

Marksman

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From the Manse



One of my favourite songs while I was growing up was the song *Day by Day* from the musical *Godspell*. It came out in 1971, when I was only 4 years, and I don't know how I learned the words, perhaps from my Mum? It was certainly many years later before I saw the film of the musical, but these are the words I loved to sing.

*Day by day, day by day,
Oh, dear Lord,
Three things I pray,
To see thee more clearly,
Love thee more dearly,
Follow thee more nearly,
Day by day.*

These are words which I have carried with me through life, words I have tried to base my life upon, day by day, but it is only recently that I discovered who originally wrote them.

St Richard, Bishop of Chichester, patron saint of Sussex, lived between 1197 and 1253, and for someone who lived so long ago, actually quite a lot is known about him.

He was born near Droitwich, educated at the University of Oxford, and after furthering his studies in Paris and Bologna, he returned to Oxford, where he was elected chancellor of the University in 1235. He championed clerical reform and strongly opposed corrupt clergy, and priests who mumbled the mass! In terms of his personal life, he was known for his rigid frugality and temperance, and for his 'hair shirt' asceticism.

The original prayer that he wrote, and quoted on his death bed, was:

*Thanks be to thee, our Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which you have given us,
for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us.
Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother.
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly
and follow you more nearly,
day by day.
Amen.*

From the Manse

What a gift to the Church are those prayers that have stood the test of time and are as helpful devotionally today as the day they were first composed and uttered.

Could there be any better expression of Christian desire, than that in our lives, we might come to know Christ more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly? And could there be any better motivation for the Christian life and, therefore, for the life of prayer, than that we hope to deepen our knowledge of Christ and increase our trust in him?

The phrase 'day-by-day' which is repeated over and over again in the musical song, is so important even though it comes right at the very end of the original prayer.

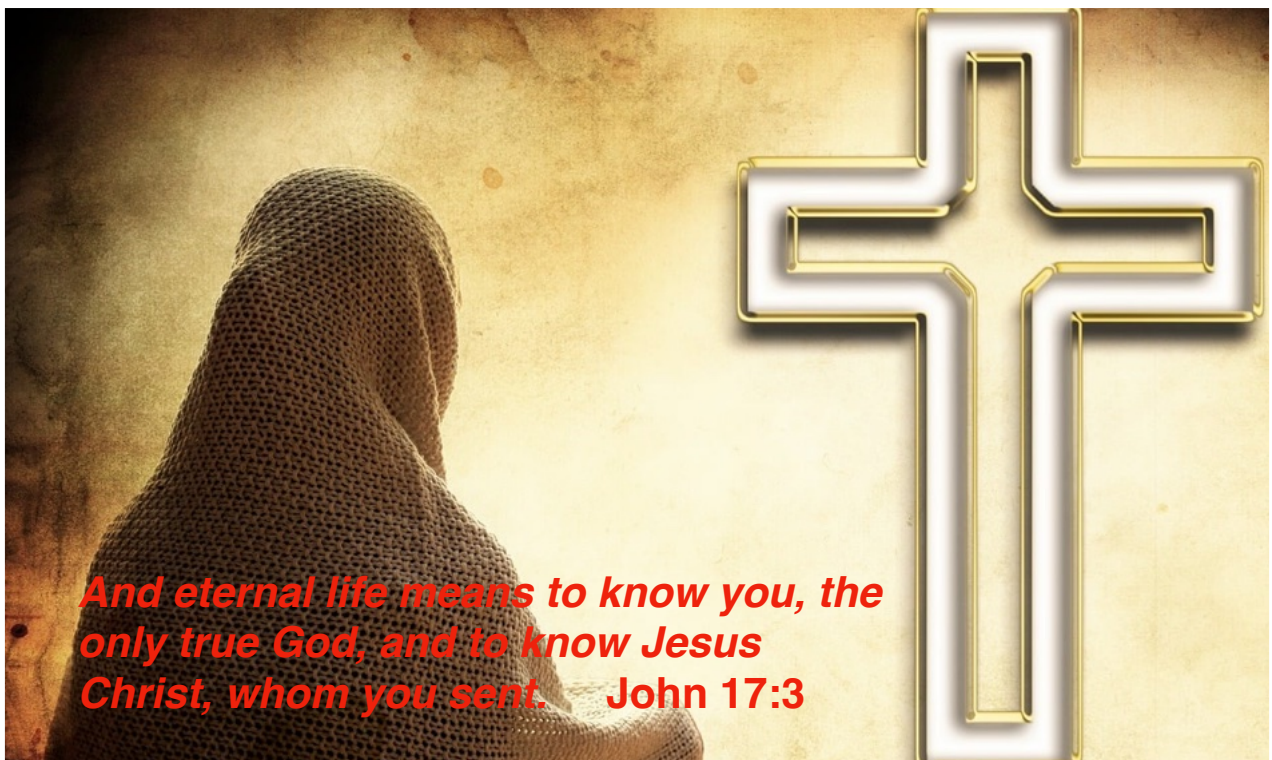
Living out our faith involves mountain-top experiences at significant points along the way, but more prevalent are the day-by-day experiences. The daily devotion and discipline that sees you read your Bible and talk to God in prayer each day, the lifelong desire to grow closer to God and express that through how we live, is perhaps the bread and butter of a life lived in faith.

