

**Tranent Parish Church**  
**Prayer Bulletin – September 2024**

**1<sup>st</sup> This morning we meet to praise our living Heavenly Father and to worship His greatness and power. Please pray that God will help Katherine as she leads our service and that all who attend will grow in their knowledge and love of Jesus. Today we celebrate communion and Christ's victory over the grave. May we all think deeply of the sacrifice of Jesus as we share in the bread and wine.  
Pray for an uplifting Praise Evening in our church this evening.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> For mission workers, in the UK and abroad, the temptation to leave in the face of difficulty can be great. There are many pressures, including tough cultural issues, struggles with complex languages, family issues, insufficient finance and unrealistic expectations. Please pray for perseverance and faithfulness in the face of difficulty.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Open House opens its doors this morning. Please pray for all those involved as they serve the congregation and the wider community. Pray that the love of Jesus might be very evident at the meeting and may all leave with a sense of God's love for them.  
Please pray for the elders in the Kirk Session as they meet tonight. Give thanks for their faith, commitment and wisdom. May they all be filled afresh with the Holy Spirit and know they are loved by God and by the whole congregation. Also may they feel the Holy Spirit's presence in all their meetings and be led by it to make the right decisions for our church.**

**4<sup>th</sup> The Pool Group meets this morning and give thanks for those who organise this time to socialise and enjoy friendly competition.  
Pray that Christians in Eritrea who are unjustly imprisoned for their faith are released, or if it the Lord's will for them to remain in prison that He will comfort and sustain them. Please also pray for God to strengthen the faith of the families of those in prison and to give them peace.**

**5<sup>th</sup> We give thanks for the work of CrossReach and we praise God for those who support CrossReach, raising money and volunteering their time and talents so many in need of support can receive it.  
Give thanks for those who live and work in Crookston and Tranent Care Homes and that we are able to share monthly services in the care homes. Pray that these may be times when God's love is known and shared.**

**6<sup>th</sup> God's promise to us is eternal. He has promised we shall have eternity with Him and each other in a world where there will be no more tears, no pain or suffering. When you look out at this amazing world God has given to us, consider the sheer scope of the promises that yet await his people. We truly do have an awesome God!**

**7<sup>th</sup> This morning our weekly Prayer Meeting is held. May all those who are able to come along enjoy fellowship as we lift to our amazing Lord our concerns, requests and gratitude.  
The Presbytery of Lothian and Borders meets today at Dalkeith St John's and Newton Church. Give thanks for all the congregations in the Presbytery and pray that God guides us in good ways of working together and of being a blessing in our communities. Pray for wisdom for the Presbytery Clerk Norman Smith and the Presbytery Mission Officer, Peter Wood.**

**8<sup>th</sup> Please ask that God will guide Katherine as she leads our morning service today. Also give thanks for all those who make our Sunday morning services possible. Thank our loving Father that we can meet this morning for fellowship and to worship God. Pray that our worship this morning will bring glory to God and show our appreciation for all God has given us.  
Give thanks for new members in our congregation. Pray that God blesses their lives in His service.**

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**We pray that the congregational afternoon tea will bring many together for fellowship and that funds will be raised to twin our Church Garden with a garden in rural Migori in Kenya.**

**Pray for our Youth Club which meets every second Sunday evening, our intern Jon and all teenagers who attend. Pray that this time together may bring all present closer to God.**

**9<sup>th</sup>** Lord God, we look around we use and abuse, we can see what we'll lose but now it's time for us to choose. We are part of Your creation, we moan and we complain, we are quick to point the blame, but everything just stays the same. We are part of Your creation. We are part of your creation. (Rev Dr Shaw Paterson - Moderator - for Season of Creation)

**10<sup>th</sup>** Open House is held again this morning with food and drink available to all who want to come into our church hall. May the team who prepare and serve know God is with them in all they do.

Jesus's offer of salvation not only includes complete forgiveness and everlasting life but also warnings about persecution, temptations, wars, real suffering and even death. We need to pray for our brothers and sisters all over the world who live through such challenges each day.

