

PRAYER DIARY APRIL 2023

- 1) Pray for JAM, Jesus Acorns and Me as it meets today in Hunsonby community centre, 3-30pm to 4-45pm. May all involved have a great time learning about Jesus and being aware of His presence.
- 2) **Palm Sunday. True and humble King, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and to love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.**
- 3) A service of Praise and Contemplation, Taize 7pm tonight in St Nicholas Lazonby. Pray for Joan and John as they lead this service.
- 4) Julie leads us in a service of Celtic evening prayer, 7pm in All Saints, Renwick. A time to remember we are part of a long history of Christianity in our Mission Community.
- 5) Evening Prayer at 7pm in Langwathby Chapel tonight. Holy Communion 7pm in All Saints Culgaith on Maundy Thursday with Katharine and Bishop Graham, a time to remember Christ's suffering and struggles in the garden of Gethsemane
- 6) **Maundy Thursday. God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for him: may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful.**
- 7) **Good Friday. Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of our sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are through Jesus Christ our Lord. Reflections on the Passion of Christ, 12pm -3pm St Michael's Addingham, and Devotional hour with Michael 2pm in St Oswald's Kirkoswald.**
- 8) **Easter Eve. In the depths of our isolation we cry to you, Lord God: give light in our darkness and bring us out of the prison of our despair: through Jesus Christ our Lord. An Easter Vigil is being led by Fiona and Andrew 8pm in St John's Skirwith. For private meditation read St John's Gospel ch.16-19.**
- 9) **Easter Day. God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.**
- 10) Pray for all the elderly and those who are coming to the end of their earthly lives that they may know the joy of knowing Jesus and hope in the eternal life to come. Remember the Anna Chaplaincy and its work with the elderly.
- 11) Remember in your prayers all those who serve us in the Mission Community, the staff and Lay members of our Christian communities who so readily give of their time. Pray that they may be strengthened and upheld by our prayers.
- 12) Pray for all the fellowship gatherings across the Mission Community that they may be ways to gather in those around us.
- 13) Remember Family Fun this afternoon a time for games and laughter to promote fellowship and friendship.
- 14) Pray for all teachers and school staff as they prepare for the summer term and remember the children who face exams in this term or the move to a new school at the end of the school year.
- 15) The 3rd Sunday evening service at 6-30pm in Kirkoswald Chapel, a time of refreshment, sharing and renewal. Be there in Spirit if not in body and reflect on St John's gospel ch.20 to the end.
- 16) **The Second Sunday of Easter. Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.**

17) If I say, 'Yes I forgive, but I cannot forget,' as though the God, who twice a day washes all the sands on all the shores of the entire world, could not wash such memories from my mind, then I know nothing of Calvary love. Ponder the words of the Lord's Prayer; forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

18) Pray for all those who seek to deepen their faith by sharing in the Food for Thought groups and those seeking confirmation.

19) If I covet any place on earth but the dust at the foot of the Cross, then I know nothing of Calvary love. Let us spend a time in thankfulness of all we have.

20) Remember the Mission community Choir and Ruth its leader, that the joy of music may offer a way to peace and a balm to the soul.

Pray for all who ring our church bells pealing for joy and tolling in grief, they send out their message across the land.

21) Pray with all those who rose early this morning and will pray blessings across our valley and hills.

22) **For St George. God our redeemer, whose Church was strengthened by the blood of your martyr George: so bind us, in life and death, to Christ's sacrifice that our lives, broken and offered with his, may carry his death and proclaim his resurrection in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

23) **The Third Sunday of Easter. Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.**

24) If, when an answer I Did not expect comes to a prayer which I believed I truly meant, I shrink back from it; if the burden my Lord asks me to bear be not the burden of my heart's choice, and I fret inwardly and do not welcome His will, then I know nothing of Calvary love. Reflect on the Methodist Covenant Prayer, 'Put me to doing, put me to suffering, let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you.'

25) **St Mark, Evangelist. Almighty God who enlightened your holy Church through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark: grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of the gospel, may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.**

26) Remember the strangers in our midst who have fled war and persecution. Pray that we may be open to and generous towards all those who are not as ourselves seeking to understand not to be understood.

27) Pray for the families who come to Tbreak after school. Remember all those who plan the activities and dramas and draw alongside the adults and children who attend.

28) As we move towards the celebrations of the Coronation of a new Monarch, let us pray for our Government, both local and national, that they may seek to serve all the diverse peoples in our Country.

29) Pray for the East of Eden Mission Community joint service to be held tomorrow at 11am in Kirkoswald Chapel. May it be well supported as it is our Easter Offering service.

30) **The Fourth Sunday of Easter. Risen Christ, Faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father.**

Thank you to everyone who has assisted me to compile this month's diary, if anyone has material they wish to be included please contact me on my email, dugdaleelizabeth@gmail.com