

Presbytery of Melrose and Peebles
Prayer Diary

December 2018

January and February 2019



'The LIGHT shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.'



'The time came for the Baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped Him in cloths and placed Him in a manger. Because there was no room for them in the inn.'

(Luke 2: 7 NIV)

Light blazed from the stable.

The shepherds believed,

They went

They saw

And they spread the word.

The Light first dawned on earth in the little town of Bethlehem.

'Whoever follows ME, shall not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

(John 8: 12)

MAY YOU KNOW HIS PRESENCE AND
HIS RICH BLESSING AT CHRISTMAS
AND IN THE YEAR AHEAD FOR HE IS
EMANNUEL, GOD WITH US AND FOR
US.

GOD can pour on the Blessings in astonishing ways so that you are ready for anything and everything,--- more than just ready, to do what needs to be done

As the Psalmist puts it, 'HE threw caution to the winds giving to the needy in reckless abandon.'

HIS 'right living', 'right giving' ways never run out.'

2 Corinthians 9: 8-11. The Message.

Pray for the-Street Patrols on Friday 21st December and the Patrols on Hogmanay in Melrose and Galashiels as well as the Hawick Patrol which will also be out on 21st December.

Pray about the possibility of training early in the New Year regarding Roles and Responsibilities, that there may be sufficient numbers to enable this to go ahead.



Prayer requests from the Charges

December

'I am the LIGHT of the world, whoever follows ME shall have the light of life.' John 8: 12

Stow, St.Mary of Wedale and Heriot.

Rev. Victoria Linford

Please pray for our Christmas Fair, that it would be well attended and be an enjoyable event for church and community.

Please pray for our 'Year With The Gospels', which is our new programme of worship, beginning in Advent 2018. in which we will be asking, Who is JESUS?, and what does JESUS want us to be as HIS Church in this place and time?



Rev. Linford – Presbytery Clerk

Please pray for GOD'S guidance and inspiration in the Presbytery planning process.

Please pray for excellent pastoral care for all, especially for the Pastoral Care for Ministers Teams to be enhanced and for GOD'S comfort for all those in difficulty and a good and swift resolution for all conflicts and complaints.

Lyne and Manor and St. Andrews Leckie, Peebles

Rev. Malcolm Jefferson

Lyne & Manor: Please pray for the visitors who come to the Christmas Day service, and for the church in bearing witness to JESUS as the Light of the world.

St Andrew's Leckie: Please pray for more leaders for the Children's and Youth Work. Please pray for the Christmas services and the outreach at Christmas.

Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn

Interim Moderator; Rev. Dr. Miller Milloy;

Please pray for our Locum, Rev. Sara Embleton as she conducts Christmas services with the local schools, that she might inspire both teachers and children with the wonder of the Incarnation of our LORD.

At this time of Advent and celebration of our LORD'S first Coming, remember especially in prayer those for whom Christmas is a difficult time because of sad associations.

Pray for those known to you who are bound by addictions that they may come to know the CHRIST WHO can set them free.

Pray for those without a job.

Those who look on alone while others celebrate

The homeless and those living in poverty, particularly the children.

Street Pastors

Pray for Duncan Cameron as he heads up this work in the Borders

Pray for good health and strength as well as wisdom and guidance.

Give thanks to GOD for this vital and important work.

Give thanks for people who go along as observers on the street patrols.

Pray that fruit may come from this.

Pray for protection for those going out on patrol and for continued good health.

PRESBYTERY

Please pray for those bearing heavy workloads because of their faithful work within Presbytery

Rev. Julie Rennick: Moderator.

Rev. Victoria Linford: Presbytery Clerk.

Mr Fraser Simm: Treasurer

The Conveners of Committees

Business

Governance

Property and Stewardship

Mission and Service

Vacancy Procedure

Please Pray for our Locums, Reader and Retired Ministers

Give thanks for those who have completed their course in Leading in Worship and pray for their future work and continued study.

Pray for the Guild, for their work within the Church and also in the wider community.

Please pray that as a congregation of GOD'S people, we might be more aware of those in our communities for whom Christmas is not a time of joyous family gatherings, but a time of increased loneliness and that we might reach out in love and support.

Please pray that we may move into the New Year with fresh resolve as a congregation to be a faithful witness to GOD'S love and faithfulness, committed to sharing the Good News of JESUS by all means possible.