**11<sup>th</sup>** Pray for good fellowship at the Pool Group today.

Ask God to encourage those who seek to establish a fair and just peace in the Middle East. Bless their efforts as they work to end conflict. Lead those who engage in violence to put down their weapons and to live in peace with one another.

**12<sup>th</sup>** We pray for the work of Alcoholics Anonymous as it helps people overcome their addiction to alcohol. May God give strength to all those who battle addiction including to alcohol, drugs or gambling.

Pray for all those who lead our country or who work for the civil service and councils. May they all have compassionate hearts and make wise decisions that are in the interests of all. Ask God to guide them to lead with integrity and help each of us to play our part in bringing about change for the good of Scotland and the United Kingdom.

**13<sup>th</sup>** Pray for all clients of Christians Against Poverty who are struggling with issues of low self-worth and fear. Pray for strongholds that have bound them in shame to be broken as CAP seeks to speak Truth and life to them. Pray that CAP staff and volunteers would be able to show all clients that they are valuable and that God has good plans for them. Pray for those CAP clients with poor physical health, asking that God would bring healing and comfort.

**14<sup>th</sup>** The Prayer Meeting convenes this morning. May all in attendance enjoy their time with our Heavenly Father. Give thanks for the team who make this possible. Our Eco Group are crushing apples to make apple juice in the Church hall garden this morning as part of our celebration of Creation time this month. Pray that this will be a time of blessing.

We remember in prayer the leadership and all involved in Innerleithen, Traquair and Walkerburn Churches. Give thanks for their Thondwe partnership and two visits taking place this Autumn. Pray for the Meet & Eat lunches in Cardrona and for the Warm Wednesday group supporting young families.

**15<sup>th</sup>** Pray that as many people as possible will be able to attend our morning service today and that Katherine's sermon, the Bible readings, songs and prayers will speak to each of us. Give thanks for all those who volunteer to make our services possible and may they know joy as they serve our Lord in this way. Pray that we as a congregation will be able to share Christ's love with all visitors to our church who come to worship God or seeking help.

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**16<sup>th</sup>** Please pray for all those working in Youth Work at our church and in our wider community, giving thanks that these volunteers sacrificially give their time and energy to build relationships and engage with young people of all sorts of backgrounds. This work is often an invisible and unappreciated role but is of immense value to the young people.

**17<sup>th</sup>** Open House meet again today and please pray as you feel led on this important weekly meeting. Pray for a chance to open eyes to the light, wisdom and compassion of the Gospel, the reason we do all things.

Give thanks to God for those who use their God-given talents to further His kingdom through the arts. In particular please pray for the ministry of Suzanne Lofthus and Cutting Edge Theatre. Thank our loving Heavenly Father for protecting Suzanne in her many activities for over 20 years. Please ask God to grant to Suzanne His wisdom and discernment as to which projects she should undertake in the rest of 2024 and into 2025, together with financial provision and protection from spiritual attacks.

**18<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for the opportunity to meet, speak and play pool today.

Give thanks for God's work through the East Lothian Foodbank which relies upon the generous support of the many who have donated food to help those in crisis. The congregation of our church can donate items at any time so please pray that we will continue to be generous in supporting the foodbank.

**19<sup>th</sup>** Please pray for strength and perseverance for all our brothers and sisters in Christ who experience persecution, opposition and difficulties because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Pray that God will, in His perfect timing, take away the suffering of these people and that He will provide wisdom and resources to the organisations that support persecuted Christians.

**20<sup>th</sup>** Lord God, the time is now to get involved, to care for all for we are blessed. We can address what we have messed. We are part of Your creation, seeing Your beauty all around, the beauty and wonder may still be found. We commit ourselves for we are bound. We are part of Your creation. (Rev Dr Shaw Paterson - Moderator - for Season of Creation)

Please pray for the success of the art exhibition in the Church Hall which starts today and continues until Sunday 22 September.

