

## St Cuthbert's Prayer Diary - July 2018

**Sun 01** *God is my helper. The Lord keeps me alive! I will praise your name, O Lord, for it is good (Ps 54)*

Mon 02 For all churches, including ourselves, faced with difficult decisions that will determine our path into the future. Grant to all, the guidance and discernment to make the right decisions, based not on our own desires to survive, but on God's salvation plan for the world

Tue 03 Give thanks for those in the emergency services, who are prepared to risk their own lives to help others. May they be protected from harm, strengthened, and supported in their work, and able to help those in need of their services.

Wed 04 May the Church be open to God's guiding into new or different paths. May we not be so bound by tradition, or what has been done before, that we are unwilling or unable to try something new or different.

Thu 05 For the work of the Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), providing flights for 1,500 aid, development, and mission organisations, so enabling them to use their donations, to transform the lives of millions of people, in places that would otherwise be too dangerous or time-consuming to reach.

Fri 06 For all Christians in the Grace Movement Churches. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all Christ's one body the church in the world.

Sat 07 For all visitors or new attenders at worship tomorrow or during the week, may we make them feel welcome among us, and may they be aware of God's presence.

**Sun 08** *Give your burdens to the Lord, and he will take care of you. He will not permit the godly to slip and fall (Ps 55)*

Mon 09 Give thank for all who prepare the floral displays in the church, and those who distribute them. May God bless all who receive the flowers.

Tue 10 For refugees and asylum seekers who have left behind everything, in their search for safety, or a better life for their families. For so many, who reach their destination, only to find that it is little better than what they left behind.

Wed 11 The Welcome Guide, their ministry of welcome and hospitality, all tourists and visitors to our church and to our city.

Thu 12 The outreach of the church worldwide to those who have not heard the Gospel of Christ, that all may come to know and love him. That as the church in Edinburgh, we may find ways to reach out to those all around us, who need to hear God's message of love to them.

Fri 13 For all Christians in the Great Commission Association of churches. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering together we are Christ's church.

Sat 14 For all who long to attend worship, but are unable to do so, that we will find ways to make them still feel part of our worshipping community.

**Sun 15** *I praise God for what he has promised; yes, I praise the Lord for what he has promised. I trust in God, so why should I be afraid? (Ps 56)*

Mon 16 For our internal congregational communication and external publicity, to reach out to all those around us, all who live or work in our Parish, or pass by the church.

Tue 17 Governments, heads of state, local councils, national and international businesses, and all in positions of power or influence – may they always use their power wisely and for the good of others, not to protect themselves, or for their own gain.

Wed 18 The clergy and congregations, in our Edinburgh Together churches partnership, and St Andrew's Church in Jerusalem.

Thu 19 For all churches, including ourselves, who have a shrinking membership and increasing financial problems. For discernment to see where Christ is leading, and the courage to trust, obey, and follow him wherever he leads us.

Fri 20 For all Christians in the Greek Old Calendarists church. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all Christ's one body the church in the world.

Sat 21 For all visitors or new attenders at worship tomorrow or during the week, may we make them feel welcome among us, and may they be aware of God's presence.

**Sun 22** *My heart is confident in you, O God; my heart is confident. I will thank you, Lord, among all the people. For your unfailing love is as high as the heavens. Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. (Ps 57)*

Mon 23 The Treasurer, Finance Manager, Fabric Convenors, and all who administer our finances and care for our fabric on our behalf. Wise stewardship of our resources.

Tue 24 All who are unemployed, or worried about possible redundancy. Those in management positions having to make staff redundant. All searching for work. All those who help and support those who are unemployed, or searching for work.

Wed 25 The unity of the church locally and worldwide, and an openness to God's Spirit. That we may have the grace, humility, and courage to be free from prejudice and receptive to new ideas.

Thu 26 For all God's people and churches, that he will show them how best to reflect the light of his love into the dark places of the world around them

Fri 27 For all Christians in the Holy Catholic Western Rite churches. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all part of Christ's church.

Sat 28 For all who will partake of Holy Communion tomorrow, that they will know God's blessing and presence with them, tomorrow and every day.

**Sun 29** *There truly is a reward for those who live for God; surely there is a God who judges justly here on earth. (Ps 58)*

Mon 30 The ministry and work of the Kirk Session, the Session Clerk, all office bearers, and all members of the Kirk Session.

