

# February 2023

## MONTH OF PRAYER

In the last three months of 2022, we had a Month of Prayer (Oct), Month of Invitation (Nov) and Month of Celebration (Dec). We have had January 2023 to recover, but the Kirk Session has felt it is important to continue that pattern in 2023. We have also added in months of *growth* (when we might do a discipleship course like Alpha / encourage people into Lifegroups) and months of *recreation* (when we may do more social events for fellowship such as walks, ceilidhs and more). The pattern for this year will be:

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***January - Month of Recovery***

***February - Month of Prayer***

***March - Month of Invitation***

***April - Month of Celebration (Easter)***

***May - Month of Growth***

***June - Month of Recreation***

***July - Month of Recreation***

***August - Month of Prayer***

***September - Month of Invitation***

***October - Month of Celebration (Dedication / Harvest)***

***November - Month of Growth***

***December - Month of Celebration (Christmas)***

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During the month of February, our focus will be prayer. We will be continuing to pray for the church in West Kilbride, locally and nationally as we did in October 2022. Please use this time to pray individually and corporately. This prayer booklet is offered to you as a way to help you pray through this month.

There will also be:

- *A prayer tree for people to add their prayers for the church.*
- *On Friday mornings, the church will be open from 11am until 12 noon for people to come into the church for private prayer.*
- *A weekly video online to encourage us to pray.*

We also encourage you to come to our regular prayer meetings on a Tuesday morning (9.30am) and Wednesday Evening (7pm) if you can. As we did in October, we may also want to use this time to pray for two people that we could invite to a service or activity in the church in March or to celebrate Easter in April. There is space for their names on the back of this booklet.

## **1st February**

As we begin this Month of Prayer, it is good for us to be still before the Lord. Spend some time in quiet, confess your sins to him and give thanks for his love in the Lord Jesus.

## **2nd February**

Pray for the church in West Kilbride. Give thanks for God's faithfulness in the past and pray for vision for the year ahead.

## **3rd February**

Pray for our community and especially those who are struggling. Pray for the Warm Hub on today and that this would reach those who need it most.

## **4th February**

Messy Church is happening today! Pray for all families as they come along. Pray that we would have vision as to how to disciple the families we have contact with that they might grow in their faith.

## **5th February**

Today is Sunday. Pray for our service today and all who are taking part. Pray that as God's Word is proclaimed, that it would not return void. Pray for our Evening Service.

## **6th February**

Pray for those who are struggling with bereavement. Remember the Bereavement Support Group as it meets today. Pray that it would be helpful to all who come along.

## **7th February**

Pray for our neighbouring churches. Remember Ardrossan Park and their Interim Moderator, Rev. Alan Ward. Pray for God's blessing on them.

## **8th February**

Pray for those under 50 years of age that often the church struggles to reach out to. Pray that unlike the rich young man, that they would desire to follow Jesus no matter the cost.

## **9th February**

Pray for our young people. Give thanks for Adventure Kids and those who come along. Pray for the Boys' Brigade (meeting tonight and tomorrow) and also the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides who meet in our building.

## **10th February**

Remember our world. Continue to pray for the Ukraine with the war continuing there. Pray for peace and remember all those affected including those who are now living in our community. May they know a warm welcome!

## **11th February**

Pray for your neighbours that you have contact with. Pray for opportunities to speak to your neighbours about faith.

## **12th February**

Today is Sunday. Remember everything happening in our service today. Pray for any visitors that come to worship today that they would feel welcome and would be blessed and know the presence of God.

## **13th February**

Pray for a spiritual awakening among our church family that there might be a hungering and thirsting after God.

## **14th February**

Give thanks that God is a God of love. Pray that we might be people of love and that as a fellowship we might love each other and our community.

## **15th February**

Pray for all the organisations which meet in our buildings - Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, dance classes, Community Choir, Village Band and more. Pray for God's blessing on them.

## **16th February**

Pray that people in our community would hear the good news about Jesus and receive Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

## **17th February**

Pray for the work of the Boys' Brigade and all the sections: Anchor Boys, Junior Section and Company Section. Give thanks for all the boys and their leaders.

## **18th February**

Pray for our neighbouring churches. Remember Saltcoats St. Cuthbert's and their minister, Rev. Sarah Nicol.

## **19th February**

Today is Sunday. Give thanks that we can meet together in safety. Pray for all who join in worship today. Pray for the church around the world - and particularly where Christians are persecuted for their faith.

## **20th February**

Pray for the Church of Scotland as it struggles with structural change. Pray that during this time, eyes would be fixed upon Christ.

## **21st February**

Remember our church prayer meetings on a Tuesday morning and Wednesday Evening. Why not come along? Pray for more people to be involved in our prayer meetings!

## **22nd February**

Pray for our local schools - West Kilbride Primary and the local Secondary Schools. Pray for the safety of the young people. Pray for chaplains and SU Groups.

## **23rd February**

Pray for our neighbouring churches. Remember Ardrossan and Saltcoats Kirkgate and their minister, Rev. Nigel Chikanya.

## **24th February**

Continue to pray for families who have a connection with the church. In the midst of the busyness of life, pray that they would have time to spend thinking about their spiritual life and eternal things.

## **25th February**

Pray for the lost and the lonely in our community. Pray that they would know the love of Christ - the one who sticks closer than a brother.

## **26th February**

Today is Sunday. Remember to pray for your two people! Pray for our services today. Remember our young people at Adventure Kids.

## **27th February**

Pray for our neighbouring churches. Remember Saltcoats North and their Interim Moderator, Rev. Martin Thomson.

## **28th February**

Give thanks for the last month of prayer. Pray that God would hear our prayers and answer them according to His will and to His glory.

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*During our Month of Prayer, you may want to pray for two people that you could invite during our Month of Invitation in March. This could be family members, neighbours or friends. Put their names down below, and remember to pray for them throughout this month.*

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*'If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.'*

2 Chronicles 7:14