

*PRESBYTERY OF
MELROSE AND PEEBLES*

PRAYER DIARY

March, April and May 2018

“ If MY people who are called by MY Name will humble themselves and pray.....then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sins and heal their land.”

Chronicles 7:14



‘MY house shall be called a house of prayer.’

Mark 11:17

'HE humbled HIMSELF and became obedient to death'

Philippians 2:8

There is a green hill far away,
Outside a city wall,
Where THE dear LORD was crucified,
WHO died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell
What pains HE had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
HE hung and suffered there.

HE died that we might be forgiven.
HE died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by HIS precious Blood.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
HE only, could unlock the gate
Of heaven and let us in.

C.F. Alexander.

Prayer requests from the Charges

MARCH 2018

“Stay here and keep watch with ME.....” Matthew 26:38

Rev. Victoria Linford
Stow St Mary of Wedale and Heriot

Please pray for

- recently baptised people in this Year of Promise, that they may continue to grow in their faith and in grace.
- the visitation of recently baptised people and their families.

Rev. Rosemary Frew
Bowden and Melrose

Please give thanks for

- the 10th Anniversary of the union between Bowden and Melrose churches.
- for the good relationships being built up with local churches.
- for the success of our first Messy Church at Christmas and the enthusiasm of the team and the families who attended.
- for those who serve on the Kirk Session.

Please pray for

- our united service of Celebration in Bowden Church on 18th March.
- our working together on Easter invitations, Lent studies, Holy week services and Messy Church.
- wisdom and guidance as we consider possible new elders.

Rev. Dr. Leon Keller
Galashiels Old & St. Pauls I/w St Johns

Please pray

- that there may be spiritual growth in the year ahead.

Rev. Elspeth Harley
Caddonfoot

Thank God for

- Anne Grieve's ministry to the bereaved as she conducts funerals.
- for our new Treasurer and new Clerk to the Board.

Please pray

- that the love of GOD will touch all in the Church and in the community who are lonely.

Rev. Elspeth Harley, Interim Moderator
Ettrick and Yarrow

Please pray

- that the congregations will continue to be a strong worshipping and caring fellowship throughout the Vacancy.



APRIL 2018

“Stay here and keep watch with ME....” Matthew 26 :38b

**Very Rev.Dr.Finlay Macdonald, Interim Moderator
*Carlops with Kirkurd and Newlands and West Linton, St
Andrews.***

Give thanks

- with the congregation of Carlops as we celebrate the Eco Congregation Gold Award, with inspirational and innovative work in Creation care,
- for continuing community initiatives such as the Patio Garden Project and the commitment to be a creative church, fully committed to environmental issues.
- for the life of Kirkurd and Newlands elder, Jimmy Harris, and for his service in congregation and Presbytery.
- For the mutually enriching links with Castle Craig, which he did so much to initiate.

Please pray for

- all the residents and staff at Castle Craig.
- for the ongoing outreach to the wider community by the congregation of St.Andrews, through organisations run by church members for parents and toddlers in the village and for older people on their own who gather for tea and ‘Guid Blethers’.
- for all three congregations, that they may continue to find enrichment through sharing and growing together in Christian love and service.

Rev. Sheila Moir

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

Please give thanks

- for the Alpha Group as we journey through Lent, exploring our faith.
- for the Prayer Group in our linked charge.

Please pray

- for our new Community Choir in Newtown, funded by 'Go For It' Funding. We meet on Wednesday Nights in the Community centre
- for our Children's Choir meeting on Fridays after school.
- that we may be a great witness in our community.

Rev. Rae Clark

Channelkirk and Lauder

Please give thanks

- for good relationships.
- for the ongoing work within the Parish.
- for the Easter services and gatherings,

Rev. Margaret Steele

Ashkirk

Give praise and thanks for-

- the willingness of Ashkirk folk to work in the Open Door Cafe.

Please pray

- about the difficulty of finding folk to help on the village Hall Committee

Rev. Margaret Steele
Selkirk

Give praise and thanks

- for the new Cafe Manager of the Open Door cafe Project and the way she has quickly settled into the post
- for the Reach Out Group meal extended to all the church leaders in town, ie elders, deacons, as well as ministers and for its success.

