

Saturday 22nd

Lord, we sing the joyful carols led by our dedicated worship group, yet we confess that our hearts are too often filled with other thoughts- wondering when the bills will be paid, when the terror will stop, when rest will come. Will it ever? Is the message still true? Remind us again that You are a God of Hope who always keeps Your promises.

Sunday 23rd 4th Sunday of Advent

Nativity services –both churches

Loving Father, as children we learn what it is to be loved from our parents. We are vulnerable and must rely on them for everything. This is how we are to learn to **LOVE** You; by being loved. We pray for children everywhere who need to be loved so that they, in turn, can learn to love You. *I give you a new commandment; love one another, just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. John 13:34*

Monday 24th Christingle -Drymen Church 5pm

Watchnight service-Drymen Church 11.15pm

Lord, we thank you for our Minister, musicians and those teaching our young folk as we worship You this Christmas.

Tuesday 25th Christmas Day Service –Buchanan 11am

Lord Jesus Christ, we join with the angels and all the company of heaven to celebrate the wonderful truth of Your coming to earth as a vulnerable baby to rescue us from our sin! May the message of amazing grace ring out today throughout this needy world. *Care*

Wednesday 26th

Heavenly Father, we ask You to pour out Your amazing grace into the lives of those that the world forgets. Today we especially remember the work of the Glasgow City Mission.

Thursday 27th

Great God, You sent Your son to earth as a baby born in a manger. We celebrate this at Christmas time but in all the glamour and excitement of the season we forget to see beyond and to recognise Your grace and the continuing significance of His coming. Help us to continue celebrating throughout the year by following in his footsteps.

Friday 28th

We thank You, Lord, for the many reasons we have enjoyed a happy Christmas. And we rejoice for each blessing. New life. New love. A home. A job. New opportunities. Second chances. And more.

Saturday 29th

Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace. Luke 2 v14

Today Lord, we remember the people of South Sudan who must long for peace in that terribly impoverished country. We pray that the peace deal signed in September may lead to a lasting peace and that those who fly for MAF may be empowered to bring Your message of peace, healing and reconciliation to many others.

Sunday 30th Joint service in Drymen church- 11.30am

We not only need Your peace and joy; Lord, we crave it. You've promised rest for the weary, victory for the battle-scarred, peace for the anxious, and acceptance for the broken hearted—not just at Christmas, but every day of every year.

Monday 31st Looking to the New Year

Thank You Lord, for the blessings You have given us over the past year in good times and bad times—in our own lives, in our families and in our Church family. May these memories continue to comfort and inspire us.



As the rain hides the stars
as the mist hides the hills,
as the clouds veil the blue of the sky,
so the dark happenings of my lot hide the shining of Your face from me.

Yet, if I may hold Your hand in the darkness,
it is enough, since I know,
that though I may stumble in my going,
You do not fall.

*Thank you for reading our Prayer Diary.
If there is a prayer or topic you would like included in a future
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Our Prayer Diary December 2018



*May the God of
Hope fill you with all
Joy and Peace
Romans 15 v13*

**Drymen
and
Buchanan
Church of Scotland**

Saturday 1st

Heavenly Father, when one phase of my life comes to an end, help me to look with fresh eyes and listen with fresh ears for Your guidance to focus on something new. Help me to make a difference in a world which so desperately needs Your light to shine into dark places.

Sunday 2nd First Sunday of Advent

God of **HOPE** and promise, be with us throughout this Advent season and draw us ever closer as we journey together toward the stable and the birth of Your Son, our Saviour.

Monday 3rd

Glory to You, O God, for sending Jesus Your Son to be a shining light in the darkness of the world..

Tuesday 4th

God of ages, in Your sight nations rise and fall and pass through times of peril. Now when our land is troubled, be near to judge and save. May leaders be led by Your wisdom; may they search Your will and see it clearly. As we have turned from Your way, help us to reverse our ways and repent. Give us Your light and Your truth to guide us, through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of this world and our Saviour.

