

INVERNESS PRESBYTERY – MARCH 2017

PRAYER NEWS

Sunday 5th March – Kiltarlity and Kirkhill – Minister: Rev Dr. Jonathan Humphrey

*Pray for the two congregations – Pray for the services week by week and for everyone involved in the service. Pray that we would deeply encounter God together as we sing, pray, and hear His Word. Pray too, that we would not just be hearers of the word, but doers also, that we would be changed more into His likeness, and image of Christ.

*Remember also the **Sunday School and Youth Group**. Pray that the leaders may have encouragement in their work, and good opportunities to speak and teach the young folk about Jesus Christ and how He can be their Saviour, guiding and leading them through their lives.

*Give thanks for all those in the two congregations that they may encourage one another and build each other up in their faith. Pray for those in the congregations who are ill or in hospital, waiting for treatment, or in care. Pray that God will uphold them and their families.

*Pray, that as a Presbytery, we may know the way forward in our ten year planning, seeking God's guidance and wisdom.

Sunday 12th March – Ness Bank – Minister Rev Fiona Smith

*Today, please pray for the Girls' Brigade Highland Division Service at Ness Bank Church. That it may be a joyous occasion, and that parents of girls who may not usually come to church will feel very welcome, and encounter something of Christ's love and be touched by His presence.

*Lent Bible Study - begins today (the 12th) at 6pm, Pray for all those who attend, that they will find a deepening of their faith during this time of Bible Study together. They will explore the Easter Story relating it to being witnesses of hope forgiveness, peace and reconciliation.

*Lent Appeal - Pray for the people who will benefit from this appeal. There are many in our world today who still do not have clean water, and many may have to walk miles, even days, to fetch water that may not even be clean, but still need it urgently! The appeal is for Water Aid and those who are giving up things for lent to raise money, would value your prayers too.

* Holy Week - Pray for the congregation as they open the Church to anyone who would like to come in during Holy Week (Mon 10th to Fri 14th) There will be flowers, art, music, etc. to help visitors to find a space, to stop, and be still and to enable them to open their heart to the Lord. Pray that many people who would not normally find themselves in a church, come and learn something of the Easter story, and their hearts will be touched by God's presence.

19th March - Street Pastors

***Street Pastors** - Please remember to pray for all those involved, and those who they come into contact with. The Street Pastors say, they have some good conversations, and are able to help people. Pray for people who have lost their job, are distressed, anxious, have anger, and are without hope, or are in difficult situations. Pray for God's mercy and wisdom in knowing how to handle all this. Pray for the S.P. that they are kept safe, and encouraged in their work for the Lord.

Patrols will be out:- Thurs. 2nd Daytime-City centre: Fri 3rd Merkinch & City centre: Tues 7th Daytime City centre: Fri 10th Hilton & City centre: Sat 11th City centre.

Sunday 26th March - Inverness Kinmylies - Minister Rev Andrew Barrie

***Please pray for** our Sunday services each week and for everyone involved in the service. Pray that everyone would deeply encounter God together as we sing, pray and hear His word. Pray too, that we might not just hearers of the word, but be doers of the word also, that all would be changed more into the likeness and image of God.

***Fellowship Groups** - Over this term the fellowship groups, which meet twice monthly in homes, are reading through the New Testament using the Community Bible experience. Please pray that they may be enriched and would grow in love and devotion to Christ.

***Children's and Families Project** - A new project, just started for children and families which is a development of the mission work that has been going on in the parish. Give thanks to God for this provision and pray for Anne Gunn the Project worker, that God will help and equip all those involved in the work.

***Acclaim Choir** - Pray for the choir - members made up from different churches across Inverness. Pray especially just now, as they prepare for their next concert at Easter time.

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Campaign - A few ministers/pastors in the Inverness area have been getting together to discuss involvement in the Archbishop's campaign "**Thy Kingdom Come**" which will run from 25th May to 4th June. The idea is to have continual prayer across Inverness over these 10 days, with a city wide ecumenical celebration on the evening of Sunday 4th June. The group are also looking for a central location to establish a prayer room that can be used by everyone, and churches can sign up to fill prayer slots

Some of the churches signed up already are: Kings Fellowship, Kiltarlity & Kirkhill, Christ Church Inverness, the Cathedral, Destiny Church. Further information from Jonathan Humphrey: 01463 831247