



## **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**

**2021**

The format of this Prayer Leaflet allows for either day by day prayer through the month or a complete cycle which can be used over a two month period using the Month A and Month B entries.

**Month A**

January  
March  
May  
July  
September  
November

**Month B**

February  
April  
June  
August  
October  
December

Each day offer a prayer for Our Environment.  
You may like to conclude each prayer with these words from Psalm 104:

***Send forth your Spirit O Lord  
And renew the face of the Earth***

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## Day 1

We pray for Christian Aid's projects across the world, sometimes introducing new environmental practices and sometimes responding to disasters with emergency help.

## Month A

### Bishop John

**St Mary's Cathedral:** John Conway and Susie Gibbs; Marion and Steve Chatterley; Andy and Jude Philip; Paul Foster; and for all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* Encouraging the congregation in the use of the Cathedral's resources, buildings and grounds to deepen prayer, to enable mission and engagement with our city, and to tackle our financial deficit. Please pray for the music staff, choir and all of St Mary's Music School, and for the Cathedral's vocation in the Diocese to support the Bishop, and other charges, in our joint calling.

## Month B

### Bishop John

**Cathedral Chapter:** John Conway, *Provost*; Frances Burberry, *Dean*; Ruth Innes, *Synod Clerk*; Anne Tomlinson, *Pantonian Professor*; Marion Chatterley, *Vice Provost*; Malcolm Round; Dean Fostekew

**Honorary Canons:** Bill Brockie; David Rimmer; Alex Black; Michael Maudsley; John Richardson; Jane Millard; Timothy Morris; Michael Fuller; Douglas Kornahrens; Dave Richards; John Lindsay; Carrie Applegath; Paul Foster; Fred Tomlinson; Susan Macdonald; Graham Forbes; John McLuckie

**Honorary Lay Canons:** David Palmer; Helen Hood; Paul Foster, Alistair Dinnie

**Dean Emeritus:** Jim Mein

## Day 2

Faithful Creator we offer gratitude for our church gardens and graveyards and all who tend them. May they be safe havens for wildlife and people alike. "Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars". (Psalm 84 v3)

## Month A

### Bishop John

**St Mungo's, Balerno:** Malcolm and Sue Round; Ollie and Laura Clegg; and for all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* For a strategy for ongoing and effective evangelism, including "Alpha" Courses and invitation services and personal faith sharing. For integration and spiritual formation of new Christians. For the growing children's, young people's and family work. For continued co-operation with Balerno High School, where we meet for most of our services. For the Wellness Centre and its counseling service for the community. For our Schools of Ministry and Theology for our developing work in Wester Hailes.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**St Ninian's, Comely Bank:** Frances Burberry, David de Pomerai, Pat Treherne, Alan Baker; and for all involved in ministry there.

*Local concerns:* For our Pastoral Clusters, and deepening connections, discipleship and faith journeys of those we are connecting with in church and online. For our Eco Group, pushing our environment and climate change goals, and strengthening our ecumenical and international links with the Orchard Project. For Ninian's Nippers and Coffee Hub, that they can restart to meet the needs of families and those retired looking for connection and community.

**Fettes College:** Tony Clark

## **Day 3**

God of seedtime and harvest we give thanks for all who work in agriculture. We acknowledge the difficulties faced by farmers around the world due to changing weather patterns and increased pests and diseases. Help us to be mindful to avoid food waste and to be more modest in what we demand from the land.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**Mustard Seed Edinburgh:** Richard Cornfield; *Pioneer Priest*

*Local concerns:* Pray for us especially as we seek to grow our links with the community through our Soul Food Meals. Pray for the development of a daily drop-in centre for Soul Food especially for those who are homeless, isolated, with poor mental health and addicted. Pray for our linked charge of St Margaret's Easter Road as together we offer Christian worship and witness to the local community.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**St Margaret's, Easter Road:** Colin and Jennifer Reed and all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* For witness in the local community and outreach to local community groups. For St Margaret's Parent and Toddler Groups.

## **Day 4**

We pray for the Scottish Government, for a spirit of wisdom and determination in its environmental policy-making, including the challenge of a Just Transition away from fossil-fuels.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**St Mary's, Dalmahoy:** Christine Downey, Janet Dyer, Pastoral Visiting Team and all those involved in other ministries; the 'Dalmations' group; our new 'ministry with young people' planning team; and for us all in our ministries within the community and family life.

