

22 January

Our District Elders have a vital role in our Church and Community of bringing both together in the service of Christ. We pray for them as they visit that they may speak of Christ with courage and clarity.

23 January

Give thanks for the World Mission Council's Peace and Reconciliation training programme in South Sudan on mediation and trauma healing.

24 January

We pray that as a Church we may speak in a language the community can understand.

25 January

As Burns said: "O wad some Pow'r the giftie gie us To see oursels as others see us! It wad frae many a blunder free us, And foolish notion."

26 January

Tomorrow is the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the victims of the Holocaust. As we remember, pray for forgiveness and a change of heart for all who continue to inflict untold horrors on their fellow human beings.

Sunday 27 January

Today, around the Communion table, we pray for forgiveness for ourselves, healing for those who feel wounded in any way, and a willingness to come together in love as God's people, His body, here in Linlithgow.

28 January

We pray for Christians in countries such as Pakistan whose lives are in constant threat

from religious extremists and we pray for their safety.

29 January

"What is really needed is a transformation so far reaching that the church of tomorrow may bear little resemblance to the church of recent generations.....Only a faith which speaks to the deepest needs of human life will be transformative for both individuals and their communities." Pray for open minds and hearts to hear this message.

30 January

For our personal prayer as we go forward in faith.

31 January

We give thanks for our beautiful building which some see as a burden, but where many find peace and renewal in sitting quietly there. May we cherish it as they do as a place of prayer, worship and peace.



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.

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Prayers For January 2019

1 January 2019

God of new beginnings, give us eyes to see your gifts, hearts to embrace all creation, and hands to serve you at the beginning of this New Year and every day of our lives.

2 January

For your personal prayer at the start of this New Year.

3 January

"Be tolerant of one another and forgive one another.... You must forgive one another as the Lord has forgiven you. And to all these qualities add love, which binds all things together in perfect unity." This is our prayer.

4 January

However Brexit is progressing, or not, we pray for calm hearts and minds to have the peace and welfare of our country and its people, and also of Europe with whom we share so much, at the centre of whatever debate is happening today.

5 January

We often bemoan the many “problems” in our society and the western world, but they are as nothing compared to the suffering of those in the Yemen, South Sudan and other countries. May we all, as individuals and citizens learn to focus on how to change the lives of the weakest and promote peace before our own prosperity.

Sunday 6 January

On this first Sunday of the New Year, we have much to pray for – the future of St Michael’s, of our community in a time of significant council budget cuts, and of our country in all its uncertainty. May we remember that God in his love never changes.

7 January

We have much to give thanks for. In the dark days of January, we pray that we may remember to be grateful.

8 January

We pray for our Social Justice Team whose responsibility is to inform us about issues of social justice both locally and nationally, of which there are many. May we never be so concerned about our own lives that we forget those in all sorts of need around us.

9 January

Could we be papering over peoples’ pain and suffering, be it in anything from personal to international relationships by trying to “keep the peace”? We pray for wisdom as we think about this.

10 January

We pray for all who are unwell, awaiting

diagnosis or receiving treatment just now, especially those who find it hard to share how they feel. We pray for sensitivity for those around them

11 January

This weekend, a conference will take place on “Re-Imagining the Church” challenging us all to reflect on a change in mindset in the Church, moving from central based leadership to local, inviting the Church to return to its core calling to **Follow Jesus**. Please pray for out-of-the-box thinking and prayer.

12 January

All our personal prayers are so important as we go through this time of change. May we use them well.

Sunday 13 January

Today in St Michael’s our whole Church family, led by the Right Rev. John Christie, will rededicate ourselves to the service of Christ our Lord here in Linlithgow, praying for forgiveness for past divisions, and a renewed peace, love and reconciliation for us all as we move forward into the future in hope.

14 January

Jesus said; “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.”

15 January

While our Kirk Session has to focus on the immediate future of St Michael’s, we pray for those in the wider Church of Scotland responsible for reviewing the governance structures of the Church to make them

“lean and fit for purpose to lead reform and also to support the mission of the local Church”.

16 January

We give thanks for all who volunteer their time, energies and skills for the benefit of others.

17 January

Winter can be hard for those living on their own. We pray for good friends and neighbours who look out for them.

18 January

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is celebrated between 18-25 January. The theme for 2019, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue ..." is inspired by Deuteronomy 16:18-20. We ask a blessing on Rev Colin Johnson as he leads the Linlithgow Churches service on Sunday.

19 January

We pray that as a Church, we may be open and welcoming to those who are “different” in any way so that they may be able to feel that they are part of our Church family at all times.

Sunday 20 January, Souper Sunday

Sunday is an opportunity to remember and pray for all who have suffered from AIDS and similar diseases, that they may find support and understanding from those around them.

21 January

“Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.”