

Presbytery of Melrose and
Peebles

Prayer Diary

September, October and
November

2019

*'Bless THE LORD O my soul and all that is within me,
bless HIS Holy Name'*



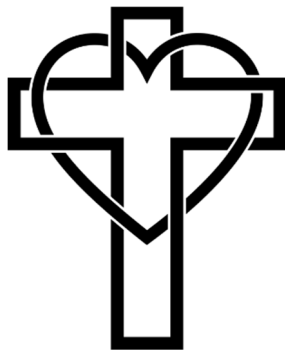
*'Let everything that has breath praise
THE LORD!'*

Psalm 150

As HE was approaching the city at the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to rejoice and to praise GOD for all the mighty miracles and works of power that they had witnessed, crying, ' Blessed is THE KING WHO comes in the Name of THE LORD!

Peace in Heaven, in the highest Heaven! ' And some of the Pharisees from the throng said to JESUS, ' Teacher, reprove Your disciples! ' HE replied, ' I tell you that if these keep silent, the very stones will cry out. '

Luke 19: 37 - 40.



Give thanks for our new Moderator, Pray for GOD'S rich Blessing upon her in the year ahead and for strength, inspiration and wisdom for all the year ahead, with all the challenges which change brings. Pray for our Presbytery Clerk, our Treasurer, the Assistant Clerk and all the Committee Conveners and each Presbyter, give thanks for their gifts and their faithful work.

Pray for continuing strength and a spirit of unity and love in seeking the way ahead.

Pray for wisdom and guidance in our Presbytery meetings.

Give thanks for all faithful ministers and their work of love.

Pray for those in need,

those who go hungry,

those living with poverty,

those struggling with addiction,

those who feel alone,

those coping with illness and those caring for them.

Pray for the children in this Borders area, for HIS Blessing and help and protection.

Continue to pray for the vital work of Message Trust with the schoolchildren

Borders Street Pastors

Duncan Cameron.

Please give thanks for

- ❖ The second Hawick patrol.
- ❖ the opportunities to share GOD'S love on the streets of our towns.
- ❖ the successful application for funding for mobile phones for the Hawick and Galashiels Patrols.
- ❖ for the training opportunities that will be coming up in the next few months.

Please pray for

- ❖ to be able to maintain and extend the time of the second Patrol in Hawick.
- ❖ GOD'S guidance for the two trial Rail Pastors on the Borders Railway in August and September.
- ❖ Street Pastors and their families who are affected by illness.
- ❖ the Team at Ascension Trust and Ascension Trust Scotland who work tirelessly to extend CHRIST'S Kingdom through the work of Street Pastors.

Presbytery in General

Please give thanks that we may turn to GOD, The FATHER in prayer and that we may continually look to THE KING and HEAD of the Church for the way ahead corporately and individually

Give thanks for all those who work for the spread of The Gospel across the Borders area. Give thanks for their valuable work Pray for strength for them and courage and an increasing awareness of GOD'S leading and direction through this coming year.

Requests from the Charges.

September.

'who brings an offering of praise and thanksgiving, honours ME. '

Stow St Mary of Wedale and Heriot

Rev. Victoria Linford.

Please pray for our Junior Church in the new term, starting on 1st September, especially for the teenagers beginning a new series of 'Conversation on Christianity', where they can discuss their questions about the Christian Faith.

Please pray for us and our neighbours in Caddonfoot and Galashiels as we move forward with Presbytery Planning.

Presbytery Clerk

Rev. Victoria Linford

Please pray:

- ❖ for all Committee Conveners and members in this new Session.
- ❖ for ministers and others entering into new posts, or retirement.
- ❖ for all the Presbyters and Congregations as we engage in Presbytery Planning and discussion with neighbouring Presbyteries.

Bowden and Melrose

Rev. Rosemary Frew

Please give thanks for Family services and for Messy Church. Please pray for a greater engagement with the families in the parish. Pray for the schools in the parish, Melrose primary, Tweedbank primary and St. Mary's. Pray for opportunities to further develop relationships.

Give thanks for the Guild at the start of a new Session. Pray for the members of a new committee and the new responsibilities which they have taken on.

Give thanks for all who visit this part of Scotland. Pray for the pilgrims who come to walk the St. Cuthbert's Way, that they may know GOD'S peace.

Galashiels Old Parish and St. Paul's I/w Galashiels St. John's

Rev. Dr. David Donaldson Interim Moderator

Please pray for the Congregations voting soon in relation to the way forward in the Church of Scotland in the Galashiels area.

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

Rev. Stewart McPherson, Interim Minister

Please give thanks

- ❖ for the Interim minister's input in putting the different parts of our Linkage together.
- ❖ for the bonds established between our congregations which have sustained the Linkage in the months gone by.
- ❖ for the commitment of time, energy and prayer by Elders, office bearers, and all the members along this journey.

