

### 20 February

There are so many methods of communication today and a need for it to be effective. We pray for our Communication Team in all they do to inform the congregation.

### 21 February

Brexit? Wherever we are now in this process, we pray that a way towards compromise and agreement has been found and that all are trying to work together to find that which is best for the whole country.

### 22 February

We give thanks for the work of Guiding as they celebrate Thinking Day today, and in their special service on Sunday.

### 23 February

Concern about how changes to the Benefits System are working, the need for Food banks and lack of housing are all having serious effects on communities. We give thanks for those in our community who give their time to help.

### Sunday 24 February

Today we welcome a speaker from Compassion UK, a Christian children's charity which gives children the opportunity to escape the suffering and fear poverty brings. We pray for this valuable work.

### 25 February

For your personal prayer.

### 26 February

The Kirk Session Fellowship Team do an immense work in bringing the community

into the Church and providing hospitality in all sorts of situations. We give thanks for their energy and willingness.

### 27 February

The next issue of Crosswind is in preparation now. We pray for the team which makes it happen, those who provide its content and for those who read it that all may be inspired and challenged in the service of Christ in Linlithgow.

### 28 February

Please pray for parents trying to bring up their children to the best of their ability in a complex world full of opportunities but also dangers, and for all the organisations who try to provide advice and support to those in need.



**It would be good if as many as possible could pray together at either 10:00 or 22:00 wherever you are.**

Two members of the Sunday Prayer Team are also available for 15 minutes in the Kirk after the Sunday services to pray in confidence with anyone who has a personal need for prayer.

#### **St Michael's Mission:**

***Knowing Christ better; Serving Him together;  
Making Him known to others***

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## **St Michael's Parish Church, Linlithgow**

### **Prayers For February 2019**

#### **1 February**

As 2019 settles in we pray that despite the prospect of turmoil and uncertainty in the world, we may not lose the joy of Christmas, but look forward with hope, knowing the Lord is with us.

#### **2 February**

Pray for Messy Church today that families may come and be blessed by learning about the incredible love of Jesus. Today too we remember the hospital in Chogoria, and pray for the staff, patients and all involved in the work there which can involve difficult challenges and choices.

#### **Sunday 3 February**

Tomorrow, the Rt. Rev. Susan Brown, Moderator of the General Assembly, visits the Guild. At this time of change for the whole Church of Scotland we pray for a lively discussion and sharing of hope for the future.

#### **4 February**

On Cancer Day, we pray for all who are affected by cancer, whether as a patient or family member, for those who care for them and giving thanks for all who work to find new treatments.

#### **5 February**

We give thanks that we have approval to set in motion the procedures to appoint a new Minister and pray for the Kirk Session as they do this.

#### **6 February**

Our prayer is so important, be it as a Church, a group or an individual. Please use today to pray for that which concerns you most or for which you are most thankful.

#### **7 February**

We pray for wisdom in the current review of the roles of leading and visiting in St Michael's, how we may better use the gifts, skills and commitment of members, and how this may develop in future.

#### **8 February**

It is hard to pray for political leaders with whom we disagree, whether because of their policies, or their aggression or behaviour. Help us to remember that all leaders carry heavy burdens and pray for wisdom for them.

#### **9 February**

Many charities have benefitted as people have bought Christmas cards and alternative gifts to assist their work. We remember especially CrossReach and

Embrace the Middle East who received our Christmas retiring offerings for which they were very grateful.

#### **Sunday 10 February**

"Surely the Lord is in this place". "This is none other than the house of God, this is the gate of heaven". We pray that this may be the experience of all who enter St Michael's.

#### **11 February**

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me."

#### **12 February**

The Kirk Session continues to discuss major issues of our property and the related challenges that brings for the Property, Business and Finance Teams. We pray for wisdom as the implications for the Church, community and our wider responsibilities are concerned.

#### **13 February**

The UK has always been known as a country which cares for those in danger, but recent events have called that in question. We pray that we may never reject those who desperately need our help.

#### **14 February**

In times of uncertainty or pain even those who do not have a faith of any kind can find an inner voice of longing, and of hope. We pray that they may realise that this is God whispering to them.

#### **15 February**

The Pastoral Care Team meets today. Please pray for them as they support and guide the work of the Pastoral Visitors, the Bereavement Support Group, the Prayer Ministry and the other pastoral concerns of the congregation.

#### **16 February**

We give thanks for all who volunteer their time and energy in our community to help others and today we pray for Linlithgow Grange Rotary Club as they raise funds for local, national and international charities, especially the "End Polio Now" campaign.

#### **Sunday 17 February**

We pray for the team who lead worship at Springfield and for all who attend. May we all feel part of one Church family, and together bring light and hope to the whole of the Parish of St Michael's.

#### **18 February**

We pray for Trish Archibald as she leads all the work with our children and young people, seeking to help them to understand just how much they are loved by God and prepare them for life in a complex world.

#### **19 February**

We pray that the necessary procedures have been completed to enable the Kirk Session to call a special Congregational Meeting to elect a Nominating Committee of 13 members. Pray for wisdom in proposing those to be elected to serve.