Pray for

- a couple of folk to come into the Church family, who would be willing to work with our teenagers.
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MAY 2018

“Peter, do you love ME?shepherd MY sheep”.
John 21:16 Amplified Bible.



Rev. Calum Macdougall
Eddleston

Please pray for

- imaginative thinking as the congregation and office bearers seek to engage with the young in the Community.

Rev. Calum Macdougall
Peebles Old

Please pray for

- the 1st Peebles Girls Brigade Company, that they may find efficient leaders to carry out this good and vital work.

***Broughton, Glenholm and Kilbucho I/w Stobo and Drumelzier
I/w Tweedsmuir.***

Please pray

- for the Nominating Committee as they proceed to seek to fill the Vacancy.
- for blessing upon Tony Foley as he fills the current gap.

Rev.Malcolm Jefferson
Lyne and Manor

Please give thanks for

- the Lent Prayer Group

Please pray

- that that the Lent Prayer Group will bring blessing to the people.

Rev.Malcolm Jefferson
St. Andrews Leckie

Please pray

- that in this 'Year of Young People' the congregation will grow in relationships across the ages
- that during this year, they will reach out to young people outside the church.

Rev. Janice Faris
Innerleithen, Traquair & Walkerburn.

Please give thanks

- for the life and work and witness here.

Please pray

- for the congregations as they move forward into a time of change.

Presbytery in general

Please pray for these Office bearers in their extra responsibilities;

- the Moderator of Presbytery, Professor D Murray Campbell
- the Presbytery Clerk, Rev Victoria Linford,
- the Treasurer, Mr Fraser Simm

Pray for the General Assembly and those attending from this Presbytery during the 19th to the 25th May, 2018.

Pray for the Presbytery Elders in their responsibilities.

Please pray for

- Hospital Chaplaincies in their ministry to those who are ill, for insight into the needs and wisdom and love.
- ambulance staff responding to calls from the sick and the injured, as they go about their vital work.
- those in the Borders who need frequently to make use of the Foodbanks, that they may be helped in their need to find a new way forward.
- the young in the Borders in this 'Year of Young People', that by GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT they may seek and find the new life and affirmation that CHRIST brings through HIS life and death and resurrection.
- any whom GOD may be calling to serve in the Church.
- the reviewing in March of the current Presbytery meeting structures; for guidance in the way forward as to how best to enable congregations in their work and witness.

Give thanks for

- our Interim Moderators, our Locums, Readers and Assistant Ministers, for all their work of faith and love.
- quiet and faithful witness and for prayer.

STREET PASTORS

Please give thanks

- for two new people, one in Gala and one in Hawick to train as Street Pastors
- for the training course in Edinburgh and for being able to send people for training.
- for the fact that the Bibles arrived safely at their destination in China.
- for the Commissioning Service for Street Pastors in Earlston church on 20th April for the six Street Pastors who have been trained over this past year.

Please pray for

- the enabling of more Patrols in Hawick.
- for the up and coming training in the Borders and in Edinburgh and for those taking part.
- for enough Street Pastors to resource the summer events.



“I will sing to THE LORD for HE has triumphed gloriously.”

Exodus 15:1

WIND, WHO makes all winds that blow,
Gusts that bend the saplings low,
Gales that heave the sea in waves,
Stirring in the minds deep caves,
Aim YOUR Breath with steady power
On YOUR Church this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the Life we've lost,
SPIRIT GOD of Pentecost.

FIRE ,WHO fuels all fires that burn,
Suns, around which planets turn,
Beacons marking reefs and shoals,
Shining truth to guide our souls-
Come to us as once YOU came,
Burst in tongues Of sacred flame!
Light and Power, Might and Strength,
Fill YOUR Church- -It's breadth and length.

HOLY SPIRIT, Wind and Flame,
Move within our mortal frame,
Make our hearts an altar pyre
Kindle them with YOUR Own Fire.
Breathe and blow upon that blaze
Until our lives and deeds and ways
Speak that tongue which every land
By YOUR Grace shall understand.

Thomas H. Troeger 1983 (OUP) tune Aberystwyth .