

*PRESBYTERY OF
MELROSE AND PEEBLES*

PRAYER DIARY

December 2017, January and February 2018.

*“For unto us a Child is born,
unto us a Son is given
And HIS Name shall be called,
Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty GOD, everlasting FATHER;
Prince of Peace”.*

Isaiah: 9 v 6

This is THE ONE to WHOM we pray.

*“she will give birth to a Son, and you are to call HIM the
name JESUS, for HE shall save HIS people from their
sins.”*

Matthew: 1 v 21. (*Amplified Bible*).

In great love HE came to earth.

In great love HE lived on the earth for 33 years

In great love HE suffered and died on the earth,

For you

And for me.

“Fear not for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a SAVIOUR WHO is CHRIST The LORD!”

Luke 2 vs 10, 11.



Prayer requests from the Charges

DECEMBER

“Mary said, ‘Whatever HE says to you, do it...’”
John:2 v 5



Rev. Rosemary Frew:

Bowden and Melrose

Please give thanks for the relationships being built up between local churches in working together on Christmas invitations and Messy Church.

Please pray for our first Messy Church and the developing of it in the New Year.

Please pray for the building up of relationships with young families through school involvement, Family services and Messy Church.

Rev. Victoria Linford:

Stow, St. Mary of Wedale and Heriot

Please pray for the people of Stow who are in grief at this time, especially at this time of Advent and Christmas.

Pray for Rev. Linford as she meets the pastoral needs at this time.

Rev. Janice Faris:

Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn.

Please continue to pray for the links with Malawi in the light of rains having now come and the consequent need to plant the crops in time.

Please pray for the Kirk Session as they get to grips with the Unitary Constitution.

Please pray for progress on our 'Path of Renewal'.

Rev. Malcolm Jefferson:

Lyne and Manor l/w St. Andrews Leckie, Peebles.

Please pray concerning the opportunities that come over the Christmas period, through the services

And with the visitors that come at this time of year.

JANUARY 2018

“Did you not know that I must be about MY FATHER’S business?”.

Luke ch. 2 v 49

(Amplified Bible)

Rev. Rachel Dobie:

Interim Moderator, Carlops l/w Kirkurd and Newlands l/w West Linton. St. Andrews.

Give thanks that all through this difficult year, the congregations, the Kirk Sessions and the many People associated with the life of the parishes have continued to build on the sound foundation

of past work and moved steadily forwards. Each congregation in its own way continues to reach out To the community which it serves.

Please pray for the continuation of the strong relationship between Newlands Kirk and Castle Craig, each ministering to the other.

Please pray as the Patio Garden Project comes to fruition in partnership with the Village Hall next door – just one of the ways in which the parish seeks to work alongside and within the local community.

Please pray for St. Andrews church in West Linton as the Kirk Session’s outreach groups work on their Strategy to minister to the young people in the parish, and please also pray for all three congregations as The Very Rev. Finlay Macdonald becomes their Interim Moderator in January, travelling with them on the next stage of their journey

Rev. Elspeth Harley.

Interim Moderator, Ettrick and Yarrow.

Please uphold these congregations in prayer and love as they go through this waiting time.

Rev. Calum MacDougall.

Eddleston l/w Peebles Old

Eddleston: Please pray for the elders, office bearers and the congregation as they seek to address fabric issues.

Peebles Old: Please pray for wisdom and guidance as they seek to build upon the initiatives of their ‘Year of Renewal’

Rev. Calum MacDougall.

**Interim Moderator for Broughton, Glenholm and
Kilbucho l/w Skirling l/w Stobo and Drumelzier
l/w Tweedsmuir**

Pray for the Nominating Committee and the
congregations as they move towards filling the vacancy in
their Charge.

Rev. Julie Rennick:

Earlston

Please pray for wisdom and guidance as the congregation
enters the Path of Renewal in the New Year

Rev. Leon Keller:

**Galashiels Old Parish & St. Pauls l/w Galashiels
St. Johns.**

Please pray for the services which will take place over
Christmas as well as the ongoing services.