*Local Concerns:* The ministry to wedding couples and visitors; visitors to the city and the Lothians; developing relations with local churches and opportunities for us all with expansion around Ratho, East Calder and Kirknewton.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**St Paul's and St George's, York Place:** David Richards; Libby Talbot; Paul Sawrey; and all who are involved in ministry there.

*Local concerns:* Saturday Meal – a meal / community for over 100 people who are homeless, run every Saturday evening; Babies and Toddlers groups on Thursdays; Alpha, Marriage Preparation, Marriage, Parenting, Freedom in Christ and Bible Lab courses being run during the year; our strategy of whole life discipleship, social transformation and deepening influence, together with our hopes of future church planting.

## **Day 5**

God who clothes the lilies of the field, we give thanks for the wonderful diversity of plant and animal life. Help us to care for each sparrow as much as you do.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**St Vincent's Chapel, Stockbridge:** Michael Hull, William Mounsey and all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* Raising awareness of the building and congregation among the people of the New Town and Stockbridge with blessings on the many community groups who use the premises. For the Vestry and congregation in their search for a Rector.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**St Martin of Tours, Tynecastle:** Sarah Kilbey, Stuart Robertson and Ken Webb, the Vestry and for all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* Pray for St Martin's congregation in its discipleship, its discernment of God's mission in the local community, the strengthening of relationships through the use of its building, and for a deepening of ecumenical links.

## **Day 6**

We celebrate Green businesses and social enterprises such as Vegware in Edinburgh and CK Polymers near Melrose and we pray that all local businesses will find ways to improve sustainability.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**Christ Church, Falkirk:** Sarah Shaw; Ann Smith; and for the lay ministry team.

*Local Concerns:* A growing understanding of discipleship and a recognition of how God is calling us to serve our communities. Please pray for new opportunities and also the existing projects we support.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**St Mary's, Grangemouth and St Catharine's, Bo'ness:** Willie and Sarah Shaw; Isabel Dowlen; Susan Ward.

*Local concerns:* A growing understanding of what mission means and how God wants us to serve our communities better - also for existing projects we are involved in: Grangemouth Community Care, Hope Street in Bo'ness. Continued opportunities for local churches to work together for Christ. For Messy Church, contacts with schools, and our own young people - that this ministry will be fruitful. For our fellowship as individual charges and as a linked charge.

## **Day 7**

We thank God for organisations like the Scottish Wildlife Trust – for their good stewardship of nature reserves, nurturing diverse habitats including bogs, fens, meadow, lochs and post-industrial sites such as Addiewell Bing and Jupiter Urban Wildlife Centre. We ask blessing that these areas will flourish as pockets of wildlife.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**The Diocesan Office:** Frances Burberry, *Dean of Edinburgh*; Dean Fostekew, *Bishop's Chaplain*; Anna Poole QC, *Diocesan Chancellor*; Pippa Snell, *Diocesan Registrar*; Godfrey Robson, *Diocesan Secretary*; Simon Filsell, *Diocesan Administrator*; Sam Campbell, *Bishop's P.A.*; David Lewis, *Administrative Assistant*; Claire Benton-Evans, *Youth & Children Officer*; James Parsons, *Communications Co-ordinator*;

**The General Synod Office:** The Secretary General; All who serve on Committees and Boards; All members of the General Synod.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**St Columba's, Bathgate:** Christine Barclay; Peter and Markie Woodifield; Douglas and Pat Cameron and all involved in ministry there.

*Local concerns:* Planning for playing our part in the building of God's Kingdom in a post-Covid world. How to use our building and our people to serve one another and to reach out into our local community as restrictions ease. Strengthening our ecumenical relationships for our mutual spiritual growth, fellowship and service to the wider community. For a deeper, meaningful engagement though social media for people who wish to connect with us.

**St Peter's, Linlithgow:** Christine Barclay, Peter and Markie Woodifield, Jim and Helen Mein, Tim and Christine Tunley and all involved in ministry there.

*Local concerns:* Planning for playing our part in the building of God's Kingdom in a post-Covid world. How to use our position on the high street, our unique building and our people to serve one another and to reach out into our local community as we emerge from Covid-19. Strengthening our ecumenical relationships for our mutual spiritual growth, fellowship and service to the wider community. For a deeper, meaningful engagement though social media for people who wish to connect with us

## Day 8

God of the future, we give thanks for young people around the world who are challenging governments to respond to the climate emergency. May they have the endurance to achieve results. Help us to stand alongside them so that their fears for the future can be turned into hope.