Tue 31 Pray for child labourers, child soldiers and children exploited in pornography, for young girls and women exploited on the streets, for all men, women and children enslaved, betrayed, and abandoned.

## St Cuthbert's Prayer Diary - August 2018

- Wed 01 For those who work to relieve inequality and injustice, whether in trade and commerce, tax laws, or debts owed by individuals or nations.
- Thu 02 For all those who have never heard the good news of the gospel of Christ, or who have heard it but rejected it as irrelevant to them. That God will show us how to share the Gospel in ways that will enable them to hear with their hearts, the message of God's love for them.
- Fri 03 For all Christians in the Independent Anglican Church of Canada. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all part of Christ's one body the church in the world.
- Sat 04 For all who are preparing for, or who will be involved in, leading worship tomorrow or during the week, an openness to God's guidance.

**Sun 05** *I sing praises, for you, O God, are my refuge, the God who shows me unfailing love (Ps 59)*

- Mon 06 The growth and development of our healing and listening ministries, all who are involved, and all who come to us for help.
- Tue 07 The government in Westminster, the Holyrood and European Parliaments, the City Council, and all elected representatives. For discernment and integrity in all their decisions. For the Queen and her family, their dedication and service to our country.
- Wed 08 The ministries of 'OASIS' and 'business matters', Andy Gregg, and all involved in Workplace Chaplaincy, as they offer help and support in the workplace.
- Thu 09 That Christ will show us how to share the good news of his love to those who are searching for answers to their questions. For those who know there is something missing from their lives, but find no help in the institution we recognise as church.
- Fri 10 For all Christians in the Indian Shakers churches. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all part of Christ's one body the church in the world.
- Sat 11 For all visitors or new attenders at worship tomorrow or during the week, may we make them feel welcome among us, and may they be aware of God's presence.

**Sun 12** *With God's help we will do mighty things (Ps 60)*

- Mon 13 The on-going growth and development of our pastoral care. All who visit those in our congregation who are unable to come to church. All who are sick in hospital, or at home, and those who care for them.
- Tue 14 All who suffer domestic violence, or abuse. All who are harmed by those who should be protecting them. That they may find help, support, and a way out of their situation.
- Wed 15 The work of the Church of Scotland's 'Priority Areas' Committee, as it seeks to help and support people struggling against poverty.
- Thu 16 For all churches, including ourselves, struggling to survive, that we will not become so worried about our future, that we lose sight of our mission as the body of Christ in the world - to share in his work and witness, regardless of the cost to ourselves, and to trust him always to know what is best for us.

- Fri 17 For all Christians in the Inspirationalists (Amana Church Society). For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all part of Christ's one body the church in the world.
- Sat 18 For all who long to attend worship, but are unable to do so, that we will find ways to make them still feel part of our worshipping community.

**Sun 19** *Let me live forever in your sanctuary, safe beneath the shelter of your wings! (Ps 61)*

- Mon 20 Millions of people cannot access basic medical care, clean water, schools or receive the Good News of God's love, simply because it's too dangerous or time-consuming to reach them. Pray for the work of the Mission Aviation Fellowship, who provide flights for aid, development, and mission organisations, enabling practical help, physical healing, and spiritual hope to be delivered to some of the world's most remote and inaccessible communities.
- Tue 21 Those responsible for making and passing laws. Those responsible for upholding the law, or for dispensing justice. All working in the prison services. All prisoners
- Wed 22 The work of the Bible Societies. All who work translating the Bible so that everyone will be able to read the scriptures in their own language. Those who distribute the Bibles, those who support this work.
- Thu 23 For all who feel let down, abandoned, or rejected by the church or a church, that all will find a welcoming home somewhere among God's people, where they will be cherished and nurtured.
- Fri 24 For all Christians in Lutheran churches. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all part of Christ's one body the church in the world.
- Sat 25 For all who will partake of Holy Communion tomorrow, that they will know God's blessing and presence with them, tomorrow and every day.

**Sun 26** *Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him (Ps 62)*

- Mon 27 The staff, and the volunteers, who all willingly give of their time, talents, and finances, to serve God's worldwide church, St Cuthbert's, and our congregation.
- Tue 28 For all who work in the caring professions, for patience, gentleness, and kindness in all they do, especially for those who work with people who are unable to help themselves. All who live with the frustrations caused by needing help from others.
- Wed 29 As the church in the world, show us how to reach out to those who need to hear of God's love for them, by going to them rather waiting for them to come to us, by offering help that is relevant to their needs and concerns, in language that they can understand.
- Thu 30 For God's church in the world, that it may be a beacon of light and hope, drawing others into his family
- Fri 31 For all Christians in the Macedonian Orthodox Church. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all part of Christ's one body the church in the world.

