

CRAMOND KIRK



FEBRUARY PRAYER DIARY

Love is the touch of intangible joy;
Love is the force that no fear can destroy;
Love is the goodness we gladly applaud;
God is where love is, for love is of God

(CH4 hymn 115)

Let us love one another because love is from God
God's love was revealed among us in this way:
God sent his only Son into the world
so that we might live through him

(1 John 4 : 7, 8)

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Sunday

Sunday by Sunday as we gather to worship we do so in the faith we never worship alone but always in company with God's people in heaven & on earth. Please keep Russell, Stanley & Iain in your prayers as they lead us in worship & bring us into communion with the saints.

Monday

Our assistant minister, Stanley Okeke, has completed his final review & he has been given permission to put his name forward to vacant charges. Please pray for Stanley & his family that he will discern God's calling him to minister in a place of God's choosing.

Tuesday

On Sunday, 19 January Catherine Crawford, John Glencross, Gill Massie, Dorcus McLeod & Fiona Vennelle were ordained as elders of the Church of Scotland & admitted into the life & work of Cramond Kirk Session. Pray for our Session Clerk, Edith Butler & for all the members of our Kirk Session as they welcome our five new elders. And pray Catherine, John, Gill, Dorcus & Fiona will find every encouragement & support from our Kirk Session & congregation as they take up their new duties & responsibilities.

Wednesday

In recent weeks the television news has brought us dreadful reports & pictures from south eastern Australia where terrible bush fires have destroyed an area the size of Scotland, brought great suffering to the human & animal population & caused untold damage to the countryside & environment. Please pray for all who have been affected by loss of life or loss of home, loss of community & loss of habitat & the volunteer fire fighters who have fought to contain the fires. Pray too that the world's leaders & people will be willing to respond urgently to the climate crisis facing the world.

Thursday

Quietly in the background the finances of our congregation are carefully nurtured & maintained. Please give thanks for Alistair Gibb (Finance Convener), Neil MacLeod (Treasurer), Crichton Mouat (Gift Aid Convener), Ian Adam (FWO treasurer) & everyone responsible for looking after the finances of Cramond Kirk. And pray too that as a congregation we will be generous in our financial support of the work of Cramond Kirk.

Friday

Pray for CrossReach, the social care arm of the Church of Scotland, offering loving care to people of all ages who are in need of a helping hand, supporting them to live life to the full whatever their circumstances. Cumnor Hall in Ayr is one of CrossReach's residential care homes for older adults with a diagnosis of dementia & we are asked to pray for the residents, their families & friends, that they will always feel welcomed, supported & loved.

Saturday

Fiona Kendall grew up in the Church of Scotland & now works in Rome with Mediterranean Hope, a refugee project created by the Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy. Fiona's background in European law & voluntary work with asylum seekers has helped to equip her for the role as Mediterranean Hope's European & Legal Affairs Advisor. Fiona asks us to pray for European politicians to have the courage to embrace humanitarian corridors, energy for people who mistakenly think they cannot make a difference through their actions & hope for the many people who have no safe harbour & no hope of returning home.

PRAYER

To You, O heavenly Father, be all praise and glory
as day by day you richly fill my life with many blessings;
a home to share, family to love and friends to cherish;
a place to fill and work to do;
Your gift of a green world, blue skies above,
and the air we breathe;
healthy exercise and simple pleasures;
humanity's long history to remember
and its great people to follow;
good books to read and many creative activities to delight in;
so much that is worth knowing
and the skill and technology to know it;
thoughts of eternity and great things
that sometimes fill my mind;
many happy days and that inward calm You give me
in days of gloom;
the peace passing all understanding
that comes from Your living in me;
the faith that looks through death
and the hope of a large life beyond the grave
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

(from a diary of Private Prayer by John Baillie)

If you have a prayer request or a favourite prayer which you would care to share in a future Prayer Diary, please e-mail cramond.kirk@blueyonder.co.uk.