## Month A

### Bishop John

**St David of Scotland, Pilton:** Andrew Bain and all our supporting clergy; for the vestry and congregation.

*Local Concerns:* Our work with outreach and evangelism and co-operation with other local churches; growing the congregation spiritually and numerically.

## Month B

### Bishop John

**St Salvador's, Stenhouse:** Andrew Bain, Mariusz Wojciechowski, Jenny Floether, Ross Jesmont, Amanda Wright, the Vestry and for all who contribute to the ministry.

*Local Concerns:* Pray for our small but committed congregation; for our Messy Church partnership with Stenhouse Baptist Church; the developing Godly Play sessions with the children and for the ongoing work of the Community Food Initiative.

## Day 9

Creator God we praise you for uplands and their wild-life, grateful too for the enjoyment we receive from the beautiful hills in our area.

## Month A and B

**St Mary and All Souls, Coldstream;** Chris and Pauline Jones; *Priest-in-Charge Linked Charge of Berwickshire churches.*

*Ministry planning team:* Rae Cryer; Alison Tams.

*For the church:* That we might find new strength in Christ after some of the struggles of this last year. That we might explore new ways to share the love of God's Kingdom within our community. Our ongoing health and growth, our sister churches in the Berwickshire team; our developing relationships with Revd D Taverner; for our International Link with Thomas Thomson Church in Ghana and for our friends in Almaden, California.

*For our community:* That we might be able to play a part in the long journey out of the Covid-19 pandemic. For our neighbouring houses; all our sick and housebound; for all in our School, Health Centre and Care Homes.

**St Ebba's, Eyemouth:** Chris and Pauline Jones; *Priest-in-Charge, Linked Charge of Berwickshire Churches.*

*Ministry Team:* Richard Oldale; Frankie Taylor.

*For the church:* That we might know God's vision as we seek to look outward to serving our community; that we might find new ways to share God's love for all; for our sister churches in the Berwickshire team; for our developing relationships with the other churches in Eyemouth.



*For our community:* for the work of Berwickshire Christian Youth Trust, the Food-Bank and for the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen.

**Christ Church, Duns:** Chris and Pauline Jones; *Priest-in-Charge, Linked Charge of Berwickshire Churches*

*For the church:* As we seek to develop the worship and ministry of the church; for our sister churches in the Berwickshire group; for our developing relationships with Revd A Robertson and the Churches together in Duns.

*For our community:* For our ministry and outreach, that we might develop our mission into the wider community as we seek to look outward with the love of God; our pastoral care, that we might, through our mission and ministry, make a difference.

## **Day 10**

Christ who journeyed on foot, have mercy on us who are so eager to get from A to B that we pollute our own air and threaten our own future. Teach us to travel more mindfully which may mean travelling less.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**Church of the Good Shepherd, Murrayfield:** Dean Fostekew and William Mounsey; Russell Duncan (*Assistant Curate*); Caroline Longley (*Lay Reader*); and for all involved in ministry to the local community and for the Vestry.

*Local Concerns:* The continual development and discernment of the call to mission and ministry of the congregation; for the Ecumenical Partnership of Murrayfield Churches Together (Saughtonhall United Reformed Church and Murrayfield Parish Church) especially for the Murrayfield Club (for those living with Dementia); for Ecludare (a self-help charity in Kenya for families living with HIV and AIDS) and for the developing work with children through Messy Church.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**Holy Trinity, Haddington:** Liz O’Ryan, John Richardson; John Lindsay; John Wood; Alex Black; Sari Salvesen; and for all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* Praying for the town and surrounding villages as we emerge from the effects of the pandemic; that the deepening of relationships and care for each other continues. For the continued and developing use of technology to further the mission of the church. For ecumenical relationships to continue to grow; for the local foodbank in which many members are involved; for outreach into the new housing developments of Haddington; for the pastoral care of those who are weary and struggling.

## **Day 11**

We are in awe of our magnificent coastline between the Forth and the Tweed and especially the Special Marine Reserve at St. Abbs and the intricacy of marine life. We pray for reduction in levels of pollution and waste in the sea and on the shore. We pray for the fishing industry.



## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**St Barnabas', Moredun:** David and Margaret Dixon; Alice Anderson; Michael Fuller; Deryck Collingwood and for all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* Chaplaincy to Erskine Home and Gilmerton Care Home; Mission and Pastoral Work; Social Club; Ecumenical Developments in Ministry, Mission and Education; work in local Primary Schools; partnership with Bethany Christian Trust working in the local area; South East Edinburgh Churches Together (SEECAT).

