

THU 22 nd	Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for your coming to us. Thank you that you came as a human being, yet you are God. Help us today to trust that in the small and unseen places of our lives and our world you are at work. Give us faith, dear Lord to see you.
FRI 23 rd	Father God thank you for your constant love & protection. Please always keep me safe and healthy. Guard my steps, shield me from harm, and cover my body and heart with your healing and strength. Watch over my family, guide me through every challenge and let your peace surround me wherever I go.
SAT 24 th	I pray for unity among all Christian denominations so that we may show the world that we all worship the same God. Strengthen our faith O Lord and grant us strength and courage to show others our complete trust in You.
SUN 25 th	BUCHANAN CHURCH: ALPHA COURSE: 'I have enjoyed dedicated time each week to talk about what is life, faith & more'. We pray for the Alpha Course this evening that you will reveal yourself to all. Bless our brothers & sisters in Balfon and Fintry.
MON 26 th	Gracious Heavenly Father; we pray that we are not so caught up in being "godly" that we fail to make You our priority. Help us never come to the end of the day without righting our wrongs, forgiving those we need to forgive and ensuring our lives are in line with your will.
TUE 27 th	Lord, this morning I lift my family up to you with a grateful heart. Bless them with health, peace, and renewed strength for the day ahead. Surround them with your protection, keep them safe wherever they go. Guide our steps, soften our hearts, and help us grow closer to one another with love, patience, and faith. Let our home be filled with warmth, joy and your gentle presence.
WED 28 th	May we exalt Your name this day and praise you for all the magnificent things you have done and continue to do for us and in this world. May we never cease to glorify your precious name.

THU 29 th	Today, God promises us grace for every moment and every need. A marvellous, sufficient grace that can turn confusion into clarity, fear into courage, inactivity into effectiveness, bitterness into blessing, doubt into decisiveness, and trouble into triumph. With hands and hearts open wide, may I receive all that I need - the shower of His amazing grace upon us. <i>Matt Anderson.</i>
FRI 30 th	Dear Lord, when my heart feels heavy and my spirit grows tired, please fill me with your strength. Lift me up when I feel weak, and remind me that I am never alone in my battles. Give me courage to face each day with faith, and peace to trust your plan, even when I don't understand it.
SAT 31 st	May God give us power from the wealth of His glory. May the Spirit make us strong within. May Christ make His home in our hearts through faith. May we have our roots and foundations in God. May we understand the vastness of Christ's love. May we be filled with the very nature of God, who is love.

Notice Board

Sundays 10am: Morning Worship.

Fridays 9.30am-12.30 - Drymen Church open for prayer, meditation & fellowship.

- ❖ **Sunday 4th 10am:** Service in Drymen Church. Communion.
- ❖ **Sunday 11th 10am:** Service in Drymen Church.
7.30pm: Alpha Course at The Manse, Balfon.
- ❖ **Monday 12th 12pm -2pm:** Good Companions lunch.
- ❖ **Sunday 18th 10am:** Service in Drymen Church.
7.30pm: Alpha Course at The Manse, Balfon.
- ❖ **Sunday 25th 10am:** Service in Buchanan Church.
7.30pm: Alpha Course at The Manse, Balfon.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

If you would like prayer for your personal circumstances, spiritual help or require some practical assistance, in the first instance, please contact Mairi: mairi.vanlooy@btinternet.com