What might happen if we all began each day praying to know, love, and serve Jesus more fully?

I wish you a prayful, peaceful and joy-filled summer,

Your friend and minister,

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Worship Matters



During Holy Week we shared services with the other Church of Scotland churches across Paisley, experiencing a variety of forms of worship, and meeting our Christian brothers and sisters from around the town, and further afield.

At St Mark's, we celebrated the resurrection together with friends from Sherwood Greenlaw at the Early Easter service and enjoyed breakfast afterwards. After the main Easter Sunday Service we held the annual church barbecue.

Sunday 25th May	End of year service for Youth Organisations
Sunday 8th June	Pentecost joint service at Sherwood Greenlaw Church
Sunday 22nd June	End of year Evolution service
Sunday 29th June	Communion Service
Sunday 6th July	Joint service with Sherwood Greenlaw at St Mark's
Sunday 27th July + Sunday 3rd August	Joint services at Sherwood Greenlaw while Sonia is on holiday.

Funerals

- 25.03.25** Alistair Russell, Buchlyvie Road
- 27.03.25** Lady Fay Miller, of Dunblane (formerly of Kilmacolm)





Session Report

I want to start this report with a *Mea Culpa* - not that I'm trying to emulate D. Trump, Esq. When I gave my report to the Stated Annual Meeting, I omitted to thank Stuart Christie for all the work he does in producing and editing the *Marksman*. Without him, the magazine would not exist, so many thanks, Stuart.... Yirastar!

We have had a successful joint service with Sherwood Greenlaw and shared a pleasant *Bring and Share Lunch*. This will be repeated on the 8th June along the road at Sherwood. Please let us know if you intend being there. We are in regular contact with Sherwood Greenlaw and have several joint services planned over the summer months. We will continue to keep you informed of our progress finally to become one congregation mid to late 2026.

As a reminder to all, this union has been imposed upon both congregations by the Presbytery Plan and we need to work together to make it happen and help expand God's kingdom in our area.

Our church boiler has been repaired and heating has been restored and I am grateful to Graeme Wright for his monitoring of the situation.

The café is going well and again we are grateful to the volunteers who serve us the goodies. If you think you can spare an hour or so maybe you would consider offering to help out. We also need a couple of volunteers to help with the church grounds for general tidying. If you think you can spare the time, please get in touch.

You may have heard that the ROAR head office has withdrawn support for our own local group. This was discussed at Session and a commitment was made to provide our local group with as much support as they require as we feel this is a very valuable service to the community.

We had our Annual Plant Sale on 17th May and many thanks are due to Jen Morgan for organising the event. Enjoy your gardening.

Colin Reid, Session Clerk

Editor's Note : Thank you, Colin.



Sunday Duty Team Rota

DATE	TEAM	LEADER	DATE	TEAM	LEADER
01/06/25	6	Dr C. Reid	06/07/25	3	Mrs C. Hair
08/06/2025	1	Mr J. Goodall	13/07/2025	3	Mrs C. Hair
15/06/2025	1	Mr J. Goodall	20/07/2025	4	Mr G. Black
22/06/2025	2	Mr A. Taylor	27/07/2025	4	Mr G. Black
29/06/2025	2	Mr A. Taylor			

Peter's News

Well, it has been a fun-filled couple of months with a lot going on at the church. One of the memory verses from holiday club was : *In your lives you must think and act like Christ Jesus* (Philippians 2:5) and that has been what I have been trying to do with the children and young people I have been working with.



