

# *Presbytery of Melrose & Peebles*

## *Prayer Diary*

### *March, April and May*

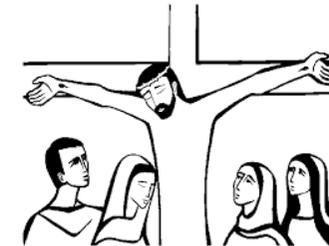
**2019**

*‘Jesus approached and, breaking the silence, said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything that I have Commanded you, and behold I am with you all the days to the very close and consummation of the age.”’*

(Matthew 28: 18 - 20)



“I HAVE COME TO DO THE WILL OF  
MY FATHER”



*“And he said to them, “How is it that you had to look for me? Did you not see and know that it is necessary for me to be in my Father’s house and occupied about my Father’s business?”*

*Luke 2: 49*

JESUS went about doing good, in great love;

Healing all manner of diseases

Raising the dead,

Teaching in the synagogues,

And on the hillsides

And in the temple,

Providing and sharing meals

Teaching the twelve disciples as he lived out on

Earth his Word, preparing them for

Apostleship.

Pray for wisdom and guidance and openness to see a way forward in enabling children and young people to come to Christ and to discover His great love for them and His call.

Pray for those whose lives are in turmoil because of the loss of a loved one.

Pray for each of the ministers in Charges, for strength, wisdom, love and guidance in all their multitude of tasks.

Pray for those known to you who need God's healing touch.

Pray for those within the Borders who are facing prison at this time and what it will mean for them and for their families.

Pray that God in his grace, mercy and love will send a fresh wave of the Holy Spirit into this area according to God's will and purpose

Pray that God will enable us where there are problems to see opportunities

Pray for God's guidance and provision for those living in poverty and struggling to pay bills and who need to use Food Banks in the Borders.

Pray for those who are troubled and afraid and for those who live with fear, that they may be enabled to look up and to discover God's Light and Presence

Pray that God will teach us about the resources which are ours and show us how best to use them.

Give thanks to God for answers to our prayers.

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*“Jesus said... When you pray, say, ‘Our Father who art in heaven... Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven...’”*

*(Luke 11:2)*

## **PRESBYTERY IN GENERAL**

Give thanks to God for the freshness and wonder of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for God’s enabling in our Christian walk and for a willingness to embrace change.

Pray that we may look to God for his way forward and be guided by God towards the revised Presbytery Plan.

Give thanks to God for dedicated people who take on the work of Presbytery, using their God-given gifts.

The Moderator

The Presbytery Clerk

The Treasurer

The Conveners and members of committees.

Pray for our Locums and our Worship Leaders.

Pray for wisdom, guidance and strength for each one of the above.

Give thanks to God for the opportunities each day brings to be witnesses in love.

## **MARCH**

“And JESUS increased in wisdom, and in stature and in favour with GOD and man.” *(Luke 2: 52.)*

Prayer Requests from the Charges.

**Earlston:** Rev. Julie Rennick

Please pray about the discussions with the other Leaderdale churches concerning the Presbytery Plan.

**Caddonfoot l/w Galashiels, Trinity:**

Rev. Elspeth Harley

Please pray for the discussions between Galashiels Trinity the other churches in Galashiels: Old Parish and St. Paul’s l/w St. Johns, and also with Stow and Heriot.

**Ettrick and Yarrow:**

Interim Moderator: Rev. Elspeth Harley

Please pray for the congregations, and especially for the Pastoral Groups as they continue to care for the members of the congregations and the community

### **Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn:**

Interim Moderator: Rev. Dr. Miller Milloy

Please pray for our Vacancy Process Group, as they explore various options for future ministry models in the lower Tweeddale part of Presbytery.

Please pray that the forthcoming season of Lent might truly be a time when we can review our commitment to Jesus as we prepare to celebrate his Passion.

Please pray for the Action For Happiness Course, currently underway, that all who attend might find benefit from the insights gained and the friendships experienced.

### **Channelkirk and Lauder:**

Interim Moderator: Rev. Sheila Moir

As we enter this time of Lent, please pray for the Office Bearers and the Worship Leaders as they continue God's work in the parishes. Pray for the Kirk Session as they seek ways to be the Church in the parish, reaching out to all.

Please pray also for their minister Rae, that she may know the peace and love of Christ and be blessed with health and strength at this time.