Wednesday 5th

Father God, in this month of December, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we journey towards Christmas Day. Help us to find time to think and to listen, to pray and sing and worship. Come, Lord Jesus, for we await the arrival of the Light of the World.

Thursday 6th

Lord Jesus, You know what it was to be wounded, help me to remember that Your wounds can heal my wounds. Grant also that my wounds might heal someone else's wounds. *(Every day with Jesus)*

Friday 7th

Heavenly Father, forgive me when I find myself in a panic, rushing hither and thither and not knowing which way to turn. Teach me how to be still and to wait upon You. Show me Your will and grant me peace of heart.

Saturday 8th

May the peace of God which passes all understanding shelter your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Lord, whether in the heights or depths, light or darkness, may we never forget Your unending peace and love for us.

Sunday 9th 2nd Sunday of Advent

Dear Lord, don't let us miss You this Christmas season. Help us to simplify our activities and traditions so we can focus our celebration on Your birth. Thank You for being the Prince of **PEACE**, and I ask You for that supernatural peace to reign in our hearts. Thank You for the simple but life-changing message of Your love for us. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Monday 10th

O Lord, our task in this life is to prepare our souls and those of others for eternity, and yet we get distracted by so many worldly things, especially at Christmas. We need to ask ourselves: "Will this item for purchase bring me (or my loved one) closer to You, Lord, in my journey to eternal life, or is it a burden?"

Tuesday 11th

Release the joy in us that's been crushed by pride, wrong priorities, or world events. Tear down the strongholds that have held us captive far too long. Extinguish the flames of apprehension that rob us of a calm, quiet spirit. Show us again the beauty of that holy night so many centuries ago.

Wednesday 12th

God, help me to pray for those in prison. Help me to see them as You see them – as people separated from their families and as members of our communities. Help me to see not only their errors, but also their potential.

Thursday 13th

Lord Jesus, we lift to You the people of our country who do not acknowledge Your birth or know Your love, and who measure Christmas by the glitter and the money spent. Forgive our nation, Lord Jesus, and help us to turn back to You.

Friday 14th

Jesus, You came into the world to be our Saviour. Thank You that You became a child of the earth so that we may become children of God.

Saturday 15th

We pray for comfort and strength of all families who have lost their young people in the terrible murders which have hit our cities. Give the nation wisdom and understanding to solve the causes of the anger and unrest.

Sunday 16th. 3rd Sunday of Advent

Father God, We thank You and praise You today for the miracle of Your Son's birth. Thank You for bringing great **JOY** to the whole world! Thank You for giving us the assurance, that because You came to us in the form of a human, we who believe in Jesus can know with absolute certainty that we'll spend eternity with You.

Monday 17th

In a world where worry, not peace, prevails, stir up that good news again; make it real in our hearts. Never have we needed Your joy and peace more than now. Thank You for the gift of Jesus, our Immanuel, the Word made flesh. Forgive us for forgetting that Your love never changes and that You came to save us and give us life eternal and the joy of relationship with You. Your birth—and Your death—sealed Your promise to us forever.

Tuesday 18th

Father this Christmas we ask You to bless all the families connected with our Church, that their homes and ours are full of hope, peace, joy and love.

Wednesday 19th

Almighty God, as we begin to prepare for the wonder and mystery of Christmas, we remember the special role of Mary the mother of Jesus. You showed her the way through the Angel Gabriel and she responded obediently and joyfully. Help us to be obedient and joyful in our preparations for Christmas.

Thursday 20th

Help us, O Lord, to be gentle and considerate in our acts towards others. Teach us to be kind, as You are, even to the ungrateful and unkind.

Friday 21st Drymen Primary School Christmas Service

We pray today for the children and staff in the School, that many may be touched by the true message of Christmas as Alex, our Minister, proclaims Your word.

