Longniddry Church

PRAYER DIARY

April 2023

1 40 days and 40 nights, you were fasting in the wild: 40 days and 40 nights, tempted and yet undefiled.

2 Palm Sunday. 'Fools! For I also had my hour, one far fierce hour and sweet: There was a shout about my ears and palms before my feet' (Donkey)

3 We pray for all those struggling financially as the cost of living rises and especially for those forced to choose between eating and heating.

4 Thank you for all the wonderful volunteers and generous business people who provide food and other essentials to those in need.

5 Dear Lord, as we approach Easter we give thanks for our faith and for those who have passed it down over the generations.

6 Maundy Thursday. As we remember the Last Supper and prepare for Easter, we remember Jesus willingness to wash his disciples' feet and be a servant to all.

7 Good Friday. We remember how Jesus suffered. We pray for those across the World who suffer for their faith and offer themselves to give hope and comfort to others.

8 We pray for strength and hope for the future when we go through difficult times and are down-hearted.

9 Easter Sunday. He is risen! We rejoice in the message of Easter day which changed the world and pray for love and peace to triumph over hate and war.

10 Easter Monday. We give thanks for the many family reunions at this time of year and for the joy these bring.

11 We pray for those producing, transporting and selling food as they cope with so many increased costs and other pressures.

12 Thank you for the precious gift of community with like-minded folk.

13 Father, hear the prayer we offer Not for ease that prayer shall be But for strength that we may ever Live our lives courageously. Hymn 255

14 Lord, protect with your love those who have no home and all who live in poverty.

15 We pray for all refugees looking for safety from aggression. Let countries show hospitality to those in need.

16 We give thanks for the renewal of spring, new beginnings and promise for the future.

17 We pray for all those struggling with the cost of living crisis and pray that we can come together to help them meet their needs.

18" Be joyful, keep the faith, do the little things that you have heard and seen me do." St David

19 We pray for those separated by circumstances from those they love and especially those who have lost family or friends.

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

21 On Queen Elizabeth's birth date, we remember her service to our country. We pray for the king after the Moderator of the Church of Scotland delivered a loyal address before the coronation.

22 We remember all bereaved persons and their families and pray for all who help support them.

23 Lord, Jesus Christ, you have done so much for us – more than we deserve, more than we can list, more than we can comprehend. Church of Scotland. Message for today.

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

25 A prayer for peace. Lord, Jesus Christ, you are the true King of peace, in you alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let your glorious peace reign in every heart. Church of Scotland Young Adults Guild

26 Lord, you are in every part of our conflicted and unjust World. Help us to share knowledge and medicine to help protect health worldwide: wisdom and strength to bring peace and justice to all nations.

27 Lord, we pray for the Sailor's Society and their chaplains who work to help sailors all over the world. We are sorry that their ministries are to be online rather than by personal contact, because of shortage of funds. We especially pray for our friend, Pauline, and thanks her for all the sailors she has helped in Scottish ports.

28 "The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of love is silence. The fruit of service is peace." Mother Teresa Amen

29 '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.

30 We remember the people of South Sudan as the Moderator joins a sponsored walk to raise money to help the humanitarian crisis.