

23 September

Many in our congregation are concerned about ageing parents. We pray that they find ways to provide support without removing valued independence.

24 September

We pray for clear thinking in our Church, Community and Country as we try to discern the way ahead through all the challenges facing us.

25 September

With so much uncertainty about our country's future we sometimes despair. We pray for all to behave with wisdom and common sense in the coming weeks.

26 September

Bad Girls of the Bible women's study group continues tonight and is open to all in Church and community. Please pray for them as they try to understand what can be learnt from unlikely people.

27 September

Our new Presbytery missionary partner is Rev Ken Ross based in Malawi and supporting several educational institutions throughout Africa. We pray for him, for his work and that he may acquire all the language skills he needs.

28 September

Burgh Beautiful hold their Autumn Fayre coffee morning today in the Kirk Hall. We give thanks for the beauty they provide for the whole community throughout the year and pray for their continued support.

Sunday 29 September

Today, we celebrate our Church's anniversary at Michaelmas, and welcome

the Very Rev Dr Andrew McLellan as our preacher. The Friends of St Michael's who do much to beautify the Church also hold their AGM and we give thanks for them.

30 September

Tomorrow is the start of the month when our country's future may be decided for good or ill. We pray for calm and goodwill for us all.



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 September 2019

Sunday 1 September

Oh God of justice and peace at this time of national uncertainty we pray for the integrity and honesty of all our politicians in all their dealings respecting our country's future and we pray for Her Majesty the Queen that she may give wise guidance if called so to do.

2 September

This month we will welcome Rev Ken MacKay as our new locum and pray that his time here may be greatly blessed.

3 September

Being challenged to change how things have always been done is hard. At this time, when the whole Church of Scotland is considering the call for radical change, we pray that we may approach our response with open hearts and minds and constructive ideas for our continuing service to our community in Christ's name.

4 September

"Syria – eight wounded in car bombing outside church in north-eastern city and woman stoned to death after rape and torture ordeal near Idlib." These are not unusual events affecting Christians in many countries, but so alien to us. Pray for the Lord's protection and comfort for all who suffer in such ways.

5 September

This is Alzheimer's month when we are asked to pray for all who suffer from dementia and memory loss of any kind. We give thanks for our Sunshine Singalong Group which supports those who provide daily care and those who need it.

6 September

This month many community musical events will take place in the Kirk and Kirk Hall. We give thanks for our ability to share our buildings with the community in this way.

7 September

Pedal for Scotland's final run takes place tomorrow. While acknowledging the charity fund-raising they do, we pray for minimal disruption to our community.

Sunday 8 September

"When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?" Oh God, we thank you that you do care.

9 September

The Guild resumes its meetings this evening with the theme "Companions on the Road". Please pray for all who attend, the leadership, and for all the worthwhile projects around the country which are supported by the Guild.

10 September

There are plans to enable discussion of St Michael's "future story" through a series of workshops soon. Please pray for these and how you may be involved.

11 September

Today on the anniversary of 9/11 we remember the horror of that day. We pray for the U.S.A. and pray that justice, peace and lack of discrimination may prevail throughout that country despite recent tragic events.

12 September

For your personal prayer.

13 September

Many young people have great concerns about the threats facing our planet from many directions and for their own future. We pray that their fears may be taken seriously.

14 September

This weekend our Church takes part in Doors Open Days when many visitors will be welcomed into the Church, as are many throughout the year. Pray that all may be blessed with an awareness of the life of worship, music and prayer here.

Sunday 15 September

We give thanks that God's love surrounds and upholds us when life is stormy. We pray that we may each find a time and a place to simply rest in His presence and find peace.

16 September

We are shocked when we hear of suicides, often by young people or farmers, but of other groups as well and deeply regret the circumstances causing them. We pray for courage to use whatever influence we may have to address these situations.

17 September

Kirk Session meetings resume this evening. Please pray for all who will attend, our Interim Moderator, Ministers and Elders as they plan for the coming months and our

20/30 strategy at this time of challenge for the whole Church of Scotland and during our current vacancy.

18 September

Please pray for the Pastoral Care Team meeting later this week in all they do to support the pastoral care of the whole congregation and cope with complex situations.

19 September

This evening, Prospects, our new group which supports adults with learning disabilities, meets in Cross House. We pray for God's blessing on all concerned.

20 September

This evening speakers from Embrace the Middle East will talk of the organisation and of the fund-raising marathons run on their behalf. We pray for this vital work in the troubled Middle East.

21 September

Today is International Day of Peace. In our world when hopes for achieving any kind of peace in the world seem almost impossible, we continue to pray. Especially we remember our friends in Raineih contending with daily threats.

Sunday 22 September

Today in a special service, the new Church Visitors appointed to assist District Elders and the Pastoral Visitors already working with the Pastoral Care Team will be commissioned formally. We pray for them all in the important work they do.