

**Tranent Parish Church  
Prayer Bulletin – April 2026**

**1<sup>st</sup>** The Pool and Knit and Natter Groups meet today and we ask that all will enjoy their time together.

Easter week is a physically and spiritually demanding time for Katherine and all ministers. Pray for strength, joy and peace for Katherine and others in full-time ministry, as well as fresh energy and inspiration.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** We welcome children, staff and parents from Elphinstone Primary School to our church building this morning for their Easter service. Pray that all present may be inspired by Jesus and the story of Easter. Today term ends for many schools. Ask for God to restore the energy of His people and for good times together for families where they can draw closer to God. Pray for the young people in Tranent who find it hard to go to school, asking that they receive the help they need. Pray that the adults who care for them have wisdom and patience.

**3<sup>rd</sup>** **This Good Friday let us all consider the massive sacrifice that Jesus made on the cross, dying so that all our sins are forgiven. Pray that the Lord's people will be challenged, assured and invited by our great Saviour on this day when we remember the path He took for us to be saved. We walk round Tranent with other churches this Good Friday and may our witness speak to those who see us.**

**Katherine will lead worship this evening and as we meditate on Jesus's Crucifixion pray that we will understand afresh the depth of His love for each one of us that took Him to the cross. Please pray that the service will go well.**

**4<sup>th</sup>** Pray that the Easter Play in Princes Street Gardens today will move and convict all who watch. We thank God for those who reach out with the Gospel through music and the arts. Give thanks for organisations such as Origin and Cutting Edge Theatre as their members use their God-given skills and abilities to bring glory to His name.

We pray for the residents and staff in the care homes and sheltered housing in Tranent and give thanks for being able to hold services in these homes.

**5<sup>th</sup>** **He is risen, He is risen indeed! Let us rejoice that Jesus conquered death and rose from the grave, giving us the promise of eternal life. Praise God for this and all the great things He has done for you and those dear to you. Pray that today's morning worship led by Katherine will be a joyful celebration of Christ's triumph over the grave. May all who attend enjoy the time of fellowship and celebrate His resurrection and the gift of new life.**

**Tonight Origin's Resurrection event will be held at the Usher Hall. It is one of the largest Christian events in Scotland and is a wonderful opportunity for the Church in south-east Scotland to unite around the resurrection of Jesus and show our unity as we celebrate the greatest event in history. Pray to God that all the preparations will go well and it will be a great evening of worship.**

**6<sup>th</sup>** May all who will be on holiday this month, including Katherine, enjoy a time of rest and relaxation during their breaks.

Please give thanks for all those who are giving their time and talents to help with Easter Holiday Clubs in our region. Pray for all the children who will come, that God will already be speaking to the hearts of those children and their families. Finally pray that all the organisational work will go smoothly.

Pray for members of the congregation and others we know who are having surgery this week or in the near future. May their operations be completely successful and lead to new life for them and their families.

**7<sup>th</sup>** Open House meets 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.

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Please pray that God will speak to children and their families throughout the Easter holidays. We pray that all who work in schools will benefit from their time off and return to work refreshed. During the Easter holidays pray for any children for whom home is not a safe or happy place.

**8<sup>th</sup>** Ask for all in the Pool and Knit and Natter Groups to feel the pleasure of fellowship as they meet this morning.

Let us pray for the success of all SU and other Christian camps and events over Easter, asking God to use them to change lives. Also pray for energy, encouragement and wisdom for all leaders who are vital to the camps. Give thanks for many lives saved in the past at such camps.

**9<sup>th</sup>** The memorial garden at the church hall is a special space for many. Give thanks for the dedication of those who created it and keep it looking lovely.

Pray for Syria and the vast uncertainty following the collapse of the previous regime. Pray that one dictatorship does not replace another and all communities live free in a lasting peace. Especially remember Christians who are risk of being targeted as they are seen as having been loyal to the ex-government.

