

Saturday 1

Lord on this the first day of a Spring we give thanks for the beauty of our countryside at this time of year, with the rapidly lengthening days and the now already fading snowdrops and the arrival of flowering crocuses and daffodils. Please help those who were affected recover from the cold and the storms of the winter.

Sunday 2

Lord, we pray that the work of uniting and linking our congregations and parishes may progress peacefully, and the intricacies of linking ourselves with Balfron/Fintry may work out to the satisfaction of most and the acceptance of all, and a minister may be duly called.

Monday 3

We pray that the areas of conflict in the world may be able to find some resolution. We ask that peace settlements for Ukraine, and also for the inhabitants of middle eastern countries especially Gaza may be acceptable to their leaders and citizens

Tuesday 4 Shrove Tuesday

In the words of Paul to the Romans, at this time of world conflict and looking forward to the start of Lent - ...may we be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer, and share with the Lord's people who are in need...may we rejoice with those who rejoice, and mourn with those who mourn, living in harmony with one another....*(Romans chapter 12)*

Wednesday 5 Ash Wednesday

O God, I am made of dust – deeply human, but created for relationship with you. At the beginning of Lent, I admit that I am sinful, and often fall away. You are a God of holiness, love, and justice. Despite my failings, in generous mercy and kindness you draw me near. Thank you that you planned a way that I might return to you. Draw me into a deeper understanding of your plan for salvation this Lenten Season, that I may truly know you. *(Compassion UK)*

Thursday 6

Lord we thank you for the birth of your son Jesus, that he came into the world and grew up as we grow up, living in a family, with siblings and other relatives, earning a living, as a carpenter, until it was time for him to do your work, to die and rise again.

Friday 7 World Day of Prayer

We thank you, Lord, for the gift of prayer. Teach us how to pray and to be faithful and consistent in our prayers, and to remember that we can pray anywhere and at anytime

Saturday 8

Let us remember the medical, nursing and other hospital staff who suffer from the long waiting times in A & E. Encourage and support them, we pray, as they struggle to carry out the tasks they desperately want to do in caring for their patients.

Sunday 9 1st Sunday in Lent

Our heavenly Father, thank you that even when we are actively walking away from you, you still pursue us because of your astonishing grace. We know that we have done wrong. Thank you that through Jesus, you have provided a way for us to be forgiven. Help us today to receive and welcome you into our lives.

Monday 10

Lord, please bless and encourage those older school students who are sitting national exams later in the spring. Encourage especially those living in difficult circumstances whose prelim/mock results were disappointing, and enable them to be able to work so that they can turn things around before the official exams come.

Tuesday 11

Heavenly Father, we pray for Christian teachers within our schools. We ask that you will give them wisdom and courage as they endeavour to stand for their Christian beliefs and that their lives will be a witness to the love of Jesus.

Wednesday 12

Lord we pray for all who work with volunteer organisations in this country and throughout the world, particularly Christian Aid, Mission Aviation Fellowship, and Glasgow City Mission, each with its own remit and way of doing things

Thursday 13

Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you. (Psalm 25: 4-5)

Friday 14

Lord we pray for those in various parts of the world who have suffered adverse weather conditions, especially devastating wind, fire and flooding, in recent months. Help them and others who support them in their losses. We hear about and see them in the news and on social media, then the news moves on and their devastation is easily forgotten, but isn't fixed.

Saturday 15

Our loving heavenly Father, thank you for every evidence of the truth that you are with us. Thank you for the signs all around us that speak of your goodness, your grace and your kindness. Help us to believe that you are with us. Please come near today that we might be transformed by your life-giving presence.

Sunday 16

Heavenly Father, you show us through your Word that you keep your promises so we know we can always have hope. Thank you that you reveal yourself to us in the Bible through Jesus. Help us to listen to your voice, and 'go...and see' all you have done for us through Jesus. Remind us to share your hope with others.

Monday 17

Lord make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. *(Peace prayer of St Francis)*

Tuesday 18

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *(Peace prayer of St Francis)*

Wednesday 19

Heavenly Father, we pray that you will fill our hearts and minds with hope, the peace that passes all understanding, and the joy that comes from knowing you. Please help us through our lives, to show your never-ending love for all mankind.

Thursday 20

Almighty God, on this the spring Equinox we praise you and thank you for the miracle of your creation. Help us we pray, to respect it and share its benefits with all people worldwide. Give wisdom and understanding to policy makers, helping them to make this a reality

Friday 21

Please help us to keep remembering the joyful coming of our saviour Jesus Christ. Forgive us, we pray, when we fail to recognise how easy it is to hurt and offend when we speak. (Proverbs 12:18)

Saturday 22

Lord, we pray for transformative change in the Scottish justice system, moving towards principles of restoration and reconciliation, for a more just and compassionate society *(Prison Fellowship Scotland)*

Sunday 23

Lord our healer, we pray for those who are sick, struggling with disability, have money worries or facing other major challenges in their lives, and for their families who are worrying about them. May such situations draw many to seek a deepening faith and ask for your help

Monday 24

Dear God help me to be content with the life I live now, show me the good things I often overlook and help me to love what I have. Thank you for loving me right where I am, just as I am. Help me to keep my eyes on you.

Tuesday 25

Dear Lord, may you wrap a blanket of peace around me and my loved ones this day. Be our comforter, guide, and protector as we turn to you with all our hearts.

Wednesday 26

Lord, please help us to be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that you desire (from James 1: 19-20)

Thursday 27

Father, we pray for those afflicted by addiction who are guests of Glasgow City Mission, that they engage meaningfully with the Mission's Rehab Pathways Team and they take the opportunity to turn their lives around.

Friday 28

Lord, you have given us different gifts and abilities. Please help us each to make the most of what we've been given in your service and to recognise the gifts of others. Help us not to waste our abilities on unworthy frivolities.

Saturday 29

Lord, we pray for today's young people, all of whom suffered isolation during lockdown, affecting their social development and mental health, some more than others. They also have to contend with social media in a way that their parents did not, and many find it difficult to talk to each other.

Sunday 30 *Mothering Sunday*

We thank You for the gift of mothers and caregivers—those who nurture, guide, and love with patience and wisdom. We celebrate the peace they bring into our homes, creating safe spaces for growth and love. Bless all the women who care for us, whether through motherhood or other acts of kindness. May they feel Your peace in their hearts and experience Your strength each day. (Mothers Union)

Monday 31

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, thank you that you bring light to our darkness. Thank you that we are not alone in the darkness and that because you came there is light. Thank you that the light of your presence is greater than any darkness we face. Help us put our hope in you today.

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The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he restores my soul.**

**He guides me in the paths of
righteousness for his name's sake.**

(NIV pew bible)

Dates for March

*All Sunday services are at 10.00am
and in Drymen and East Loch Lomond
Church unless otherwise stated*

Sunday 2nd: Morning Worship, Communion
Foodbank Collection

Sunday 9th: Morning Worship,
Foodbank Collection

Monday 10th: Good Companions Lunch,
12-2pm

Wednesday 12th: 7.30pm Kirk Session
Meeting to confirm Baptismal roll and
Adherents roll.

Sunday 16th: Morning Worship
**IMPORTANT Congregational meeting
after church to propose a Nominating
Committee to call a permanent minister.**

Sunday 23rd: Morning worship

Sunday 30th: Morning Worship in **Buchanan
Church**

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