Bowden and Melrose

Rev. Rosemary Frew

Give thanks for our good relationships with Holy Trinity Episcopal church and St. Cuthbert's R.C. church

Give thanks for our coming together on the 11th November and a special service of Remembrance.

Please pray for our invited events over Christmas: our Christmas invitation to the parish, a Nativity Exhibition, Messy Church and the Christingle Service

Give thanks for the invitations to the Carol Services in Bowden and Darnick.

Please pray for an openness to the Good News at the heart of the Christmas Story.

Caddonfoot l/w Galashiels Trinity

Rev. Elspeth Harley

Please pray for the ongoing conversations concerning the future of the Church. Please pray for people who are isolated and lonely in the Community, especially at this time of year, that we may reach out to them in prayer and in service.

Ettrick and Yarrow

Interim Moderator: Rev Elspeth Harley

Give thanks for the ministry of Rev. Jim Wallace and for the preaching of David Gallacher while Jim was on holiday.

Please pray for the 'Open Arms' village in Kenya, which is run by David Gallacher and his wife Rachel



Borders General Hospital Chaplain

Rev. Michael Scouler

Please pray concerning Staff shortages to ease the strain due to long hours.

Give thanks to GOD for this vital work.

Work Place Chaplain for the Scottish Borders Council

Rev Joanna Smith

Please pray for Joanna in this relatively new Appointment, for guidance and wisdom as she gets to grips with her remits and for GOD'S Blessing on this work.

Joanna also is involved with services at the BGH Chapel and asks for prayer for the following:

That GOD'S Presence may be felt by the patients, and that more young people will come forward as escorts. (escorting patients from the wards to the Chapel and back again.)

Earlston

Rev. Julie Rennick

Please pray for our work in the Earlston High School.
Please pray about the discussions concerning the
Presbytery Review.

Galashiels Old Parish and St. Pauls I/w Galashiels and St. Johns

Interim Moderator: Rev. Dr. David Donaldson

Please pray for all the Kirk Sessions in Galashiels as they
meet together in conference in ongoing conversations
concerning the future of the Church.

Ashkirk I/w Selkirk

Rev. Margaret Steele

Give thanks for a full Remembrance Service on 11th
November. Please pray for continued guidance to know
what GOD is saying to us regarding a Children's Family
Worker.

Please pray for wisdom in the ongoing conversations
concerning the future plan for the Church.

Give thanks for all the work that Fran Selkirk has done
over the years as Session Clerk and pray for GOD'S rich
Blessing upon her future.

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

Interim Minister: Rev. Stewart McPherson

Please pray for the elders and congregations meeting over
December and January with the Transition Support Group
as part of the Interim Ministry.

JANUARY

*'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, in
prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your
requests to GOD, and the peace of GOD which transcends
all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds
in CHRIST JESUS.'*

Philippians 4: 6.

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

Rev. Sheila Moir

Give thanks for the ongoing assistance of Fran, our
attached Reader in the Charge, as she continues to lead
worship and visit members of our community.

Please pray for our Community Choirs as they grow in
number and strength under the leadership of our Newtown

organist and also for our Worship Team as they lead worship.

Give thanks for the many people who helped to knit and crochet poppies for the Commemoration and also for their work in decorating churches both inside and out, so helping the church and the community to bring glory to GOD in remembering all who sacrificed their lives for our freedom.

Channelkirk and Lauder

Interim Moderator: Rev. Sheila Moir

The minister and the office bearers give thanks to GOD for the people leading worship in the absence of a minister.

Please pray for the office bearers and the members as they gather together in CHRIST'S Name in this time of Advent.

Please pray for our minister, Rev. Rae Clark, for good health and strength and a return to the Parish.

Eddleston l/w Peebles Old

Rev. Calum MacDougall

Please pray for Rev. Tony Foley, who has been accepted to transfer to the Church of Scotland, as he begins his 9 month familiarization placement.

Please pray for the congregations as they continue to develop their Outreach Ministry.

FEBRUARY

'Keep on asking and it will be given you; keep on seeking and you will find; keep on knocking reverently and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who keeps on asking receives; and he who keeps on seeking finds; and to him who keeps on knocking, the door will be opened.'

Matthew 7: 7,8.

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

Interim Moderator; Rev. Calum MacDougall;

Please continue to pray for this Charge in their search for their new minister. Please pray for the Locum, Rev. Ann Purdie in her ministry here in this Charge.