**21<sup>st</sup>** This morning our Prayer Group meets again. May all who attend be filled with joy and leave their concerns at the foot of the Cross. Give thanks that God hears all our prayers and answers them according to His wisdom and timing. Pray that we will all continue to use the blessing of prayer wisely.

Give thanks to God for the work of Christians in Sport as they seek to reach out with the Gospel through sport and to support Christians who play, coach or assist with sport as it can be a difficult area in which to be a Christian and to witness to the love of Christ.

**22<sup>nd</sup>** Today we worship God in an all age service to celebrate Creation. Thank God for all the good gifts He blesses us with and pray that our worship will change us and help us to take good care of the natural world we live in.

**Tonight our youngsters meet for their Teenage Gathering and we pray that it will help them to recognise the importance of faith in Jesus in their lives.**

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Give thanks to God for the many opportunities for outreach into schools in our local area. Pray that many young children continue to come along to these groups and learn about God's love for them. Praise the Lord for the new SU group at the Ross High. Please pray that through the efforts of Derek Harley (our local SU worker) and others, the pupils and teachers in schools in East Lothian will see the love of Jesus and that the SU groups will grow.

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**24<sup>th</sup>** Pray for all who attend Open House this morning to enjoy their time together. Please pray that God will continue to provide resources to those who have a passion to see more people reading God's Holy Word. Give thanks to God for the organisations, such as Wycliffe Bible Translators and Biblica, which translate the Bible into other languages so people can read it in their own language. Also ask that God will speak into the hearts and minds of the people who receive the translated Scriptures and they will be saved.

**25<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for those who organise the Pool Group every Wednesday. We remember in prayer this week the leadership and all involved in the life of Jedburgh and Oxnam Churches. Please pray for the new union of the churches and for Sarah Cook as she starts as the Probationary minister.

**26<sup>th</sup>** Let us all commit to continuously pray for our local MP, Douglas Alexander, whether or not we voted for him. Also please contact him as our MPS need to hear from informed Christians prepared to urge them to pass laws which restrain evil and promote good. Make your Christian voice count!

**27<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks and praise that, despite the terrible things we see, hear and read about in the news, God is still on His throne, is working out His eternal plans and His purposes will prevail. Thank God once again for the wonderful truths and promises in His Word that encourage us and give us a unique hope for the future. Pray that God's Word will accomplish what He desires and achieve the purposes for which He sent it (Isaiah 55 verse 11).

**28<sup>th</sup>** We pray for our weekly prayer meeting today. Let us all continue to pray to our Lord and spend time listening to what He may be saying to us.. Quite apart from the terrible trauma and loss of life, we know that war zones in our world are hugely contributing to climate crisis and are massively destructive of the natural world. Pray for peace - that energy and industry could be harnessed for good purposes. We pray for all the people in Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Gaza.

**29<sup>th</sup>** **Pray that our worship this morning will bring glory to God and show our appreciation for all God has given us. Give thanks to God for bringing Katherine to Tranent Parish Church and may He continue to bless her ministry. Give thanks for the young people who are part of the congregation and our J Club (Sunday School) leaders. May the times they meet be a time of happiness and blessing.**

**30<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the staff and young people in our local schools, Ross High, Sanderson's Wynd, Windygoul, Elphinstone and St Martin's, that school be a positive place of learning and teaching for all. Pray for those young people who find it hard to attend school and their carers, that they have the support and help they need. Lord God, bless us as we seek to care and do everything we might dare. We leave a legacy for all to share, we are part of Your creation. Let us nurture every generation, in every corner of every nation. We are part of Your creation. Rev Dr Shaw Paterson - Moderator - for Season of Creation)

**31<sup>st</sup>** Open House meet today and we give thanks for the team who put on this weekly meeting and for all the older members of our congregation and parish who attend. There are many homeless, disadvantaged and marginalised people in our local area and many Christians who seek to help and support them. Please ask God to strengthen all those involved in this ministry and give them the resources they need to help people in need.