

**1<sup>st</sup>** On All Saints Day, when we remember the Christians who have lived before us, we pray that people of all ages will discover the light and life that is found in Jesus. We give thanks for the faithful prayer warriors who meet on Saturday morning.

**2<sup>nd</sup>** May all barriers be removed from people attending church today. May Katherine be inspired by the Holy Spirit in her preparations and leading of our service and may all present feel the peace of God.  
**Today is the International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians. We pray for an end to the persecution of Christians throughout the world.**

**3<sup>rd</sup>** Pray for our Lord to guide Katherine in all she does this month and to give her times of rest and relaxation amid all the busyness.

Pray for those suffering the grief of bereavement. May they know the comfort of God's love, the kindness and company of friends and hope in God's promise of everlasting life.

**4<sup>th</sup>** May God bless our Open House every Tuesday. Ask for God to strengthen all those who make it possible and may many more in Tranent find out about, attend and enjoy this time of friendship and fellowship.

The Kirk Session meets tonight. God says that His people shall dream dreams and see visions. Our church starts work this month on our vision for the future. Pray that our conversations will be inspired by the Holy Spirit and lead to good choices, pleasing to God.

**5<sup>th</sup>** Pray for blessing on all attending the Pool group today.

Please pray for the Christian Institute, which stands up for the rights of Christians in the UK and abroad. Pray that the message of the Lord will spread rapidly and be honoured (2 Thessalonians 3 v1), for more opportunities to reach politicians and the media with our concerns, for safety as they travel around the country meeting supporters and for wisdom and endurance as they seek to address the many issues we face. May the Lord be pleased to bless the staff and Trustees of the Institute.

**6<sup>th</sup>** Father, You are more powerful than we can ever imagine. Jesus overcame all evil and His sacrifice is extended to all who believe in Him. We pray for the faith and expectancy to see You work through us, Your people, in our everyday lives. Thank You for Your strength. Amen.

**7<sup>th</sup>** Pray for all involved in Christians in Sport as they seek to reach out with the Gospel through sport and also to support Christian sportsmen and sportswomen of all ages in the unique challenges they face. CIS asks for Churches everywhere to pray for their local sport communities so let us all do just that. Also ask for guidance from God on how our church can interact with sports clubs in our area.

**8<sup>th</sup>** May the presence of the Holy Spirit be felt by all attending the Prayer Meeting this morning and may our Lord answer their prayers according to His will.

Please pray for encouragement and perseverance for the work of our church in local schools. May young minds and hearts be open to the stories of our God's love and care and may many find a spiritual home in our church. May God empower Debbie in all she does as our Youth and Family Worker including in the Elphinstone Drop Ins on Monday and Wednesday afternoon's in the Community Centre.

**9<sup>th</sup>** Today we hold Remembrance Services to honour those who have given their lives for others and to remember the suffering and grief that war brings. Pray that

**the services at the Tranent and Elphinstone War Memorials and in our church will witness to God's love for the world and to God's power to bring peace.**

**10<sup>th</sup>** COP 30 meets in Belem, Brazil from 10<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November. You might like to hold a time of silent prayer - a silent vigil - for (say) 5 minutes each day as you hold this important gathering before God. You might like to light a candle as a focus with the simple prayer that God's light and love would shine over COP 30.

**11<sup>th</sup>** Today is Remembrance Day and we give thanks for those who gave their tomorrows for our todays. We pray for peace in our world, especially in Ukraine and Israel, Gaza and the surrounding region.

Pray for uplifting conversations at Open House this morning.

The Guild is an integral part of our church and we pray for good fellowship at all their meetings, including today when the speaker is from The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. We ask our Lord to call others to join our Guild.

**12<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Exploring Discipleship Course which meets tonight in our Church Hall. May many attend to consider what it means to follow Jesus.

Pray that all our Christmas outreach events will go well and that many people who are not yet Christians will attend and consider what they have heard and that in time they will come to faith in Christ.

**13<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for the organisers of the Pool Group.

COP 30 continues in Belem, Brazil. The region is home to the Amazon rainforest which is one of the world's most vital ecosystems storing billions of tonnes of carbon and home to thousands of indigenous communities and species. We pray that world leaders and negotiators will make real progress in getting agreement to seriously reduce the damage to our world.

**14<sup>th</sup>** Call on the Lord to enable Christians throughout Africa to keep themselves secure in the love of God and build themselves up in their most holy faith (Jude v20 & 21). Pray that, even as they endure suffering, they will consider the enemy's threats and respond with renewed confidence in the Lord's sovereign plans for His people (2 Kings 19 v17-19). Pray that the growing power of jihadists across the continent will be broken and that there will be peace for all Africans.

**15<sup>th</sup>** May all those who are able to come along and enjoy fellowship at our weekly Prayer Meeting as we lift to our amazing Lord our concerns, requests and gratitude.

Thank God for our Hall and for those who look after it as we hold our ceilidh this evening. Thank God for the work of Mike Watson and the Explorer Scouts who are sharing this evening with us. Pray that our links may be strengthened and grow.

**16<sup>th</sup>** May we all enjoy attending church and grow in our faith as we pray, sing and listen to Bible readings and the sermon from Katherine. The time of fellowship is also valuable and we give thanks for all who assist with the teas and coffees after the service.

