

23 May

A lack of Ministers is a serious concern for Churches of all denominations. We pray for the Ministries Council as they tackle this dilemma for the Church of Scotland.

24 May

There is much concern about the effect of local Council cut-backs which affect many most ill-equipped to cope. We pray about our own Church's responsibility and that of the wider Church that we may not be blind to such need.

25 May

We pray for the young people in our Church in Scotland giving thanks for their enthusiasm and praying for the 2019 Youth Assembly Moderator, Dana McQuater and Hannah Dunlop, the Clerk.

Sunday 26 May

We pray for all who attend the Services at Springfield and for those who lead worship there. We give thanks for their faithful witness to the Springfield community.

27 May

Many groups in our Church continue to serve quietly, week by week – the flower group, the Communion elements team, the Bible reading team and many others. We pray for our awareness, and that they may know our thanks.

28 May

The Pastoral Visitors meet this evening, sharing in Bible Study, and in confidence the types of needs they meet. We give thanks for them and the training they receive to help them in this important work.

29 May

Father God, thank you for calling us to be the change in this world. Thank you for the Holy Spirit which enables us to be all that you call us to be and that You go before us in all that we do.

30 May

Today, some of the second Positive Pathways bereavement group are moving on confident in the support they have received and their ability to cope with their "new normal". We pray for them all, and for the new group which will start soon.

31 May

The Pastoral Care Team meet today to discuss their new initiative of care for the dying, and the support of the District Elders' Teams, as well as their responsibilities for bereavement support, pastoral care and prayer ministries. Please pray for strength and energy for this small group.



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 May 2019

1 May

Many of our young people sit exams this month the results of which will have an important effect on their futures. We pray for confidence and calm for them all.

2 May

Despite the continuing horrors of Cyclone Idai it is now rarely mentioned on news broadcasts, yet the horrors and suffering remain and still places are being discovered which have received no help. Please pray responsibly for this.

3 May

Many of our politicians have faced real dilemmas as they have tried to reconcile their desire to do what is right with party allegiances and electoral arithmetic. We pray for them in this time of confusion and uncertainty for our country.

4 May

"Do we settle for the world as it is, or do we work for the world as it should be?" We pray for all who want to make a real difference for good.

Sunday 5 May

This is Christian Aid week when we have the opportunity not only to give financial help to many important projects, but also to consider our own responsibilities towards the welfare of our world in all its beauty. We pray for a serious response.

6 May

We give thanks for the contacts we have with people with knowledge of problems areas around the world which helps us to be better informed.

7 May

We continue to pray for our vacancy Nominating Committee and that they may soon receive positive responses from applicants to consider.

8 May

Linlithgow Churches Forum is considering its role in how the Churches work together in our community in quietly keeping Christianity in public view. Please pray for how we may help.

9 May

We pray for those who know that death is not far away, that they may be secure in their faith and spend their final days in hope and peace. We pray too for their families, that as they prepare to let their loved one go, they may rejoice in shared memories and love.

10 May

We pray for those who encourage people who have few opportunities and who experience much prejudice to make the most of what they have and become the people they are meant to be.

11 May

The Reed Band which provides our community with great pleasure as they take part in many events has a fund-raising coffee morning in the Kirk Hall. May we show our appreciation by our support.

Sunday 12 May

Over the summer Matt, our Church Organist and Choirmaster will give several concerts entitled "Music @ 3". Pray for Matt in all he does to provide us with inspiring music.

13 May

There are many in our congregation caring patiently for family members with chronic illnesses, such as dementia, Multiple Sclerosis and other illnesses, despite their own tiredness and need of help. Please pray that they may be willing for their own needs to be met.

14 May

The Kirk Session's year is drawing to a close, but much still needs to be done through the summer break in maintaining regular Church life and also considering the updated report on Cross House. Please pray for all the Elders in their various responsibilities.

15 May

Tonight, the Girls' Brigade hold their Parents' Evening display. We give thanks that, with the Boys' Brigade, the GBs have joined with the Guild in the "Walking Together" project which seeks to bridge the gap between generations.

16 May

The Rt. Rev. Susan Brown, out-going Moderator of the General Assembly, encourages all our parishes and people to join in the world-wide prayer movement "Thy

Kingdom Come in 2019 and beyond". May we too discover the riches of prayer.

17 May

Tomorrow, we welcome back the Big Noise Orchestra and Linlithgow Linties Choir, both inspiring groups of young people as they give a concert in the Kirk. We give thanks for those who have inspired and encouraged them.

18 May

General Assembly starts today and we pray for Rev Colin Sinclair who becomes the new Moderator and all the Commissioners who will represent their Churches in the coming debates.

Sunday 19 May

We pray for the Heart and Soul festival taking place in Edinburgh today, that many will be inspired by the work of the Church.

20 May

For our personal prayer during this Assembly week, and for our own and our Church involvement.

21 May

There is much concern about the restructuring of the Church of Scotland to meet the challenges of the 21st Century. We pray for wisdom in the debates this week and a willingness to change for all our Churches.

22 May

We pray for all whom we know who are ill and for those who have left prayers in the Wednesday prayer box, many recently about people with cancer. We remember them all with love.