

23 March

Many in our community suffer from loneliness, whether they are young or old. We pray that we may be aware and ready to offer our friendship and support.

24 March

Our Church, along with the wider Church of Scotland are considering the Radical Plan for change. We pray that we are prepared to use the many skills and resources we are privileged to enjoy to enable surprising potential and positive change.

25 March

Please pray for the work of CrossReach with children and young people affected by parental alcohol and drug use.

26 March

We have been talking for many years of the need to take care of our beautiful planet and yet today the effects of climate change are reminding us how we have failed. We pray for all to have a willingness to act.

27 March

Our Sunshine Singers not only help with the Sunshine Singalong but also entertain the residents at St Michael's hospital once a month.

28 March

Messy Church is having an Easter party today, thinking about how much Jesus love us, making Easter crafts and having a meal together. Give thanks and pray for the leaders, volunteers and all who attend.

Sunday 29 March, Fifth in Lent

As Easter approaches, we pray that we may see what needs to be rooted out of our lives so that the fruits of the Spirit He has nurtured in us may grow and be worthy of what He has done for us.

30 March

Today, P5 children from all the Linlithgow Primary schools come together with leaders and volunteers from St Michael's and St John's to explore the real meaning of Easter. Please support and pray for this important event.

31 March

Many who live in buildings similar to the Grenfell Tower disaster fear that the same may happen to them because of apparent reluctance of many to accept responsibility for what happened. Please pray for them.



It would be good if as many as possible could pray together at the same time 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 Queen's Aisle after the Sunday services to pray in confidence with anyone who has a personal need for prayer.

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Prayers for March 2020

Sunday 1 March

At the start of Lent we pray we may not be Christians in name only but rather Your cross-bearer, following in Your footsteps that our lives reflect Your image.

2 March

We pray for all who suffered in last month's floods losing so much, sometimes twice in one week. We pray for their recovery and that action for their future protection may be taken.

3 March

Last year the Church of Scotland conducted a survey on how best to manage our church land and buildings. Please pray for our Property Team in their complex work to care for our own Church and buildings.

4 March

The Exploring Prayer group continues to learn and share what prayer is all about and what it means for them and for the Church. They have found that prayer is a dynamic, living and joyful experience in our Church. Give thanks.

5 March

Pray and give thanks for the church groups meeting today – Seedlings, Thursday for coffee, Chapters Book Club, Boys Brigade and the choir.

6 March

The theme from Zimbabwe for today's World Day of Prayer is "Rise! Take your mat and Walk!" We are challenged to see this to be a call to act in love for peace and reconciliation. The question is – will we?

7 March

We pray for all affected by the coronavirus, and that it may have been contained throughout the world.

Sunday 8 March, Second in Lent

For many, their lives revolve only around themselves, not God. We pray that we may remember that God loved us so much that He sent his only Son for us and our salvation.

9 March

There is much concern arising from the misuse of social media. We pray that sensible ways may be found to police it to protect all who use it.

10 March

We pray that creative ways may be found to enable participation by our young people in the life and work of our Church and encourage their ideas for the future.

11 March

We pray for young people in our community with mental health issues, giving thanks for the work of LYPP to help

them, and the opportunity for St Michael's to be involved.

12 March

We know of many either suffering from dementia or caring for a loved one and pray for them, giving thanks for Sunshine Singalong which so many enjoy.

13 March

The World Council of Churches believes that churches are well placed to have contact with people at the grassroots to convince them that climate change is an issue of daily life, affecting especially many of the world's poorest. Please pray.

14 March

Sanctuary in Scotland, a day conference for Churches working with asylum seekers, refugees and migrants takes place in Edinburgh today. Please pray for this work.

Sunday 15 March, Third in Lent

Jesus, our hope, fragile and empty-handed we may be, but we long to understand that you always shed light on the way that leads to God. We pray that we may follow that light.

16 March

Please pray for those who are ill just now that they may be well cared for and be able to enjoy the sign of spring.

17 March

Kirk Session tonight will discuss the planning for our 2030 strategy and how we may reach out into our community. Please pray that we get this right.

18 March

Wednesday Prayers has been taking place for many years, praying for all, both local and visitors, who request prayer for many situations. We give thanks for all past and present who continue so faithfully in this service.

19 March

We continue to pray for all who grieve the death of a loved one, whether recently or long ago. May they remember with love and gratitude all that they have shared and enjoyed together.

20 March

Our Mission Partner, Ken Ross asks for prayer for Malawi during a time of unprecedented political crisis – for integrity of judges, responsibility of politicians, for the people to say "no" to corruption, and for the churches to pray and give moral leadership.

21 March

UN World Water Day is tomorrow, this year reminding us that water and climate change are inextricably linked – too much or too little water, but water! We pray that we may be aware and act to preserve this vital resource.

Sunday 22 March, Mothering Sunday

As our mothers nurtured us as we grew, we pray that God's nurture will draw from us the fruits of the Spirit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness and self-control.