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**St Mark's, Portobello:** Sophia Marriage and Jonathan Pryce; Jenny and Eckart Floether; and all involved with ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* Pray for the nurturing of spiritual growth and fellowship in community and congregation, our concerns for our church building and our vision for our graveyard and open space.

## **Day 12**

God who calls your church to be your witness in this world. We offer thanksgiving for the work of Eco-congregation Scotland and the many places of worship who are committed to this scheme. We ask that the whole church will take seriously the call to care for your creation.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**St Columba's by the Castle:** David and Jenny Paton-Williams; Bob and Sheila Gould; Alison and Howard Wagstaff; and for all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* For our care for each other in challenging times; for our offering of church and garden to tourists and passers-by as quiet spaces; for our new "Immrama" exhibition and website, enabling people to reflect on connecting Columba's story and their own journey; for our ecumenical partnership with Augustine United Church and Greyfriars Kirk.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**Old St Paul's, Jeffrey Street:** John McLuckie, *Rector*; Lay Readers; and all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* For all who live and work in the Old Town, and for the changes taking place there. For OSP's presence and service in this community. For discipleship formation for new and continuing Christians. For the Mar Thoma congregation.

## Day 13

Giver of all good things, help us not to grasp for more than we need, or be seduced by the latest fashion, the newest model. May we live modestly and even sacrificially as we grow in love for you and for this beautiful world.

### Month A

#### Bishop John

**St Mary's, Dalkeith and St Leonard's, Lasswade:** Peter and Fiona Harris; Liz and Mike Jones; Jennie Godfrey; Jacqui du Rocher (*Curate*); Bill and Pat Elliot and for the Vestries and all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* We give thanks for the increased number of people coming to live in the area. We pray that we may find appropriate ways to engage with them and to raise the profile of the churches in these new communities. We pray also for the challenges of integration as many of the local services such as Doctor's Surgeries, Dentists, and Schools are running at full capacity. Please continue to pray for both congregations as we seek to work with other churches and the wider community in living out our Gospel mission of serving God through loving our neighbours.

**Healthlink 360** (formerly Care for Mission) **at Carberry**

### Month B

#### Bishop John

**The Priory Church of St Mary of Mount Carmel, South Queensferry:** Mike and Helen Parker; Iain MacRobert; the Vestry and all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* As the town grows significantly, we aim to give a 21st century welcome in our 14th century setting. Ask wisdom as we look for opportunities to connect and reach out; for the Messy Church families, many of whom have no other church link; and for the Food Bank team serving local people who need their help. Pray for our Garden Room Project to be completed and provide essential and improved facilities for both church and community.

## Day 14

We consider local rivers and waterways, thankful for the way they calm and delight us. May they flourish as green corridors for flora and fauna.

### Month A

#### Bishop John

**St Baldred's, North Berwick:** Simon and Kate Metzner; Mark and Harriet Harris; Michael and Rosemary Hill; Lorna Mortis; and for all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* Building on recent community involvement and continuing use of the new halls and facilities.

**St Adrian's, Gullane:** Simon and Kate Metzner; Lorna Mortis; Michael and Rosemary Hill; and for all involved in ministry there.

*Local concerns:* Building on the existing skills and talents of the congregation to broaden and deepen our appeal.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**Livingston Ecumenical Parish:** Ron Gregg, Darren Philip and for all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* For continuing ecumenical cooperation both within the parish and in the wider community through joint worship and chaplaincy work; for opportunities for mission through the work of our ministry team and the ongoing exploration of mission strategy; for developments in lay ministry.

## **All Churches Together groups in the Diocese**

### **Diocese's membership of the Porvoo Communion of Churches**

## **Day 15**

We pray for scientists and ecologists in Universities, Civil Service and Botanical Gardens working to adapt the way we farm and garden in these challenging times.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**St Peter's, Lutton Place:** Nick and Becky Wills, Jim Mein, Sue Whitehouse, Kristee Boyd and for all involved with ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* Outreach to students and the local community, support for refugees, Fresh Start, Basics (Food) Bank and Newington Churches Together. Continuing renovation of our buildings.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**Christ Church, Morningside:** Lynn Davidson, Jenny Wright, Gordon Graham, Jane Green, Imre Katay-Fodor; Staff: Alex Barrett (*Families' Networker*), Michael Green (*Director of Music*), Dorothea Nelson (*Church Manager*), Elizabeth Pearson (*Pastoral Co-ordinator*) and George Scott (*Verger*); the Vestry.

