

Tranent Parish Church Prayer Bulletin – March 2026

1st This morning we meet to praise our living Heavenly Father and to worship His greatness and power. 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.

2nd Give thanks for the East Lothian Climate Hub which is funded by Scottish Government money and looks to support and encourage all the various eco-active groups and initiatives across East Lothian. Our church, the Heugh Garden and Tranent Wombles have had support from the staff and we pray for the way in which we can all work to make East Lothian a more eco-friendly place.

3rd Open House opens its door 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. Pray for a chance to open eyes to the light, wisdom and compassion of the Gospel, the reason we do all things. Our congregation is part of the Presbytery of Lothian and Borders, made up of almost 100 congregations. Give thanks that we are not alone but connected so widely to other Christians in our part of Scotland. Pray that good relationships between the congregations may grow. Pray for wisdom in the selection of the next Presbytery Clerk. The Blindwells cluster of local congregations meet in our Church Hall this afternoon. Pray that God will guide us in this project to establish a Christian presence in Blindwells.

4th The Pool and Knit and Natter Groups meet this morning and give thanks for those who organise these times to socialise. Our Lent Bible study group meets this evening and weekly throughout Lent. Give thanks for the study material available to help us all to learn more about following Jesus. Pray for our desire to read the Bible and share it with others to grow.

5th As Gemma Morton settles into her new role in our area, please pray for the Lord to protect SU's ministry across East and Mid Lothian, as well as for the opportunities and resources to start more SU groups in schools. Lord, we pray that people everywhere become more caring towards the environment in which they live, and that politicians, planners and developers seriously consider environmental concerns when making decisions.

6th Today is the World Day of Prayer and the materials on "I will give you rest - come!" have been prepared by women in Nigeria. A joint service will be held at Ormiston Parish Church today. Pray for good relationships between the churches in Tranent and our surrounding area. We pray for Musselburgh North Esk Church, lifting up to God the leadership and all involved in the life of this community. Pray for Hayley, their minister, who is now on maternity leave, and all members of the Kirk Session as they look to a future of worship, service and broadening co-operation in a rapidly changing town setting.

7th 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. The East Lothian Eco Congregation gathers in North Berwick at St Andrew Blackadder Church this morning. Give thanks for those who lead this work and pray for the seeds it plants to grow well. Pray for continued inspiration and energy for the Eco Action group in our congregation.

8th Please ask God to guide Katherine as she leads our morning service today. Also give thanks for all those who make our Sunday morning services possible. May God continue to provide our J Club leaders with energy and wisdom so that J Club continues to give the children a solid foundation which will stay with each youngster

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for the rest of his or her life.

The Week of Prayer for Science runs from today until 16 March. We pray for all Christians involved in the world of science.

Pray for this afternoon's St Baldred's Day Celtic Worship service at St Mary's, Whitekirk.

9th The various church teams meet this week to consider the main areas of activity in our church. We ask for divine wisdom, understanding and unity as the teams gather to discuss important elements of our church's activities.

We give thanks for the work of CrossReach and in particular at Eskmills which provides supported accommodation for adults with learning disabilities in Musselburgh and Portobello. May God bless the hard-working team with protection and well-being as they support those who use the service. We pray that CrossReach will continue to improve the lives of many throughout Scotland and will be blessed with all the resources needed.

10th 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.

Today at the Guild someone from The Scottish Bible Society will talk about the Bibles for Bairns project which provides Bibles to newborn babies and their families.

The Lent Bible Study continues this evening and we ask for this meeting to be uplifting and encouraging to all attend.

11th Ask for good fellowship at the Pool and Knit and Natter Groups this morning.

Pray that many throughout Scotland would grasp the vision for praying for their family and friends, themselves and the nation throughout Lent. May we all use Lent as an opportunity to share our faith.

Pray for the Reuse Fair being held today in the Fraser Centre.

12th Pray for the staff and patients of Tranent Medical Centre, asking that there be enough time and resources for all who need help to be treated and healed.

Ask God to encourage those who seek to establish a fair and just peace in the Middle East and in Ukraine. 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.

13th Remember young people who struggle with poor mental health. Pray that Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) will be able to provide the assistance needed by these youngsters.

Please pray for the Christian Institute as it seeks to influence secular society for Christ and ask God for more opportunities to reach politicians and the media with their concerns on key issues for British society. Also request the organisation will have wisdom and endurance as it seeks to address the many issues facing the UK.