**10<sup>th</sup>** Praise God for all the amazing opportunities for our church and other Christian organisations to partner with His people throughout our wonderful town. Pray for even greater unity and passion for His name and glory, never our own.

Please pray for those in need of support through the East Lothian Foodbank, that their situations will be turned around and stability will enter their lives. Pray that our congregation will continue to bring in many items of food for the Foodbank so more people can receive the food and other help that they need in their difficult circumstances.

**11<sup>th</sup>** This morning our weekly prayer meeting is held. Give thanks for those who prepare the material and give thanks that our living and loving Father hears all our prayers.

Give thanks for the encouragement Gemma Morton, our local Scripture Union worker, received when she recently met a young person who decided to follow Jesus after going to her primary school SU group. Let's pray for SU groups happening in schools across East and Midlothian, including the Ross High School. Give thanks for the wonderful volunteers who lead these groups and pray that such groups would be strengthened in every way. Pray too for opportunities for new SU groups as they provide great opportunities for young people to explore the Bible.

**12<sup>th</sup>** **Reader Jacqueline Waugh is leading Sunday worship this morning, after some years. Pray that all will be blessed by God's love during the service. Please pray for all those who are involved in teaching our youngsters in the Youth Club and J Club, that they will honour and glorify God through their testimony and show that Jesus is the King of Kings, Lord of Lords and Prince of Peace. May all the children enjoy their times together.**

**13<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the GP surgery, for the schools, for the care homes, for the day centre and for the shops and places you go to on a weekly basis. Pray for the community in Elphinstone.

We pray for God to bring an end to domestic violence in our country and that all caught in abusive relationships will be able to break free and find a much brighter future with Jesus in their hearts.

**14<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for the team at Open House and may they continue to experience great satisfaction as they serve Christ in our community by putting on this important time for free each week.

May all in the Guild enjoy the (rearranged) talk today on the "Bible for Bairns" Project which the Scottish Bible Society operates.

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**15<sup>th</sup>** Pray for all in the Pool and Knit and Natter Groups as they meet this morning. Pray for our political representatives at Westminster, Holyrood and in East Lothian. Pray that they would understand the priority they need to give to make huge changes in areas of travel, food production and heating buildings. Pray that we may be active citizens and take appropriate action where we are able to influence policies and decision-making in these vital areas for future generations.

**16<sup>th</sup>** Heavenly Father, please watch over those who serve in our navy, army and air force. Keep them safe and give wisdom to those who command them. May they feel Your strength and protection surrounding them. Lift their spirits and remind them of the value of their service. Support their families and grant them the gift of peace of mind. Amen.

**17<sup>th</sup>** We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine, Iran and throughout the Middle East. Thank our Lord for the tireless work of Sunflower Scotland as it provides vital supplies to the suffering people of Ukraine.

Dear Lord, thank You for the new life we have through Your victory over the grave. We ask Your blessing upon the workers and ministries of Operation Mobilisation in the UK, that they may have renewed strength while You use them as instruments for Your glory.

**18<sup>th</sup>** We ask for God, according to His will, to grant the requests given to him at the Prayer Meeting this morning. May we always remember to give thanks to God for all the blessings He has given us by His immense grace.

Give thanks for the TryPraying campaign and may it have a powerful impact on many who see the adverts on buses and posters throughout Scotland. Ask God to again send His Holy Spirit into our parish in a powerful way and for there to be a new revival in Scotland.

**19<sup>th</sup> Thank our loving Father that we can meet this morning for fellowship and to worship God. Give thanks and pray for Katherine as she leads us in our worship. Please give thanks for those who run our Youth Group, asking that they will show the love of Jesus to all of the teenagers who attend. Give thanks to God for the teenagers that regularly attend our church. Please pray that He will enable our congregation to continually find ways to use our gifts and talents to bless them.**

**20<sup>th</sup>** Pray that Christians working or active in every area of society will pray for their workplace at least once each week and that these prayers will combine to change the spiritual atmosphere, making it easier to share testimony and to speak about Jesus. May God comfort all those going through tough times in their working circumstances.