*Local Concerns:* The Eric Liddell Centre, our outreach to and within the local community.

## **Day 16**

We rejoice in local parks and gardens as places where children and adults have fun and exercise. May their upkeep be helpful to both humans and animals. We ask God's blessing on Quiet Gardens and their calming effect on visitors, especially those in Edinburgh and Morebattle.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**St Anne's, Dunbar:** Diana Hall, Liz Gordon, all involved in ministry there and in the ecumenical partnership with Forth Valley Methodist circuit.

*Local concerns:* For continued growth and deepening of discipleship; for strengthened relationships with agencies across the community; and for development of evangelism, service and witness in the town and surrounding area.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**St Peter's, Musselburgh;** Lorna Mortis (*Interim Pastor*); Nicola Hudson (*Vestry chair*); the Vestry; Malcolm Cunningham (*Vacancy Committee chair*); and for all involved in ministry there as they seek to appoint a Priest-in-Charge.

*Local concerns:* For the youth and children's work; for the links with other churches through Churches Together; for the Make Lunch initiative with Pinkie St Peters School and St Andrews High CofS church.

## **Day 17**

Merciful God we look with grave concern at reports from the UN and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) which speak of the climate emergency. We ask that future international meetings will dare to take the steps needed to avert disaster and pray especially for COP26 in Glasgow.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**St John's, Princes Street:** Markus Dünzkofer; Rosie Addis; Kenneth Boyd; Eileen Thompson; Clephane Hume; Iain Herbert (*Operations Manager*); and all volunteers, staff and those involved in Ministry, Mission and Governance.

*Local Concerns:* Cornerstone Centre and all those groups that use it, Terrace Users (Cornerstone Café, Cornerstone Bookshop, Alex Bakes, One World Shop), Edinburgh City Centre Churches Together, living into God's mission as Christian presence in Edinburgh's city centre.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

Pray for our link Dioceses around the world

Diocese of Dunedin, New Zealand

Diocese of Cape Coast, Ghana

Diocese of Espoo, Finland within the Porvoo Communion

Pray for Mission Partners serving around the world.

For ecumenical relations with other churches through: Scottish Churches House; Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS); Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI); World Council of Churches (WCC).

## **Day 18**

God of all green and growing things, we offer praise for the beauty of forests and woodlands, grateful for their role in capturing carbon and producing oxygen to enable the cycle of life. We acknowledge that we have failed to protect the world's forests and ask forgiveness for our foolishness. We pray for restoration so that 'all the trees of the forest will sing for joy' (Psalm 96:12). We pray for wetlands and their particular importance in capturing carbon.

## **Month A and B**

### **Bishop John**

**St Peter's, Galashiels:** Simon Cake, *Area Priest-in-charge and Lead Evangelist*; Tim Hatton, *Pioneer Evangelist*. The Vestry and the Ministry Leadership Team working with Simon and the other churches to establish the A7 Centre for Mission. For all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* For renewed momentum when we emerge from pandemic restrictions. For maintained relationships with youth organisations and for the outreach to children/families through the Sunday Squad (children's ministry) and Messy Church. For the vital work of the Foodbank based in St Peters. For the chaplaincy opportunity with Gala football club and for other new opportunities through the partnership with the Church Army and relationships with other churches in the town.

**St Cuthbert's, Hawick:** Simon Cake, *Area Priest-in-charge and Lead Evangelist*; the Vestry and the Shared Leadership Team working with Simon and the other churches to establish the A7 Centre for Mission. For all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* The continuing work of the Vestry in developing Collaborative Ministry for our future. The Ministry of the Pastoral Visiting Team and our work with the housebound through Communion and Chat. Strengthening links with the wider community through new local housing, school, industry, local festivals, and other churches.

### **Borders Area Council**

### **Whitchester Retreat Centre**

### **Church Army**

**St John's, Selkirk:** Simon Cake, *Area Priest-in-charge and Lead Evangelist*; the Vestry and the Shared Leadership Team working with Simon and the other churches to establish the A7 Centre for Mission. The work and members of the Ministry Leadership Team: Bernard and Christine Hill; Marnet Hargreave; Margaret Moyes; David and Heather Sceats; Chris Sharpe. All involved in the collaborative ministry and mission of the congregation.

