

*The Church's One Foundation
is JESUS CHRIST her LORD,
She is HIS new creation
by water and the Word;
From heaven HE came and sought Her
to be HIS holy bride.
With HIS own blood HE bought Her
and for her life HE died*

PRESBYTERY OF MELROSE AND
PEEBLES

PRAYER DIARY

JULY AND AUGUST 2019

*JESUS said, 'THY Word is Truth'
John 17 v 17*

JESUS said 'I am The Way , The Truth and The Life.'
John. 14 v 6.

GOD'S Word stands and will stand for eternity.

Acting on the Truth of GOD'S Word is always a catalyst for change.

pray for those coping with ongoing pain, that they may discover HIS nearness and HIS enabling love.

Pray for the lonely.

Pray for the young people in this area as they face the future in a rapidly changing world, each with their own strengths and gifts given by GOD, that they may discover The ONE WHO can bring fulfilment to them.

Give thanks for the work of Message Trust among schoolchildren, working both with churches and schools, coming shortly to this area, bringing the message of The Gospel.

*'You shall know the Truth and the Truth shall make you free'
John 8 v 32.*

PRESBYTERY in GENERAL

Give praise and thanks to GOD for The KING and HEAD of the Church, The LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Give praise and thanks for the Message of Salvation, bought at such cost - the Good news of salvation through JESUS CHRIST to all who will believe.

Give thanks and praise for all those Christians across the Borders who spread the Good News of the Gospel in love, through word and action.

Pray for those in leadership roles within the Presbytery who feel the weight of extra duties, that they may know HIS grace and strength and enabling and HIS tender loving presence in difficult and stressful times.

Please pray that in these very challenging days of radical change within the Church of Scotland, as we search for ways forward, that we might each walk closely with the LORD, so that we may know the reality of HIS guidance and HIS enabling, for HE has said 'I will never leave you or forsake you....'

Give thanks for HIS Words 'I will build MY Church.'

Please continue to pray for those who are now Worship Leaders - for GOD'S Blessing in all their preparation and service.

Pray for vulnerable people across the Borders, especially children in need, that ways may be found to meet their needs through care and action.

Pray for those known to you who are going through the pain of grief

pray for those who don't know where to turn for the help they need.

Prayer requests from the Charges

JULY

'Howbeit, when HE, THE SPIRIT of Truth is come, He will guide you into all Truth, for HE shall not speak of HIMSELF, but whatsoever HE shall hear, that shall HE speak; and HE will show you things to come.'

John 16 v 3.

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

Rev. Sheila Moir.

We give thanks and pray for the Worship Team leaders who lead us weekly in our services in the Charge and pray that they will enjoy some rest and relaxation over the summer months.

Channelkirk and Lauder

Interim Moderator; Rev. Sheila Moir.

Please pray for the Worship Team as well as our Locum, Mr. Timothy Linford, as they continue to conduct worship while our minister is signed off.

Please also pray for the office bearers as they continue to meet and discuss and seek a way forward following the Congregational Conference and the plans proposed by the General Assembly, with regards to the Radical Action Plan. Pray that in this time of uncertainty, we may know, hear and do GOD'S will, which will bring in all things, glory, honour and praise to GOD.

Eddleston l/w Peebles Old

Rev Calum MacDougall.

Eddleston

Please pray for Blessing on the congregation's continuing and developing Outreach Programme.

Peebles Old

Please give thanks for the recent outreach through music.

Please pray for Blessing on the forthcoming ' Praying Together' event.

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

Interim Moderator Rev Calum MacDougall

Pray for the Congregations of the Charge as they continue in Vacancy. Pray for the Locum, Rev. John Smith as he continues to build on a good relationship with the local Primary School and works to maintain Pastoral Ministry.

Lyne and Manor l/w Peebles St.Andrews Leckie

Rev. Malcolm Jefferson

Lyne and Manor

Please pray for our witness in the Church, particularly for our Summer event, including our Outdoor Service and the Wayside Market.

St. Andrews Leckie

Please pray for wisdom and provision and Blessing as we seek to reach out to our Community by being a place of restoration and healing.

The Upper Tweed Guilds

Dr. Margaret Habeshaw

Please give thanks for the work of the Guild, especially the Guilds in this Presbytery, for those who serve The LORD with care and love and generosity of heart.

Please pray for additional members to join the Leadership Team, so that they can support and encourage the work of the Guild in all our churches.