**CrossReach Sunday is today and we pray this organisation would be able to spread the word about CrossReach, raise valuable funds, gain more prayerful support and ultimately be able to support those in need across our society in an accessible and meaningful way.**

**17<sup>th</sup>** We give thanks for all those who made Souper Sunday possible last month. It is wonderful that we raised funds for the Disasters Emergency Committee, a group of charities including Christian Aid which provide support in war torn countries, whilst enjoying time together with food.

We remember this week the leadership and all involved in the life of Hawick Burnfoot Church. Pray for their outreach work through their BB Company and the Knit and Natter Group, that those involved would come to know something of Jesus's love. Pray too for the preparations and plans for a new minister.

**18<sup>th</sup>** We pray for lots of laughter and joyful conversations at Open House this morning. We give thanks for the work of our Eco Congregation Group and may they continue to help us to care for our planet especially given the huge concerns over the damage that has been done to Earth.

**19<sup>th</sup>** Pray for all attending the Exploring Discipleship Course tonight. Pray for all Scripture Union groups, Christian Union groups and other Bible Study/prayer groups in schools and colleges, that they would be powerful times of experiencing the presence and love of God and that they would grow in numbers and influence. God's promise to us is eternal. He has promised we shall have eternity with Him and each other in a world where there will be no more tears, no pain or suffering. When you look out at this amazing world God has given to us, consider the sheer scope of the promises that yet await His people. We truly do have an awesome God!

**20<sup>st</sup>** May our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ feel the peace of our Saviour in real and tangible ways as they endure difficult times and even death. Ask God to change the hearts and minds of those who mistreat Christians and stir up hatred.

**21<sup>st</sup>** As COP 30 ends today, please read this poem by Ken Saro-Wiwa. He was executed in Nigeria in 1995 because of his defence of the Ogoni tribe of which he was a member. The Ogonis live on land which has been environmentally degraded by intensive oil extraction by multinational companies. *"There is a fire in me, Burns all day and night, Flares at injustice, Leaps at oppression, Glows warmly in beauty."*

**22<sup>nd</sup>** We give thanks for the privilege of being able to pray and may the prayers at this morning's Prayer Meeting be pleasing to God. Pray for those behind the scenes, those who carry out services to make our life at Tranent Parish Church smoother, enabling us to pull together. To name some is to miss out many but please pray for those who serve on the rotas including serving tea/coffee and collecting and banking the offerings.

**23<sup>rd</sup>** **May we continue to meet together with joy and thanksgiving each Sunday. We ask for Katherine's words to encourage and convict us. Pray it will be a time of wonderful worship and may we take opportunities to get to know each other better each Sunday morning and at other events.**

**24<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks that all over the nation there is a growing awareness that a key part of seeing God's kingdom come is to spend time in prayer and intercession before the throne of grace, mercy and judgement. Pray that the Holy Spirit will 'fan the flames' of a fresh movement of prayer in and for Scotland, that existing prayer groups will see attendances and the fervency and intensity of prayer rising.

**25<sup>th</sup>** We pray that the Open House team have the stamina to continue organising these important gatherings today and every Tuesday.

Pray for an enjoyable gathering of the Guild meets today with a speaker from Girl Guiding East Lothian.

Many families in our local area are struggling in the current economic conditions and we pray for a change in circumstances. May those in power make wise decisions with compassion and care for those who need assistance.

**26<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the Exploring Discipleship Course which meets this evening. May we all live for Jesus in our everyday lives.

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 those people who receive the translated Scriptures and that they will be saved.

**27<sup>th</sup>** Pray for our members who live in care homes, that they may feel at home, loved and cared for. Pray that we keep our connection to them well. Give thanks for the services at Crookston and Tranent Care Homes. Pray that the residents and staff may know God's presence with them.

**28<sup>th</sup>** Tonight a team of Street Pastors will take to the streets of Edinburgh to show God's love and compassion. Please pray that they will be led to the right parts of the city and will also be given the right words to help those in need. Also pray that they will have committed hearts, strong bodies, great team unity and safety from harm.

Give thanks for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service for their sacrifice and dedication. Ask God to keep safe the brave men and women who risk their lives to keep us safe.

**29<sup>th</sup>** We pray for our weekly prayer meeting today. Let us all continue to pray to our Lord and spend time listening to what He may be saying to us. It also the Church of Scotland's Day of Prayer to inspire renewal throughout the Church. Pray that this may be so.

We pray that the Origin Christmas concerts in Edinburgh and Glasgow next week will be joyful celebrations. Ask God to help all using their God given musical abilities to encourage Christians and spread the Good News to those who do not yet accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

**30<sup>th</sup>** Ask God to open the eyes, minds and ears of all who attend our service this morning and may all consider what they have heard. May God be glorified at our service this morning. Give thanks for those who operate our Fair Trade Stall.

Give thanks for and pray for the J Club leaders and helpers as they teach the children and share their faith with them. May the children who attend our church and Youth Group and those outside of the church community know the unsurpassing love of God, that He is faithful to His children and that He will not forsake them wherever they are and whatever their situation in life.