*Local Concerns:* The ministry of the Prayer Circle, the Funeral and Bereavement Team, the Healing Ministry Team. The social groups and the pastoral support of those with particular needs. The adult theological study course, 'Travelling On'. That members of St John's will be effective disciples of Jesus Christ in their everyday lives.

## **Day 19**

Loving God we give thanks for the work of all regional and local authorities and other public bodies especially those of our own diocese. May they be encouraged to care for the natural world and to reduce reliance on fossil fuels.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**St Michael and All Saints:** Martin and Alison Robson; John and Rachel Penman; the Vestry, Choir, Servers and Children's Church and for all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* Work on Welcome Course and inclusivity.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**St Andrew's, Kelso:** Bob King; Grace Redpath; the church's active retired Clergy Ursula Shone and Ian Clark; Moira Edwardson (*Lay Reader*); Sandra Wright (*Lay Reader in training*); Alan Hall (*Reader Emeritus*).

*Local Concerns:* Praying that post-Covid our ministry and outreach will continue to develop both within the local community and far beyond.

## **Day 20**

Merciful God, we pray for all areas who are in danger from rising seas: for Pacific Islands, the Maldives, the Seychelles, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Indonesia and Netherlands.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**St Cuthbert's, Colinton:** Nicki and Iain McNelly and for all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* Development of work with children. Creative ministry to older people and to people with dementia. Please pray for us – for imagination, as we hope to grow in faith and love and continue to contribute to the life in this area and to manage change creatively.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**St Fillan's Buckstone:** Ruth Innes; Anthea Griggs (Retired).

*Local Concerns:* For our pastoral team; for all the community groups who use our buildings that they may safely gather again; for our continued support to St Catharine's Convent and their work with homeless people; for skills in developing our ministry to the elderly, frail and housebound members and finding a 'new normal'.

## **Day 21**

We ask you God for wisdom, strength and courage in our church's response to the current emergencies – should we lobby, protest, take practical measures, use our money differently, incorporate more green spirituality into our worship?

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**St James the Less, Penicuik:** Nick Bowry, *Rector*; Neville (NSM) and Tilly Suttle; Joy Middleton and Chris Shaw (*Lay Readers*); the Vestry, Choir and all involved in facilitating the church's life of worship, prayer, pastoral care and mission.

*Local concerns:* For the congregation to continue to grow in faith, love and action; to continue to reach out to help our local community, and work ecumenically in the town. To take advantage of the digital age and strengthen our links with the local Primary School. Seeking to support all who have and continue to suffer from the effects of COVID-19 (health and economically), and to support refugees resettled into Penicuik.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**St Mungo's, West Linton:** Nick Bowry (*Rector*); Neville (NSM) and Tilly Suttle; Chris Shaw (*Lay Reader*); and all involved in facilitating the church's life of worship, prayer, pastoral care and mission.

*Local Concerns:* The West Linton Churches Bethany Care Van Team, developing strong links with the Primary Schools, maintaining our ministry to children on a Sunday, supporting the ecumenical Messy Church, and Peeblesshire Youth Trust. Continuing our ecumenical initiatives. To reach out and be more visible in the area.

## **Day 22**

God of justice and mercy we give you thanks for all who work in Fair-Trade. May all businesses and trade negotiators deal fairly with primary producers.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**Collegiate Church of St Matthew, Roslin (Rosslyn Chapel):** Joe and Jacqui Roulston; Isla Shanks (*Lay Reader*); Harry Stoddart (*Lay Reader*); and for all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* Ministry of welcome and prayer to visitors. Restoration of the Chapel and renewal of the worshipping community. Ministry to younger parents and their children. The management and staff of the Visitor Centre.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**Hermitage of the Transfiguration in Roslin and Loanhead:** John Halsey.

*Local Concerns:* The Divine Office. The Ministry of prayer. The unity of God's people. The homeless. Local concern for the mentally and physically handicapped. Community at L'Arche.

## **Day 23**

We look in awe and wonder at the sky and reflect on the birds and insects of the air and the ever-changing majesty of the planets and stars. We lament that the quality of air we breathe is sometimes unhealthy.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**Emmaus Community of St Benedict**

*Prayer intentions:* For the ongoing life and witness of this new monastic community which finds its stability within the Diocese.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John and Clare**

**For leadership within our Province**

**For the College of Bishops:**



Mark, Primus and Bishop of Moray, Ross and Caithness; Anne, Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney; Kevin, Bishop of Glasgow; Andrew, Bishop of Brechin; Ian, Bishop of St Andrew's, Dunkeld and Dunblane.