Please pray that all may be open to GOD'S will for the Linkage in the days ahead.

Chaplaincies

' O give thanks to the LORD, call on HIS Name; Make known HIS doings among the peoples! Sing to HIM, sing praises to HIM. Meditate on and talk of all HIS wondrous works and devoutly praise them. Glory in HIS Holy Name; Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek THE LORD! ' 2 Chron. 16 vs 8-10.

Hospital Chaplaincy;

Rev. Michael Scouler;

Please continue to pray for the NHS, for the easing of pressure by adequate staffing resources. Please pray for the Chaplaincy, for strength and insight and calm.

Give thanks for the wonderful compassion and commitment of so many staff at so many levels and in such diverse ways.

Please pray for their own resilience and for new initiatives aiming to support staff and patients.

Scottish Borders Council

Joanne Smith

Please pray for Joanne, for strength and wisdom and guidance in this challenging work and for GOD'S rich blessing as she seeks HIS way forward.

Broughton, Glenholm and Kilbucho I/w Skirling I/w Stobo and Drumelzier I/w Tweedsmuir

Rev. Calum MacDougall, Interim moderator;

Please continue to pray for the congregations in this Charge during this time of vacancy. Please pray that difficulties concerning the manse will be resolved very soon.

Give thanks for the Rev. John Smith, Locum, and pray for wisdom and guidance and insight in the work in Upper Tweeddale in the light of the coming changes.

Ashkirk and Selkirk

Rev. Margaret Steele

Please continue to pray concerning the ongoing discussions for the future of the church



Caddonfoot I/w Galashiels Trinity

Rev. Elspeth Harley;

Please pray for friendship and fellowship to continue to grow and flourish among all the Galawater Churches.

Etrick and Yarrow

Rev. Elspeth Harley, Interim Moderator

Please pray for the Farming Community in their vulnerability in these times of uncertainty.

October

'When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.'

Mark.14 v 26.

Lyne and Manor I/w St. Andrew's Leckie, Peebles

Rev. Malcolm Jefferson;

St. Andrew's Leckie

Please pray for our upcoming Alpha Course, that many from outside the Church would use this as an opportunity to explore faith and that THE LORD would use it to bring people to faith in CHRIST.

Lyne and Manor

Please pray for us as we take steps in establishing a Christian Counselling Service.

Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn

Rev. Dr. Miller Milloy, Interim Moderator

As we move into a second year as a Charge in Vacancy, we ask for prayer for all who provide leadership in the Congregation.

Please pray for our organist, Helen Furness, that she would make a full and speedy recovery.

We remember various links between the local community and Thondwe, our congregational link in Malawi, praying that their links might be strengthened in the coming months.
Please pray for the 'Days for Girls' Workshops.

Earlston

Rev. Julie Rennick

Please continue to pray for the ongoing discussions around creating the Earlston High School Cluster.

Please pray for the parish of Earlston as they go into vacancy, that GOD'S wisdom and discernment may fill the hearts of all who are working to create a cluster and build a Church for the future.

Maxton and Mertoun I/w Newtown I/w St. Boswells

Rev. Sheila Moir

As Summer gives way to Autumn and our churches begin planning for the coming months, we give thanks for the office bearers and the members for their commitment in working in the Community through involvement with various groups as well as the Church.

Please give thanks and pray for our worship team and our attached Reader Fran, who are instrumental in keeping worship going in our places of worship Sunday by Sunday.

November

'But about midnight, as Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns of praise to GOD, and the other prisoners were listening to them, suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the very foundations of the prison were shaken; and at once all the doors were opened and everyone's shackles were unfastened. '

Acts 16. vs 25 and 26.

Channelkirk and Lauder

Rev. Sheila Moir, Interim moderator

We give thanks for the people who over the summer months have conducted worship in the Charge

Please give thanks for all they have done and all they are doing.

Please give thanks for the work of our Locum, Mr. Tim Linford and pray for GOD'S Blessing as he begins his placement as a candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament. Please give thanks for his message and teaching while our minister, Rae, has been on sick leave.

Please continue to pray for Rae and her husband and family and for a return to health and to work among us.

Eddleston I/w Peebles Old

Rev. Calum MacDougall

Please pray for our minister for a full and speedy recovery

Please pray for both Rev. MacDougall and Mrs MacDougall as they begin retirement at the end of September.

Please pray for the Congregations as they prepare for the Vacancy and take part in the ongoing discussions regarding Presbytery planning for the changes within the Church of Scotland

Please pray for OLM, Rev. Pamela Strachan in her additional ongoing work during the Vacancy.