The Junction Youth Café is also going well and we have an average attendance of 28 young people from P6 up to S2. We will be able to offer places to a couple of people on the waiting list for the last few sessions before we break for the summer.

I am hoping to run the summer Junction on the last week of the school summer holidays again this year. And then restart the fortnightly *Junctions* after the holidays.



Ralston School

I was recently away with the P7s for their residential week to Lockerbie Manor. It was another packed week of activities including abseiling, climbing, canoeing, kayaking, orienteering, fencing and other fun things. It is always fun going along and supporting the young people as they push their boundaries and try new things. I knew more of the P7s who were there because a significant number come along to the Junction.

The church will once again host the P7s Leavers Service at the end of term.



The Holiday Club was a great success with 92 children coming along during the week, 67 on the first day and an average of 58 during the week. The children who came along learned: that kings came to worship him; that he healed the blind, that people left everything to follow him; about his death and resurrection and about how we can follow him.

The Holiday Club is a fast-moving morning with a lot going on. We start with introduction, then song, followed by a drama that is the main story of the day.

We then have a group challenge, after which we split into two big groups for crafts and games with refreshments.

We get everyone back together for some post, a recap of the story, a memory verse, a quiz, a song and then a prayer to finish. All that squashed into two hours!

We had a family event on the Saturday following *Holiday Club* and had about 60 people do a Treasure Hunt around Ralston followed by a BBQ and crafts in the church. I am very grateful and thankful for the large team of people who help prepare and run the *Holiday Club*.

Many thanks again for all your support both of me and the work here at St Mark's.

Peter



24th Paisley Boys' Brigade

I mentioned in the last edition of the *Marksman* that the older boys were meeting up with our friends from the 22nd Paisley (Sherwood Greenlaw) for a night of mini-golf. It turned out to be another successful joint event with the teams being mixed up to ensure both companies were victorious. The more the two groups meet up, the more you can see they naturally mix together and it is really encouraging to see.

The Anchors and Juniors had a couple of woolly visitors just after Easter. The boys were captivated by two lambs joining us. The boys were happy to get 'up close and personal' with them both until the sheep got a little nervous and relieved themselves in the hall.

Despite this, the visit was the perfect opportunity to share some discussion and thoughts around Psalm 23. These two lambs were abandoned by their mothers and relied on the shepherdess to look after

them. We were reminded that "The Lord is our shepherd" so we will always be looked after if we trust in God.

More recently, a craft activity at the Anchors taught another important lesson. The boys made elephants from milk bottles and tissue paper. The point was that every one was different and completely unique, just like us. No matter our differences, God looks at all of us in the same way and so we should see others in the same way and celebrate our diversity.

The lighter nights are allowing the sections to make use of our outdoor space and it is a reminder that we are coming towards the end of another session. We are looking forward to the summer, but there is still much for the boys to achieve and enjoy in the next few weeks as we plan for our Display/Parents' Evening at the end of May.

Jack Goodall (Company Captain)



24th Paisley Boys' Brigade



Pentecost : Sunday, 8 June, 2025



39th Paisley Brownies (Tuesday)

The girls have been working really hard, and having lots of fun. Since we last reported, we've had *Mother's Day* and *Easter*, always a good occasion to tackle some activities. (Also an opportunity to invite our Visiting Elders along to help.)

For *Mother's Day* we based our activities around *Care Bears*, creating cute, bear-shaped cards, colouring pictures and doing wordsearches. We also created three-dimensional hearts.

Our Easter activities were based on the Easter Bunny, and Irene Boyd came along to help the girls create jumping bunnies. We also created our own collages of rabbits sitting by a fence adorned with spring flowers. And in honour of the Easter Bunny, we created rabbit-shaped boxes filled with chocolate eggs.



Returning after the Easter Holiday, we started on the *Aviation Badge*, in conjunction with the current *Outdoor Challenge Badge*, which also has an aviation theme. VE80 also came along, so we wove all these themes together so that when the Rainbows came to visit us on 6 May, we played parachute games, created Spitfire bookmarks, and the Brownies were taken back to WWII and did some code-breaking. We will also be making and flying kites on the lawn at

St Mark's, making the best of this wonderful weather we have had. Two of our Brownies, Ava and Kirsty, ran a *Harry Potter* themed evening as part of their *Gold Award*. The *Sorting Hat* sorted girls into their houses, and the girls organised activities and games based on *Hogwarts*. The Brownies really enjoyed their evening, and Ava and Kirsty really excelled themselves with their preparation and carrying this out. Well done girls (leaders of the future!)