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Prayer Diary

January





Drymen & East Loch Lomond Church of Scotland

I am The Way, The Truth & The Life. Jn.14v6

THU 1 st	Heavenly Father at the start of a New Year we ask for your guidance. Help us stand firm when life feels uncertain, and give us the endurance to keep going. Let your love be our source of power; your presence our comfort, and your promises our hope. Bless our church so that many will be added to its number and know you in a new way.	THU 8 th	Dear Lord, thank you for the hope of your return, and that you are coming to make all things new, to bring about a new heaven and a new earth. Thank you for the promise that when you come there will be no more death or mourning; crying or pain. We pray, at this turning of the year, come Lord Jesus	THU 15 th	Heavenly Father; please be with Christian teachers in our schools as they endeavour to live for you and be a witness to the children and colleagues. Keep them strong and encourage them in difficult situations. I pray for school Christian Unions that you will bless and encourage those
FRI 2 nd	Lord, please encourage and bless those in our church who serve you faithfully: greeting people; preparing flowers; counting the offerings; looking after the accounts; maintaining the building; organising bible readers; food bank donations; music; audio/visual; Sunday school teachers; tea/coffee; cleaning; servers and others who may go unnoticed, but seen by you.	FRI 9 th	Thank You for allowing us to see a brand-new day. Lord, we lift our concerns, worries & burdens before you, knowing that you are a compassionate and caring God. Give us strength and courage to face our trials, knowing that you are with us. Fill us with your peace that surpasses all understanding, calming our hearts and reassuring us of your presence. Deliver us from the evil one and keep us safe.	FRI 16 th	We bring to you today, Lord, the work of Tearfund and other such Christian organisations who endeavour to alleviate hardship amongst the poor by showing the love of Jesus and at the same time building up His kingdom. Bless those who are involved, protect them from danger and illness. Thank you, Jesus for all the people who support these causes financially.
SAT 3 rd	Dear Jesus, please bless those who prepare the monthly 'Good Companions' lunch. Thank you for this opportunity to invite folk into the church. Through this area of service, we hope people in the community will feel a sense of belonging and want to come to the services to hear about you and eventually come into faith.	SAT 10 th	Dear God, we sometimes find it difficult to know what to believe. Help me to trust you more and discover what you have to say to us through your Word, in the Bible, even though we don't understand everything.	SAT 17 th	Heavenly Father; we thank you for another beautiful day and weekend. As we enter into this day we come in prayer for those who have lost loved ones, those who are in hospital, nursing homes, hospice care and those who are struggling financially, spiritually or emotionally.
SUN 4 th	COMMUNION: As we gather this Sunday, we ask, Lord, that your Spirit will be upon our congregation that this day we may hear your voice speaking to our hearts. Guide Alex as he speaks your Word that we might be hearers and go into the new week determined to be the best example of a Christian we can be.	SUN 11 th	ALPHA COURSE: <i>'The Alpha Course has made me look at Christianity & The Bible in a completely different way'</i> . Lord, we pray that you will bless the Alpha Course that commences this evening. Encourage those who are who are seeking to go along. We pray they will find answers to their questions and come to either deepen their faith or get to know you as their Saviour & Lord.	SUN 18 th	ALPHA COURSE: 'I have learnt so much during this course, and the questions I brought to the meetings were all answered in depth.' We pray that you will bless the Alpha Course meeting this evening. Thank you, Jesus, for Your day. Thank you that we can enter Your house with thanksgiving in our hearts.
MON 5 th	Dear God, bless all who serve on the Pastoral Care Team as they offer practical help and prayer support for others. Lord, you know and understand everything, even when we feel ill, afraid, lonely, anxious, sad or stressed. Help me to trust you because you love us and promise to be with us always.	MON 12 th	I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him for that day. (2.Tim 1:2) . Thank you, Lord that we can go forward in our lives with confidence knowing you have promised – and you cannot break a promise - to keep us safe from the evil one until we meet you face to face.	MON 19 th	Today Lord we ask that you will help those who minister to those in our prisons. We ask you will give them wisdom & understanding. As they reach out to the inmates, we ask that the love of Jesus will shine through them and those with whom they come into contact with will know they have seen Jesus reflected in the lives of His servants.
TUE 6 th	Once again, we bring to you the war-torn areas of the world. How sad this must make you feel. we pray for the thousands of misplaced people in the Sudan as a result of in-fighting in their country. We pray for peace in Ukraine- we pray for a breakthrough in the peace talks. We pray that the fragile peace in Gaza, continues. Thank you for all those who work towards peace.	TUE 13 th	Heavenly Father; thank you that you are the God of life. Thank you that you are present and active in our world and for your plan to make all things new through the Lord Jesus. Help us to believe that you can do new things in our lives, regardless of how difficult our circumstances.	TUE 20 th	We pray for the work of our Food banks who provide an essential service to those who are desperately in need. We thank you for all the volunteers and for the generosity of those who donate food and money. We ask that those who receive these food parcels will feel cared for and that this will help them through a difficult time and help them get on their feet again soon.
WED 7 th	Dear God, help me to know that you are with me in difficult situations. Take away my fear and reassure me that, because I have committed my life to you, you are in control of my circumstances and you know what is best for me. Help me to trust you.	WED 14 th	Lord, we pray for those who are looking for jobs, the ones struggling with addictions, and those who are trying to keep their marriages together. Lord, we know you are able to do exceedingly, abundantly, above all that we ask or think. In the mighty name of Jesus.	WED 21 st	Dear God, thank you for another day. Thank you for my family and friends. Help me today to think about other people and not just myself. Open my eyes to the needs of others, that by word or deed, I may be their friend today.