**Retired Bishops:** +Douglas and Pat Cameron; +Bruce and Elaine Cameron; +John Crook; +Frederick Darwent; +Lawrence Luscombe; +John Taylor; +Idris and Alison Jones; +Richard and Jean Holloway; +Bob Halliday; +Brian and Lissa Smith; +Robert and Lily Gillies; +David and Alison Chillingworth; +Gregor Duncan.

**For the Anglican Communion, the Anglican Consultative Council and Primates' Meetings**

## **Day 24**

Creator God who has given to us the ability to be creative scientists and engineers, we pray for departments and businesses across Scotland working towards delivering effective green energy and technology into our everyday lives.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**Holy Cross, Davidson's Mains:** Stephen and Izzy Holmes; and for all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* Pray for our congregation as we develop plans for the future; for growth and for mission in our local community; for the Reindeer Playgroup and other groups using our hall; and for the Syrian Orthodox community who share our church.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**St Andrew's, Innerleithen and St Peter's, Peebles:** Revd Andrew Taylor-Cook; Colin and Maureen Chaplin; worship leaders and visiting ministers; and for the ministry of the congregations there.

*Local Concerns:* Our services and worship; our fellowship and fundraising.

## **Day 25**

Merciful God, we pray for all people who may lose their homes or livelihoods due to drought, extreme heat and increased frequency of forest fires. For Central Africa, Australia, South America and Russia.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**St Philip's and St James, Goldenacre:** Jane Maclaren, *Priest-in-charge*; Paul Stollard (*Lay Reader*); the Vestry and congregation at this time of new beginnings and as they seek God's plan for their future.

*Local concerns:* Building our congregation and becoming more visible in the local community as we care for the elderly and work to involve local families in our church life; developing our worship, prayer and creativity; looking after our historic buildings and working in partnership with our tenants which include two child-care providers and two other churches.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**St John's, Jedburgh:** Andrew Cooper; the congregation and community of St John's and for all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* For continuing shared ministry with Jedburgh Churches Together and fruitfulness in investigating new ways of mission and pastoral care in the community. For the St John's Old School Lunch group, Children's and Families' ministries, the Sewing group and for continued efforts to build fellowship and relationships particularly with the new Jedburgh Grammar Campus. For the work of Vestry in managing the St John's Old School Complex and in preparing a pathway for sacramental ministry beyond 2022.

## **Day 26**

Gracious God we give thanks for the many charities that work to protect the natural environment. Thank you for volunteers around the world who pick litter, care for animals and plants, share knowledge and campaign to protect the world which we love.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**Pray for the work of our Area Councils:** Borders; Edinburgh East; Edinburgh Forth; Edinburgh South; Edinburgh South West; Mid and East Lothian; West Forth.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**Scottish Episcopal Institute:** Anne Tomlinson, *Principal of the SEI*; Richard Tiplady, *Director of Studies*; Linda Harrison, *Administrator*; Students across the Province.

**Provincial Director of Ordinands:** Ian Barcroft

**Warden of Lay Readers:** Janet McKinnell

## **Day 27**

We reflect on our society's failing in the use of the Earth's resources and confess our sin. We ask God for wisdom, strength and courage so that we can challenge industry and institutions for the sake of the planet.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**Holy Trinity, Melrose:** Philip and Kate Blackledge; Margaret and Richard Pedersen; Dennis Wood; Isobel and Sandy Ryrie; Mary and Dick Edwards; and for all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* For the Mission and Growth of the church, particularly the work with young people and new styles of worship. For renewed engagement with the local community and ecumenical work, and for the foodbank. Fairtrade within the town, The Borders General Hospital, and community groups who use our buildings.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**St James', Leith:** Iain Lothian (from April '21) and for all involved in ministry there.

*Local Concerns:* Outreach among families and young people. Development of creative liturgy and worship space. Deepening of community life. Cooperation with other local churches. Partnership with Leith School of Art. Hospitality to local communities, especially through the arts.

Projects led by members: Soul Marks Trust, Fischy Music, Greener Leith, Building Bridges. Projects we support: L'Arche, Bethany Trust Care Shelter, Cyrenians, Eco Church, Fair Trade Church, Inclusive Church, Leith Churches Together supporting the Port Chaplaincy, Leith Primary Arts project, Mercy Corps, Tear Fund.