14th We pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit at the Prayer Meeting this morning as many meet to give thanks to God and to lift our petitions to our mighty Father.

The Growing Young Group is hosting a Games Afternoon in the Church Hall this afternoon. Give thanks for this Group and pray that it will be a time of enjoyment and of deepening of relationships.

15th 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 to seek help.

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16th 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.

17th Open House meets again today and please pray as you feel led regarding this important weekly meeting.
As our Lent Bible study group meets again this evening, may the Word of God speak to and bless all who attend.

18th The Pool and Kit and Natter Groups meet again this morning.
May older folk listen to the voices and concerns of youngsters today about pollution and exploitation of our planet. We pray for the future quality of life of our daughters and sons, granddaughters and grandsons, greatgranddaughters and greatgrandsons. May we fully understand our responsibilities to these future generations.

19th 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.

20th The season of Lent often creates opportunities for Christians to speak to friends, family and colleagues about Easter and Christianity. Pray that many such opportunities will arise for you and you will be bold in using them to explain your faith and what Easter means to you.
Today our local ABC nursery visits the church building. We ask that the children and their carers will feel the presence of God in our building.

21st 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.
Please pray for all those working with the youth and children 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.

22nd **Please ask our caring Father to bless our morning worship today, led by Katherine. May we all be encouraged and challenged by the words of the sermon, prayers and hymns. We know that our Lord is present wherever two or more are gathered in His name – may we all feel His presence with us.**
The Youth Club meets this evening. Give thanks for the teenagers who attend and pray that God may lead others to come along. Give thanks for the work of Recharge, the Youth Club, in Tranent, which cares for many young people and pray that the young people and leaders may be blessed by God in all their time together.

23rd In Christian service it is easy to give and give until there's nothing left. The needs are constant, the stories are heavy, and the pressure to keep going can feel endless. Yet Jesus invites us into a different rhythm: "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." (Mark 6:31, NIV). Rest isn't laziness; it's obedience. It's how we refill before we overflow. When we learn to care for our souls, we serve from abundance, not exhaustion. Ask God to help us all to make sure we get sufficient rest and to strike the right balance in our lives.

24th Pray for all who attend Open House this morning to enjoy their time together.
The Guild are looking forward to hearing from a representative from the Scottish Air Ambulance Service at their meeting this afternoon. We give thanks for the way the SAAS helps people when they are in great need.

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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 be led by it to make the right decisions for our church.

25th The Pool Group meet this morning, as does the Knit and Natter Group, and we pray the teams and the guests have a great time together.

Pray for open minds and hearts at the Lent Bible Study meeting this evening in our Church Hall.

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.

26th Our Father, we praise You for Your faithfulness towards all Your people, especially those who are suffering or persecuted. Thank You that our brothers and sisters have been reached with food, water, Bibles and medical supplies. Thank You that they have had an opportunity for education or training, or to set up small businesses and income-generating projects. Thank You most of all that You have kept and strengthened their faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray.

27th Pray for people waiting for a diagnosis. May their wait be short. If it is not the news they hoped for, may God give the courage and faith to face whatever path this leads them down. Give thanks for the skills and dedication of our health professionals and may we never cease to be grateful we have access to a health service that many others do not. Remember, Lord, those who served You and Your church loyally for years who now can no longer do so due to age or health. Keep them daily in Your sight, Lord, and be a blessing to them.

28th 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. Give thanks that God hears all our prayers and answers them in His wisdom and perfect timing. Pray that we will all continue to use the blessing of prayer wisely.

Today Debbie leads our Easter Activity Day in the Church Hall from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Ask for many children to attend, have lots of fun and learn of the true meaning of Easter.

29th **Thank our loving Father that we can meet this morning for fellowship and to worship God on this Psalm Sunday. Pray that our worship this morning will bring glory to God and show our appreciation for all God has given us. 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.**

30th 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.

Pray that all in our church who have young children will bring them up to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. May they all feel energised to serve in our church, in local schools and in our local community to reach many youngsters.

31st Lord, help us to maintain a reverent attitude towards nature, threatened from all sides today, in such a way that we may restore it completely to the condition of brother/sister and to its role of usefulness to all humankind for the glory of God the Creator.

This evening is the last meeting of this year's Lent Bible Study. May all who attend continue to consider what has been read, said and prayers in the meetings as we prepare ourselves for Easter.