## St Cuthbert's Prayer Diary - September 2018

Sat 01 For all who are preparing for, or who will be involved in, leading worship tomorrow or during the week, an openness to God's guidance.

**Sun 02** *O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you (Ps 63)*

Mon 03 The work of the church in our city, country, and the world, in sharing God's message with others. Those called to be missionaries, at home or abroad.

Tue 04 For all people who are born or forced into slavery. For the victims of trafficking, violence, terrorism, or abuse, and those who are responsible. Victim support agencies.

Wed 05 For St Cuthbert's soul space ministry - offering an opportunity to find peace and space in which to stop and reflect, in the middle of the chaos of everyday life. For all who are involved with soul space any way, and for who will come into the church, that they may be aware of God's presence and blessing.

Thu 06 For all churches, the courage to reach out to those all around them, who are hurting and in pain, to share with them God's loving touch of healing and comfort

Fri 07 For all Christians in Japanese Makuya churches. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all part of Christ's one body the church in the world.

Sat 08 For those who will attend Young Church, and all who will attend worship tomorrow or during the week. May they all be aware of God's presence.

**Sun 09** *Proclaim the mighty acts of God and realise all the amazing things he does (Ps 64)*

Mon 10 For members or visitors to our belfry who ring our bells for services, encouraging all to come and worship with us.

Tue 11 For all who struggle with addictions, that they may seek and find, help and support to change their lives. All who have a loved one struggling with addiction.

Wed 12 That we may have the courage to stand up and speak out against poverty, racism, violence, bigotry, and hunger. Show us how we can make a difference to those who are suffering because of these things.

Thu 13 For those whose bad experiences of Christ's people or church, have led to a loss of faith, that they might re-discover God, and his unchanging love and care for them.

Fri 14 **Holy Cross Day** Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we may be granted the grace to daily take up our cross and follow him.

Sat 15 For all who long to attend worship, but are unable to do so, that we will find ways to make them still feel part of our worshipping community.

**Sun 16** *What mighty praise, O God, belongs to you. Though we are overwhelmed by our sins, you forgive them all (Ps 65)*

Mon 17 For Christian websites and social media sites, for all involved in internet evangelism in any way, and those searching these forums to learn more of God.

Tue 18 For all children - for those who are abused or abandoned, for those raised in places of violence where they are taught to hate or to fight. For all children in care, who long for a family of their own, and for those who will never know the love of a family.

Wed 19 The work of Crossreach providing support and care for vulnerable people. The work of all the various Councils of the church of Scotland, and all who work for 121.

Thu 20 For all churches, including ourselves, facing an uncertain future, that we may not try to hide from the storm ahead, but have the courage to walk out into it to wherever Christ waits to meet us. That we may all be more concerned about saving people than saving buildings, and trust our future to his loving guidance, rather than relying on our own self-sufficiency

Fri 21 For all Christians in the Mariavite Church. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all part of Christ's one body the church in the world.

Sat 22 For all visitors or new attenders at worship tomorrow or during the week, may we make them feel welcome among us, and may they be aware of God's presence.

**Sun 23** *Shout joyful praises to God, all the earth! Sing about the glory of his name! (Ps 66)*

Mon 24 For all whose lives have been devastated by circumstances beyond their control. For all who have lost loved ones, been injured, or made homeless through war, violence, civil unrest, terrorism, or natural disasters.

Tue 25 For all students, at schools, colleges, and universities in our city. For those struggling to keep up with their workload, for those who are far away from everything and everyone they know. For all who teach or support students.

Wed 26 As God's people in the world, may we always treat every person we encounter, with such love and respect, that God's love shines through us to all around us.

Thu 27 For those whose bad experiences of Christ's people or church, have led to a loss of faith, that they might re-discover God, and his unchanging love and care for them.

Fri 28 For all Christians in Jewish Christian churches. For unity and the healing of rifts within and between denominations. May we focus on our commonalities not our differences, remembering we are all part of Christ's one body the church in the world.

Sat 29 For all who will partake of Holy Communion tomorrow, that they will know God's blessing and presence with them, tomorrow and every day.

**Sun 30** *May God be merciful and bless us. May his face smile with favour on us (Ps 67)*