Longniddry Church

PRAYER DIARY

February 2023

1 We give thanks for the constant cycles of nature, encouraging us with new life in colourful flowers and opening buds.

2 At Candlemas we may light a candle and pray to move forward in hope with the promise of Jesus Christ as light of the World.

3 “For though my faith is not your faith and your faith is not my faith, if we are each free to light our own flame, together we can banish some of the darkness in the World.” Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks.

4 Remember all the unpaid carers around. Pray for them as they make sacrifices to care for others.

5 “Help us to become closer to Him and to learn the lesson of the Cross. May we carry our daily crosses and burdens without complaint”. Prayer of St Andrew.

6 In sunshine, rain or cloud, let us be guided by the light that eternally breaks through.

7 “Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way” Help us to keep positive and find hope in the future.

8 For those who have lost a loved one, we ask for the comfort of family, friends and your loving presence.

9 We pray for all those struggling to pay for food and heating that they will be guided to people and places of care and resource.

10 Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you, make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do. Let me watch you Jesus, till I’m gentle too till my hands are kind hands quick to work for you.

11 We pray for all who have suffered the effects of natural disasters – volcanoes, tsunamis, storms, landslides, floods etc. – here and abroad and pray they receive the help and comfort they need.

12 On Racial Justice Day, we pray for action to improve race relations, respecting all with dignity.

13 Almighty God, in you we find safety and peace. We pray that others will find comfort in your loving presence.

14 We pray for healing of the discord in our nation and that all workers will receive a just wage for the work they do and keep their families out of poverty.

15 We give thanks for the joy of laughter, children, pets and natural surroundings.

16 Thank you for the beauty of God's creation. May all those involved in making environmental decisions seek God's wisdom on how to protect the World from climate change.

17 Dear Lord, we pray for peace to replace the agonies of war and threats of war. So many suffer great loss – of loved ones, a familiar way of life, food and water, essential shelter and employment.

18 We pray for wisdom, courage and constructive dialogue among world leaders to help resolve our many human problems.

19 On Poverty Sunday the church is asked to 'give, act and pray' about poverty at this time.

20 We pray for the lonely and isolated that they will be comforted by the everlasting presence of God's love and receive the gift of human care.

21 We pray for those struggling with mental illness, that they will receive the help they need and find hope in the promise of your loving presence in their lives.

22 At the start of Lent, remember the spiritual preparation for Easter and the importance of prayer.

22 For those NHS, Social Work and other front-line workers who have given so much of themselves, we give our thanks and pray that they will receive the support, comfort and renewal that they need.

23 We pray that refugees will have wisdom and strength and find new opportunities.

24 On the first anniversary of the start of the Russian war on Ukraine we pray for the suffering people there and for their brave defenders. We pray that a just peace will come to prevent further suffering in the region.

25 'Do not be anxious about anything but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.' Philippians

26 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

27 At the start of Fairtrade Fortnight, remember all those involved in trying to improve the lives of growers around the world.

28 Whatever today may bring, the future is bright for those who abide in God's Love.