## **Day 28**

We reflect on our use of money and investments and pray that we will have courage if we sense that we need to shift our priorities.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

**Educational Chaplaincies:** University of Edinburgh (Harriet Harris, Paul Foster, Frances Burberry); Heriot-Watt University (Malcolm Round).

**All School Chaplains** in primary and secondary schools

**Youth Work and Sunday School workers**

## **Month B**

**Work Place Chaplains:** Judith Wilkinson, Fort Kinnaird; Reuben Addis, Cameron Toll; Anne Gray, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Andrew Gregg, City Centre.

**Theatre Chaplains:** David Todd

**Cursillo**

**Air Training Corps Chaplains**

## **Day 29**

We turn our awareness to the ground beneath our feet and remember the ancient rock and the living soil which supports and sustains the whole eco-system. We pray for the health of the soil in our farms, countryside and gardens.

## **Month A**

**Conveners of Diocesan Committees:** Bishop John, Diocesan Standing Committee Convener; Sophia Marriage, Mission and Ministry Committee Convener; Godfrey Robson, Finance and Management Committee Convener; Alex Stewart, Buildings Committee Convener; Patricia Peattie, Personnel Committee Convener; Tim Tunley, International Committee Convener;

**Special Intentions:** All who serve on Diocesan Committees.

**Youth and Children:** Claire Benton-Evans, *Youth and Children Officer*.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

#### **Pray for those involved in Enabling Ministry:**

Ian Barcroft *Provincial Director of Ordinands*; Diana Hall *Assistant Director of Ordinands*; Christine Barclay, Philip Blackledge and Jenny Wright *Diocesan Advisors*; Janet McKinnell *Warden of Readers*; David Paton-Williams *IME 4-6 (Curates)*; Jane MacLaren *Ministry Coordinator*

## **Day 30**

As we develop our green spirituality, bless our efforts to partner with all who are concerned for our planet. May we be humble and recognise that the teaching of the church has sometimes been part of the problem. Help us to find common ground across religion and culture.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

#### **Social Responsibility in the Diocese.**

Pray for all who work and minister to those who are affected by Homelessness, Urban and Rural Poverty, Refugees and Asylum Seekers.

Pray for all who work and minister to those are affected by HIV/AIDS.

Alzheimer's/Dementia and Mental Health issues.

Faith in Older People Project.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

All clergy with Commissions, Warrants and Permission to Officiate in the Diocese; Retired Clergy; Clergy widows; All retired and elderly people; for all those who care for and support them at home and all agencies concerned with their well-being.

## **Day 31**

God of justice and mercy we give thanks for those who have worked in oil, gas and coal industries and who have provided energy for our homes, work-places and hospitals. As the energy sector changes, we ask for a Just Transition for all whose jobs will be impacted.

## **Month A**

### **Bishop John**

#### **For all who work in healthcare occupations:**

Duncan MacLaren, *NHS Lothian*; Timothy Njuguna, *Forth Valley NHS Trust*. Please pray for the generic ecumenical chaplaincy teams that serve most of our hospital trusts and for our chaplains in hospitals, hospices and all places of healing.

## **Month B**

### **Bishop John**

**Faith in Older People (FiOP):** Maureen O'Neill, Mary Wilkinson.

**The Pastoral Group:** Bill and Pat Elliot, Marion Goldsmith.

## Brief petitions for each day

1. Christian Aid
2. Church gardens and burial grounds
3. Farming
4. Environmental policy - Just Transition
5. Biodiversity
6. Green and sustainable businesses
7. Scottish Wildlife Trust and nature-reserves
8. Young people in the climate emergency
9. Our hills
10. Our own travel options
11. Our coast
12. EcoCongregations Scotland
13. To live sustainably
14. Our rivers and waterways
15. Ecological research and campaigning
16. Our parks and gardens including Quiet Gardens
17. COP 26 in Glasgow
18. Woodland and wetlands
19. Local Authorities' efforts to go green
20. Areas of the world affected by flooding
21. Our church response to climate emergency
22. Fair-trade
23. Air quality
24. Scottish green energy
25. Those who have to flee their homes
26. Volunteers who offer practical environmental care
27. Wisdom to challenge
28. Use of money and investments
29. The health of the ground beneath our feet
30. Partnering with other organisations
31. The Just Transition