Please also pray for the Christmas schools' services which
are organised by the fellowship of Churches.

FEBRUARY

“Son, go work today in the vineyard...” Matthew 21 v 28.

Rev. Rae Clark:

Channelkirk and Lauder.

Give thanks for the ongoing work and dedication of those in the Charge.

Please pray for the elders and office bearers and all who are involved in leading small groups.



Rev. Sheila Moir:

Maxton & Mertoun, l/w Newtown l/w St. Boswells.

Give thanks to GOD for the continuing work of Rev. Sheila Moir, our Probationer and our attached Reader.

Please pray for the Christingle service on Christmas Eve and the ongoing 'Impact' during the school term with the opportunities which these present.

Give thanks and pray for those who are organising 'A Bite and A Blether' in the church hall in St. Boswells in order to bring together for Christmas lunch, those who are on their own.

Please pray for the initiatives resulting from 'Future Focus', such as 'Praying Together'. held on Tuesday mornings and Thursday evenings as well as a coming event in the New Year of a Cafe Church Service.

Rev. Elspeth Harley:

Caddonfoot l/w Trinity l/w Galashiels.

Please pray for the campaign led by our Bible Study group, to lobby the Government to stop the sales Of UK arms to Saudi Arabia and also for the transformation of the Arms Industry to one which promotes a cleaner, safer world.

Rev. Margaret Steele:

Ashkirk l/w Selkirk.

Please pray for a leader for the older children in the Sunday School.

Presbytery

Pray for the Presbytery Moderator, Prof. Murray Campbell,

The Presbytery Clerk, Rev. Victoria Linford,

The Treasurer, Mr. Fraser Simm and the

Assistant Clerk, Rev. Julie Rennick.

Please pray for the Presbytery Plan Review, as well as the Presbytery Review pilot, coming up soon.

Pray for the Youth in the Borders, that GOD will show HIS way forward to reach them with the Good News of CHRIST.

Pray for our Interim Moderators whose work is additional to that of their own Charge, for energy, Strength, good health and insight.

Pray for GOD'S blessing on our Locums, our Readers and Assistant Ministers in their calling and in their faithfulness.

Pray for Hospital Chaplains in their special ministry, for guidance, wisdom and love in meeting the needs and opportunities which arise, especially at this time of Christmas and New Year and that there may be a sense of HIS Presence in their ministering.

Pray for those who are homeless and hungry in the Borders that their needs will be met.
Pray for those who are grieving while others celebrate.
Pray for those who find Christmas and church difficult because of sad associations in the past with this time.
Give thanks for our church Guilds. Pray that they may be able to touch many hearts this year through their theme of the love of GOD.



Street Pastors.

Give thanks for a new volunteer who has come forward.

Give thanks for recent contributions from the Community Fund and from the Community Lunch Club at St. Boswells.

Give thanks for the well attended training course in November.

Give thanks for the valuable work of the Prayer Coordinator, Mrs. Maria Sprott.

Please pray for the safety and wellbeing of the teams as they go out into the streets over the Festive period.
Pray for all those out and about during the night time economy.

More volunteers are needed in order to enable more Hawick patrols.
Pray for the continued restoration to health of those who have been unwell.
Pray for guidance in the planning of the training of the Street Pastors and for the planning of coming events, that they may be according to HIS will.
Please pray for Duncan himself in the responsibility of this work to which he is called, that he will be richly blessed.



The gift of Myrrh signified suffering for our Lord.
Because of the suffering, a river of grace flows for us.

“HE giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater.
He sendeth more strength when the labours increase.
To added affliction HE addeth HIS mercy.
To multiplied trials, HIS multiplied peace.
HIS love has no limit,
HIS grace has no measure,
HIS power, no boundary known unto men,
For out of HIS infinite riches in JESUS,
HE giveth and giveth and giveth again.

Words: Annie J. Flint
Music: Hubert Mitchell.

“HE dwelt among us full of grace and truth...”

John: 1 v 14.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL

May the coming year be filled with HIS

answers to your prayers.