Please pray for Mrs. Margaret Cashman who has recently retired from the Upper Tweed Guilds Committee. Give thanks for all her hard and unstinting work through the years and for the Blessing of her example of faith. Pray for God's rich Blessing upon her.

STREET PASTORS

Duncan Cameron

Please give thanks

- that we were able to cover the extra patrols in Hawick and Galashiels for the Common Riding;
- for the support and prayer from churches who were able to support Street pastor Sunday on 9th June.
- for two people coming forward with an interest in Street Pastors.
- for the goodwill shown towards Street Pastors Teams on the streets and at events.

Please pray for

- the Summer Street Pastors patrols, especially the extra patrols at events.
- the people that we come across on the streets, especially those who are experiencing difficulties in life.
- planning for training in the Autumn.
- enough volunteers to mount additional patrols in Hawick.

Ettrick and Yarrow

Interim Moderator Rev. Elspeth Harley

Please continue to pray for the ongoing discussions about the future of the church.

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

Rev. Dr. David Donaldson;

Please pray for GOD'S wisdom and guidance, so that we may be able to make the right decisions regarding the future of the Church.

CHAPLAINCIES

Grace and Truth came by JESUS CHRIST. John 1 v 17.

Hospital Chaplaincy - The Borders General Hospital;

Rev. Michael Scouler

Please pray for the NHS, in that it is not as well resourced as some folk would like it to be, particularly regarding the Staff, and the resulting pressure all around.

Re. the Chaplaincy, please pray for strength, for calm and for the right words to say at the right time.

Scottish Borders Council

Please continue to pray for Joanne Smith and her Chaplaincy work with the Council.

Bowden and Melrose

Rev. Rosemary Frew

Give thanks for the opportunities to welcome visitors over the Summer months as they visit the Book Festival, the Melrose Festival or come to walk the St. Cuthbert's Way. Pray that they will enjoy the buzz of Melrose and the peace of Bowden.

Give thanks for the last session of Messy Church and for the enthusiasm of the Team and the families who attend. Please pray for our end of year picnic.

Pray for our Team as they start planning for 2019/2020.

Give thanks for new Kirk Session Committees and the reinstatement of District Elders.

Pray for a building up of good relationships and a sharing of good ideas.

Stow St.Mary of Wedale and Heriot

Rev. Victoria Linford

Please pray for our members and friends who are unwell at home, or who are in hospital or in a Care Home.

Pray that GOD would guide us in how to use our 'Mission Films' and that they would be well received and help others to know JESUS more.

(we have been making a series of short films interviewing members of the church about their Christian faith. It has been great to involve many people from the congregation, including Junior Church.)

For the Presbytery

Clerk Rev Victoria Linford

Give thanks for the service given by retiring members of Presbytery and ask for GOD'S Blessing upon new members.

Pray for GOD'S continuing guidance as Presbytery Planning becomes more real in practice.

Pray for our Worship Leaders Course being planned for later this year, for the organisers, tutors, assessors and participants.

Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn;

Interim Moderator Rev. Miller Milloy

As we move towards the season of single morning services, please pray that all members of the congregations will experience a fresh sense of 'Oneness in The LORD ' as we worship as one people throughout the Summer.

Pray for the families and children attending the early morning Breakfast Services and for those involved in leading.

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

Interim Minister Rev. Stuart McPherson

Please give thanks for the good signs of progress in the Charge. Please pray for the continuing Interim Ministry phase and for the ongoing work still needing to be done.

AUGUST

'GOD chose you... because of your adherence to, trust in and reliance on the truth.' 2 Thes. 2 v 13.

Ashkirk I/w Selkirk

Rev. Margaret Steele

Please give thanks for the ways in which members work together on different projects, supporting each other's ventures as each church reaches out into its respective community. Please pray for the continuing discussions on how to be the Church in the 21st century.

Earlston

Rev. Julie Rennick

Please pray for all congregations within the Earlston cluster area as we continue our discussions and look forward to new ways of working together.

Please also pray for the Refugee School in Tripoli, Lebanon, experiencing severe financial shortages and threatened with closures. Pray that they may be able to secure new sponsorship in order to continue their vital ministry.

Caddonfoot I/w Galashiels Trinity

Rev. Elspeth Harley

Trinity

Please pray for the continued success of 'Heart for Art ', providing Art Therapy for people with dementia in Trinity church. Pray for those who open up the church at lunchtime for silent prayer and meditation.

Caddonfoot

Pray for the children and the young people in the parish.