



# Longniddry Church

## PRAYER DIARY

**April 2021**

1 Maundy Thursday. As we remember the Last Supper and prepare for Easter, we pray for all who cannot meet in person either due to restrictions or dangers in other parts of the world.

2 On Good Friday we understand the grief of those close to Christ who watched the agony of his death and felt all was lost.

3 Heavenly Father, thank you for your guidance on our Lenten journey as we travel towards Easter. May we commit as much as possible towards our Jars of Grace which this year is towards Chromebooks for pupils who do not have internet access for their studies.

4 He is risen! We rejoice in the message of Easter Day which changed the world and give thanks for all who have helped with jars of grace in order to fund Chromebooks or followed the Christian path of helping others in so many different ways during the pandemic.

5 On Easter Monday we pray that people will have as enjoyable a time with family and friends as relaxing of restrictions allow. Thank you for these joyful reunions whenever they take place.

6 We give thanks for books which have been so important for us at this time to help with mental health. May they keep us positive for the future.

7 We ask for inner strength for those dealing with addiction and for family, friends and agencies who do their best to help them.

8 We pray for courage and vision for people to find new ways to work. We ask for wisdom and compassion from those in government.

9 We remember all bereaved persons and their families. We pray for all who help support them – organisations like Marie Curie and Cruse.

10 'Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well.... Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ Abiding, All must be well.'

11 Thank you for the progress made by WaterAid, meaning that 9 out of 10 people in your world have clean water to drink.

12 We give thanks for the coming of Spring sunshine, blossom and new life.

13 Lord, you are in every part of our conflicted and unjust World. Help us to share knowledge and medicine to lead us through this pandemic.

14 We pray for those suffering physical or emotional abuse that they will find help and protection.

15 Thank you for all the volunteers and agencies who help give support and refuge to those being harmed and exploited by others.

16 Young people have had a tough time dealing with so many changes and restrictions in their lives. We pray for them and for those making decisions that they will receive the help they need in the longer term.

17 Thank you for the blessing of the promise of the risen Christ – to always be there for us.

18 Help us to recognise our own giftings and teach us to help others in our own way.

19 Bless us with faith when we find life difficult or uncertain.

20 For those struggling with loneliness, depression or mental illness we ask that they receive love, comfort and presence from caring people and sensing the presence of God's love.

21 We pray for the Queen who celebrates her ninety-fifth birthday today and give thanks for her dedicated service to our country over her long life.

22 On Earth Day we pray for people across the world to pull together to protect this beautiful, bountiful and precious planet on which we live and for which we give much thanks.

23 We pray that our church community will be welcoming and hospitable, bringing light and compassion to others.

24 So many are anxious and afraid of the future: may they find comfort in the loving presence of God.

25 Thank you for the gift of music and singing which enrich our worship and discipleship so much.

26 We give thanks for all farmers who plant seeds to grow our food.

27 Please bless all who feel lonely or isolated. Teach us to be friendly to all we meet in our daily lives. Thank you for the work of Crossreach with the lonely and isolated, training counsellors to give support.

28 We pray for those struggling financially that they can find peace of mind and the resources they need.

29 Thank you for all the volunteers who have prepared and delivered food to those living in isolation.

30 'Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.' Help us trust in your presence with us every day. We ask that 'strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow' will be ours.