



Longniddry Church

PRAYER DIARY

May 2021

1 “Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain. Love has come again like wheat that springeth green.”

2 We give thanks for the life of HRH Duke of Edinburgh. We pray for the Queen and her family and remember all who are grieving the loss of loved ones, So many young people benefit from the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme.

3 Bless all healthcare workers as they work so hard across the globe to protect us from the ravages of Covid-19.

4 Thank you, Lord, for all your goodness and for the promise of hope in times of difficulty and darkness.

5 Scottish parliamentary elections. We ask for wisdom to guide all who stand for election.

6 We pray for family members of elderly or disabled and give thanks for increasing visiting to loved ones in care homes.

7 Thanks you for the technical skills shared by some of our members so that Zoom and other online worship services can be shared between Gladsmuir and Longniddry.

8 We pray for all in healthcare and caring professions as they give of themselves to save lives and help in rehabilitation.

9 We pray for the continued values of freedom, equality and peace to spread across the World as we face a common devastating disease.

10 Thank you. Looking back at the Jars of Grace Lenten Campaign, we are proud to have raised enough money for many chrome books for students in our area without access to online learning.

11 We pray for all agencies who look after children in need of homes, protection, food or other help.

12 Lord, we ask your help for India and other countries around the world struggling with the impact of Covid-19.

13 We pray for the work of Christian Aid which usually collects money at this time of year. We remember all charities going through hard times.

14 Christian Aid Week. "EVERY LAST DROP". We pray for all farmers in many countries who suffer from drought, killing their meagre crops. The climate emergency is one of the greatest injustices the world faces.

15 We pray for help for those struggling financially and those hoping to get back to work before too long.

16 We thank you for springtime, we wonder at the beauty all around us, the trees, flowers and the new sown fields.

17 We pray for those coping with illness, disability and mental health problems and their carers – family, friends or professionals.

18 Help us to show true friendship to others, offer support in times of crisis, encouragement in times of fear, comfort in times of sorrow and hope in times of despair.

19 "Dear God, give us the serenity to accept what cannot be changed. Give us the courage to change what should be changed. Give us the wisdom to distinguish one from the other."

20 We give thanks for our gardens to keep us busy and relax in: for open spaces we can walk and exercise in. Thank you for bluebells, birdsong and green-leaved trees.

21 "Bless us, O God, when we are scunnered with the world and others. Enable us to trace the rainbow through the rain, to remember your promises in and for the future."

22 We pray for Moderator Martin Fair who managed the church through such a difficult year. Our prayers go out to the new moderator, Jim Wallace, as he continues this work.

23 During these difficult times, we've relied more than ever on the power of prayer and we give thanks for it.

24 We appreciate being able to get out a bit more. Help us to take care and give grateful thanks for the vaccine.

25 We remember the homeless and vulnerable who have trouble finding a safe place.

26 We give thanks for the power of music to give us joy and lift our spirits in hard times.

28 "Prayer is the soul's desire, unuttered or expressed, the motion of a hidden fire that trembles in the breast. Prayer is the burden of a sigh, the falling of a tear, the upward glancing of an eye when none but God is near."

29 We give thanks for all those who work hard to bring us fresh, clean water and other utilities. We pray for health and safety for all key workers.

30 Please bless all workers and volunteers with our many charities, working hard in difficult times.

31 Keep faith, hope and love in our hearts as we start to meet up with one another as restrictions are lifted.