Please pray for the Chaplaincy work in the Borders, that it may be sensitive, spiritual in all the appropriate ways and compassionate.

### **Scottish Borders Council: Joanna Smith**

Please continue to pray for Joanna in her chaplaincy work with the Council that God will continue to bless her and guide her.

*‘Jesus said to her “Do not cling to me for I have not yet ascended to the Father, but go to my brethren and tell them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” (John 20: 17)*

### **Street Pastors: Leader in The Borders, Duncan Cameron;**

Please give thanks for the return of Street Pastors who were unavailable for a time due to illness in the family.

Give thanks for peace in the streets and quiet nights.

Give thanks for training opportunities both locally and in Edinburgh and for good working relationships with the Police and the local Authorities.

Please pray for people to take up the training opportunities, both locally and in Edinburgh, as they are a vital part of becoming a Street Pastor.

Pray for the planning of the up coming events in the Borders, the Rugby Sevens and the Common Riding.

Pray for additional Street Patrols in Hawick, and consequently the need for more Street Pastors and Prayer pastors.

**Ashkirk I/w Selkirk:** Rev. Margaret Steele

Please pray for God's guidance, wisdom and Blessing in our ongoing discussions concerning the "Church in the Twenty-first Century."

**Lyne and Manor I/w Peebles St. Andrews Leckie:**

Rev. Malcolm Jefferson

Please pray for our growing work among teenagers, including, helping to connect young people who attend our Friday night 'Drop In Youth Club', with other events where they can encounter Jesus.

Please pray for more leaders for our ministry to children and young people.

*"He said, "It is finished!" and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit" (John 19: 30)*

**Chaplaincies:**

**Borders General Hospital Chaplain:** Rev. Michael Scouler

Please give thanks to God for the three new part time Chaplaincies.

Jo Stewart: Appointed to Hay Lodge, Peebles.

Rita Docherty Appointed to The Knoll, Duns.

Rev. Sandy Young. Appointed to Kelso.

**APRIL**

*"I always do those things that please MY FATHER." (John 8: 29)*

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

Rev. Sheila Moir

Give thanks for the Worship Teams in the Charge, which, though small in number, lead worship on a weekly basis in one of our three church services.

Please pray for and give thanks for our attached Reader, Fran Selkirk, in all her pastoral work in our Charge and in the leading of worship. We feel very blessed to have her.

Please pray that our Lent film series on Luke's Gospel will be well attended and that people will gain a fresh understanding of the Gospel for their lives.

**Galashiels Old Parish & St. Paul's I/w**

**Galashiels St. John's:**

Interim Moderator: Rev. Dr. David Donaldson

Please continue to pray for our discussions in relation to the future of the church in Galashiels.

**Stow St.Mary of Wedale and Heriot:**

Rev. Victoria Linford

Please pray that God would comfort all those in our parish who are grieving and find life difficult.

Pray that God would guide our Mission this year, including the series of short films we are making about 'Who is Jesus' and that everyone in the church would have fun making the films and that the films would help many people to know God's love in Jesus.

**Eddleston l/w Peebles Old:**

Rev. Calum MacDougall

Eddleston: Please pray for the Eddleston congregation as they continue their outreach, including the launching of some new initiatives;

Peebles Old: Please pray for the congregation and for Rev. Tony Foley as he continues on his Familiarisation Placement in the Old Parish of Peebles until August, 2019.

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

Interim Moderator; Rev. Calum MacDougall

Please pray for the congregations in their search for a new Locum.

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

Interim Minister: Rev. Stewart MacPherson

Please pray for the congregations in their conversations and planning concerning the aims and objectives of the interim period and beyond.

**MAY**

*"Nevertheless, not MY will, but THINE be done." (Matt 26: 39)*

**Bowden and Melrose:** Rev. Rosemary Frew

Please give thanks for Bowden and Melrose working together ecumenically on Easter invitations, Lent Studies. Holy Week Services and Messy Church.

Give thanks for the 'Try Praying' initiative. Please pray for an openness to the challenge and the message in Bowden and Melrose and throughout the Borders.

Give thanks for a year of Messy Church and for the enthusiasm of the team and the families who attend; please pray for our 'Messy' Programme for 2019.

Please give thanks for the positive contributions of our new elders to the Kirk Session and pray for the formation of new Session Committees and the revision and reinstatement of districts.