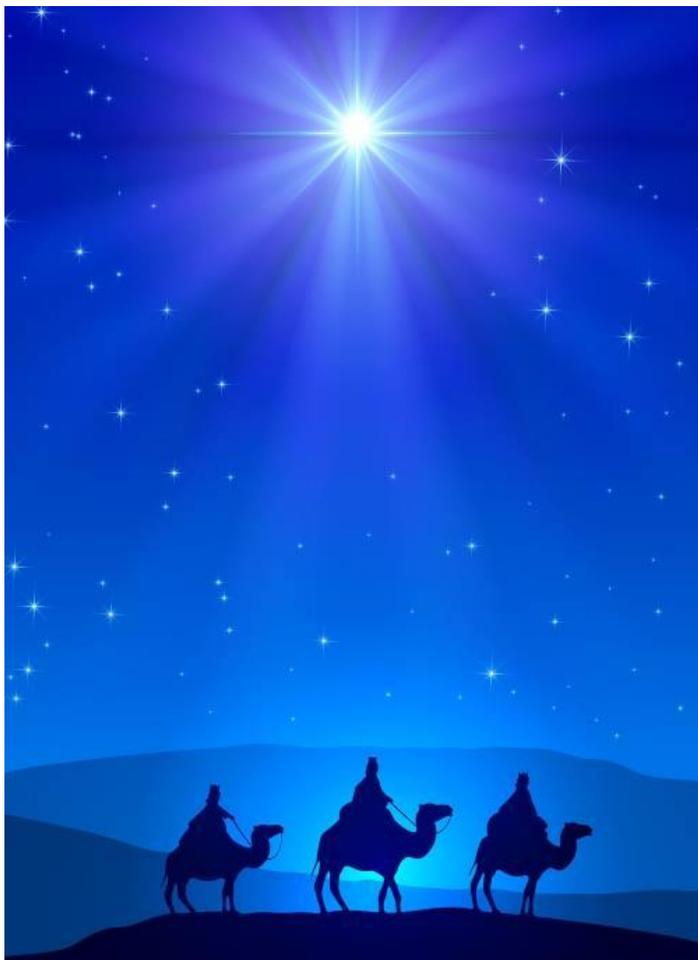
Give thanks to God for all the opportunities he has given to learn new skills and worship in new ways throughout the past few months.

We ask for God's comfort and guidance for all those who are finding these days difficult, including the people who are lonely, who have been bereaved, who are unwell and who are struggling to comply with the coronavirus restrictions.

## **Presbytery**

Pray for all congregations.

Pray for those especially involved in additional change through Presbytery Planning adjustments.





### **Give thanks for**

- the resumption of Street Pastor patrols during the day
- the conversations that we have had with so many different people.
- the enthusiasm of the team to being out on the streets again.
- the support of so many people and Churches for our work.

### **Please pray for**

- the safety of the team as they resume patrolling the streets of the Borders
- God's guidance for the teams while on patrol
- Street Pastors who are taking on a new leadership role in the patrols
- guidance on where future patrols may take place, especially in Hawick.

## **NHS Borders**

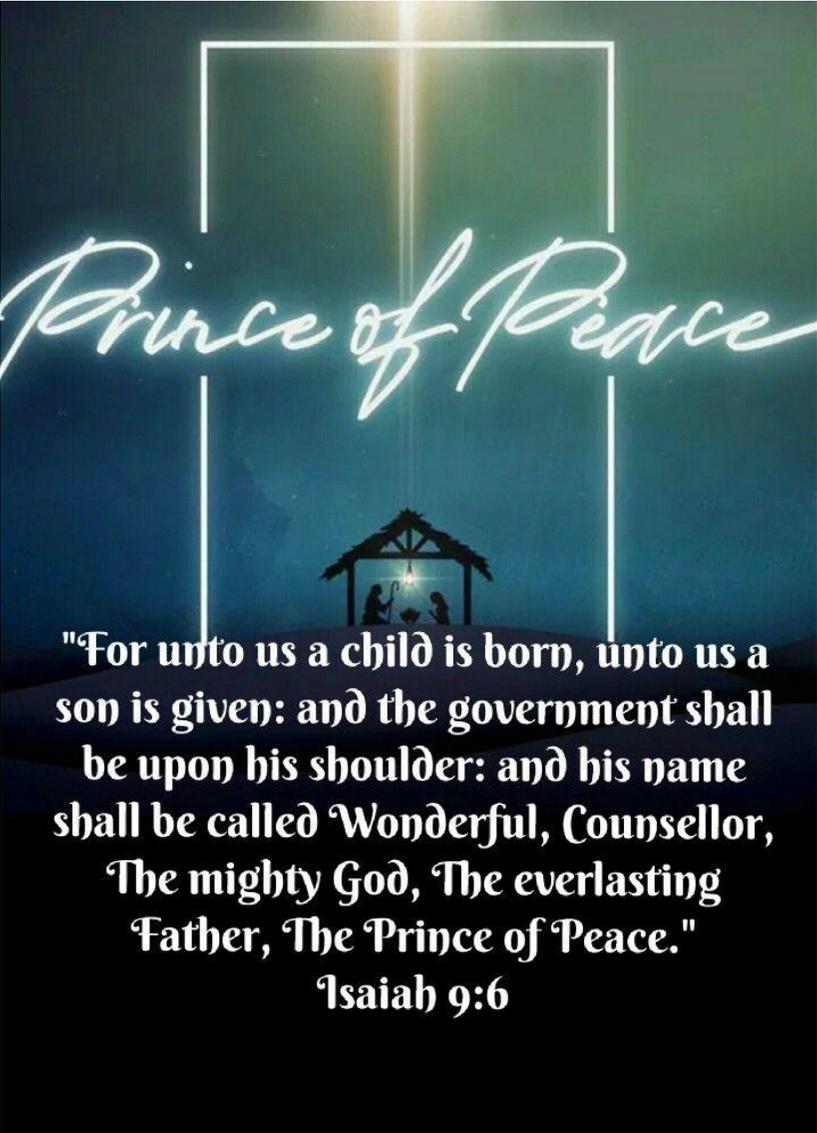
We give thanks and pray for the dedicated staff, especially for the sacrifices they make to carry on their duties while covering for colleagues who are absent.

We pray for the care and health of all staff.

We pray for comfort and support for all who have lost loved ones.

We give thanks for and pray for the Spiritual Care Team, that they may uphold all those who come to them in their time of need and that they may remain in good health.





# Prince of Peace

**"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."**

**Isaiah 9:6**