



# Longniddry Church

## PRAYER DIARY

### January 2021

1 As we move into the New Year help us leave the troubles of the past behind and look forward in faith and love to the times ahead.

2 We pray for those who have lost loved ones, that they will feel your loving presence enfolding them and receive love and support from those around.

3 We pray for those who have lost their jobs, perhaps feeling of little value as a consequence and struggling to make ends meet.

4 Thank you, Lord, for all those who are working so hard in the health and caring professions during this difficult time of the pandemic.

5 So many are suffering from the effects of climate change – fires, floods and drought. Please help those in charge to make wise decisions to alleviate the causes.

6 On this Epiphany may we, like shepherds and Eastern visitors look on in wonder at the gift of the baby bringing grace and truth into a troubled world.

7 May those who feel lonely and isolated be comforted by your loving presence.

8 Loving God, even when you seem most absent, you are ever present; most silent, you are ever speaking; most distant, you are never closer.

9 Help us, Lord, as we are contained by the need to protect ourselves and others that we will find new ways of expressing our creativity and need to communicate with those around us.

10 We give thanks to those who supply shopping and meals to those in difficult circumstances who are dependent on the essentials they provide.

11 Thank you for the pleasure and joy we receive from music and the arts. We pray for so many who are without work in those sectors.

12 Thank you for musicians and others who have contributed to the weekly Zoom services and additional virtual and real church events.

13 Help us, Lord, to use resources wisely, both as individuals and as a society.

14 God of mystery and gift, by grace and truth in Jesus, you surprise, teach, refresh and reshape us.

15 In the midst of trouble and uncertainty we meet the reality of your love and grace.

16 Thank you, Lord, for those who help the homeless find food and shelter.

17 We pray for all those struggling with lack of shelter, food, heating or meaning in their lives: may they be blessed by your presence and provision through the love and care of generous folk.

18 We pray for our world and for those who lead the nations – that they will work together to tackle the global Covid-19 pandemic in all countries – large or small, rich or poor, East or West.

19 Thank you for the creative work of scientists who have produced vaccines to protect us against the virus.

20 Thank you for the skill and caring of all those involved in vaccinating the population – nurses, GPs, receptionists, hospital staff, logistics experts and so many behind the scenes who are critical links in the chain.

21 Dear Lord, be with us all in our struggles and help us find cooperative, caring and constructive ways forward.

22 We pray for all veterans who have served our country will have homes and suitable financial support when they return from active service.

23 When the storms of life are raging, stand by me: Lord who rules the wind and water, stand by me.

24 Let your face shine upon us and give us peace.

25 Dear Lord, please help the human race find ways to give dignity, justice and freedom to so many suffering modern day slavery and human trafficking.

26 We pray for those suffering from Covid-19, those with Long Covid and all with chronic illness that they may receive the help and support that they need.

27 Thank you for the wonders of Nature, new snowdrop life, busy squirrels, chirping birds and the beautiful surroundings of our village and county.

28 When I lose my way, you seek me out and bring me back.

29 Living God, you watch over us in our waking and our sleeping. Help us spread your nourishing, refreshing faith as we live out our lives.

30 Thank you, Lord, for your constant love and faithfulness. Let the light of faith shine in my heart.

31 God of love and good provision, keep us growing in you: dispel our fears, strengthen our trust and refresh us for the journey that lies ahead.