Pray for the nation of Pakistan, that its government and law enforcement agencies will have the courage and wisdom to implement justice and protect its citizens. Pray particularly for the rights of Christians and that they would stand strong in their faith in the midst of persecution and hardship.

**21<sup>st</sup>** We pray for lots of laughter and joyful conversations at Open House this morning. Pray for the schools in our Parish as the young people and staff return after the Easter break. May all know a fresh start for the summer term and be encouraged in their learning.

**22<sup>nd</sup>** May all the Pool and Knit and Natter Groups have a good time together and may more people be added to the groups over the coming weeks.

We pray for the many families who are struggling to find ways to pay their energy bills. The price of food and clothing has also increased greatly and they are having to make difficult choices. Give wisdom to those in government as they seek solutions to these complex problems.

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**23<sup>rd</sup>** Please uplift in prayer to God all the persecuted Christians in the world. May they continue to stand firm in the faith despite the hard times they face. Ask God to show His power so they know He is with them every step of the way during their time of suffering because of their faith in Him, especially those mourning a lost loved one or those who are unjustly in jail. May God continue to provide all the resources needed to the organisations that support our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ.

**24<sup>th</sup>** Mark 16 v 6 states “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen!”. Let us pray that we declare this in our words and actions and that all who are looking for Jesus will know that He is risen so that death has been conquered and we can live life to the full. May we be given the strength to boldly speak this truth.

**25<sup>th</sup>** Ask for great fellowship at the coffee morning in our church hall and for the funds raised will be used wisely to help the work of our church. Also pray for a new Treasurer to come forward to serve our church.

May all those who are able to attend and enjoy fellowship at the Prayer Meeting as we lift to our amazing Lord our concerns, requests and gratitude. Give thanks that God hears all our prayers and answers them in His own wisdom and perfect timing. Pray we continue to use the blessing of prayer wisely.

**26<sup>th</sup> Please pray for God to be with us this morning as the Worship Team leads our Sunday worship. Give thanks for the team and pray that they will be encouraged by the Holy Spirit and the support of the congregation. Pray that we will all consider what we have heard, said and sung today and may it impact us in the forthcoming week.**

**Thank our Lord for everyone who contributes to our church life, be it in prayer, preaching, cleaning, teaching, building maintenance, serving coffee, counting the offering, serving as elders, music, checking the accounts, pastoral visits, audio visual and many other ways. May God bless them all for their ministry.**

**27<sup>th</sup>** There are many homeless, disadvantaged and marginalised people in our region and many Christians who seek to help and support them, such as the Salvation Army and Bethany Christian Trust. Please ask God to strengthen all those involved in this ministry so they may in turn provide the right assistance to meet the requirements of those in need and help them to rebuild their lives.

**28<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for all who attend Open House and who make it such a positive event. Pray for much enjoyment as the Guild are treated to a Stain Glass demonstration today. This is the last meeting of the Guild until October. Pray for blessings on those planning the next session of Guild meetings.

**29<sup>th</sup>** Pray for joy as the Pool and Knit and Natter groups meet today. Lord, we pray for a heart open to sharing Jesus with others, even when it feels uncomfortable or unfamiliar. Give us courage and boldness to step out and build authentic relationships where faith can be shared naturally. We pray for those who don't yet know You, that their hearts would be prepared to receive Your love and truth. Finally, we thank You for the generosity of ministries like the Isaiah 61 Movement, and we pray for Your provision and blessing over their work as they inspire others to share life, faith, and Jesus. Amen

**30<sup>th</sup>** Father, we pray for those who are struggling with self-worth and inner battles, that they may come to see their immense value and Your deep love for them. We ask you to strengthen and guide the people who walk alongside them with wisdom, patience, and compassion. We pray for healing, hope and transformation for anyone feeling broken, and for opportunities to speak life and encouragement into their journey. Amen. Pray for the work of the Fa'side Community Kitchen as it helps many in need.