



# Longniddry Church

## PRAYER DIARY

**July/August 2022**

1 Thank you, Lord, for long summer days, sunshine and showers, for the great outdoors to experience or look out on as we look forward in faith to times ahead.

2 We trust you, Lord, and pray for guidance for ourselves and our leaders as we hope to ease out of the worst effects of the Covid pandemic.

3 In these difficult times we pray for the poorest in our society, the marginalised, refugees and asylum seekers.

4 “But those who wait for the Lord will renew their strength, they will run and not be weary, they will walk and not faint.”

5 We pray for long-term carers of family members or friends that they will be given the strength and support they need at this demanding time.

6 We remember pupils at exam stage. We hope they will not be badly affected by school closures and that their work will receive a fair assessment.

7 Today we pray for all who are back at work and for those who have been shielding for a long time during lockdown.

8 Help us look forward in faith and trust, love and compassion, following Christ’s way and example.

9 We give thanks for the small miracles that happen every day, all around us. Lord, we pray for the stillness we need to see them and appreciate them.

10 ‘Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine with ten thousand beside’.

11 We pray for further commitment to the environment. We think of clean energy, tackling pollution and caring for our world.

12 On this day let’s pray for peace: we ask for peace for our World, for Europe, for our country, for our family, for us.

13 Thanks for the community support at the Christian Aid plant sale and for the donations raised towards the “every last drop” campaign about water shortages throughout the World.

14 Thank you for the many gifts and blessings we receive on a daily basis.

15 As we pray for accelerated vaccine rollouts in the poorest countries we hope for a more equitable distribution of vaccines globally.

16 We pray a blessing on all who are sick, sad, lonely or in need. Despite the storms of life, give them hope for the future.

17 May those who are recently bereaved be comforted and may they receive the love, comfort and support they need.

18 As Covid restrictions are slowly lifted, pray that people will continue to take measures to protect themselves and others from infection.

19 For those with mental health challenges who feel isolated, anxious and helpless, pray that they will find support.

20 We give thanks for all our pets as they help us through the anxieties of the pandemic. Nature and the natural world around us helps us feel more positive.

21 We give thanks for the outpouring of love, kindness, generosity and support of so many people of different faiths and none during recent demanding times.

22 We thank you that the truce between Israel and Palestine is holding: we pray this may lead to permanent peace and justice in the area.

23 We ask your blessing on all taking part in the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham.

24 We pray for help for those made redundant or on greatly reduced incomes who are struggling to make ends meet.

25 Please let us have ears to hear what God is saying to us in our lives and the wisdom to follow through on what we hear.

26 Through sunshine, rain or cloud, let us be guided by the light of eternity.

27 Dear lord, we ask for wisdom, guidance and co-operation among world leaders in the days ahead as we face such difficult challenges.

28 We pray for teachers, civil servants and politicians working towards a new education system for Scotland.

29 We give thanks for measures taken through during the pandemic to reduce the number of people living on the street. Councils and volunteers are working together to help the homeless.

30 God of adventure, lead me in your ways of discovery, making the complex simple as I journey with you.

31 Thank you, Lord, for our many blessings and for hope and faith in the times ahead.