39th Paisley Brownies (Tuesday)

Our weekend at South Newton for our Pack Holiday weekend was a success. Jen Morgan, our other Visiting Elder, came along on Saturday to join us for lunch. Jen also took the girls down into the field to play rounders, and to help supervise on the play equipment which is now available on the site.

This was our first Pack Holiday in two years and only two girls had stayed away with us before, so for most of the girls this was their first time away. And they did brilliantly.

With a theme of *Taylor Swift*, we had lots of scope for the weekend. On Friday evening we had campfires, toasted marshmallows and had singing in the newly-created *Fairy Garden*. Saturday morning saw the girls baking in the kitchen with me, creating lots of goodies for our party on Saturday night, while Claire, Donna and Cheryl supervised the creation of bracelets and a host of other crafts.

Saturday afternoon we made doughnut-shaped soap, to be put into a box we made on Sunday. Also on Sunday, we created frames and bookmarks with positive words, all things Taylor Swift is known for embracing.

The highlight of the weekend was the party on Saturday night, where the girls decorated their own cowboy hats, learned line-dancing routines

from Claire, and bedecked themselves with face jewels, glittered up their nails, and slipped into their party attire.

We were also treated to a programme of entertainment, dance routines, singing, jokes and general mayhem. We have a very talented group of Brownies, and they were a joy to take away. I suspect most of them (like the leaders) got home and immediately went to sleep!

We have a few Brownies going to Greenock on 24 May for a Taylor Swift party organised by GirlGuiding Greenock Division. As on *Thinking Day*, we'll be travelling by train to Greenock and back, so we'll be prepared for lots of singing as we return home!

As we come to the end of the session, we'll be saying goodbye to a few of the girls who will be moving on to Guides after the summer. We will have 5 Rainbows moving up to join us, so we look forward to spending more time getting to know them.

We thank everyone for support, prayers, and good wishes for everything that we have done throughout the year.

Enjoy a very peaceful summer.

Sheena Tonner, Brownie Leader



39thA Paisley Brownies

Wednesday nights just keep getting busier! Early in April, we were visited by 4 Rainbows who have turned 7 so are of age to move to Brownies. They enjoyed their visit and joined the Pack after Easter. Welcome to Bella, Cailyn, Eilidh and Tillie.

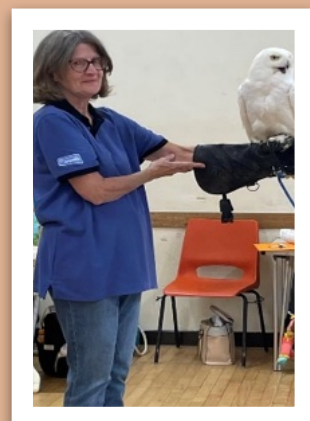
In March, we were able to complete the *First Aid Skill Builder*. Hedwig had led these activities and was impressed that the Brownies remembered all the important skills they had learned. We were delighted to present 31 badges.

For *Mother's Day*, the Brownies designed a picture to give to an important woman in their lives. They were encouraged to use pointillism and had great fun!

Once more, the Brownies were very lucky to be visited by the Easter Bunny. We joined the Rainbows in the sanctuary to search out eggs for everyone. Only 1 egg was not found, but I believe one of the BB boys found a wee bonus gift on the Friday!

After Easter, the Brownies started a new challenge badge called *Physio-Go*. This badge has been designed by the *Physiotherapy Department of the University of Plymouth*. The University had received a grant to encourage young people to consider a career in STEM activities. This linked well to other activities the Brownies had completed this session. We have investigated the job of a physiotherapist, iced biscuits with a skeleton and even made friendship bracelets with bone beads!

At the beginning of May, we had a visit from another 6 Rainbows who are due to join Brownies in September. They had a real treat as we had a visit from Gillian of *Hoots Owls* and 5 of her owls. [Thank you to the BB for recommending this.] Gillian told the Brownies lots of information about different species of owl and how to care for them and answered the many questions they had. One of the owls was then allowed to fly between Brownies who formed a landing platform. After that, all the Brownies [and leaders] had the chance to get a photo taken with an owl perched on their arm.



39thA Paisley Brownies

Interest Badges

Collecting	Georgia
Baking	Charlotte C
My Rights	Georgia
Grow your Own	Eve
Mindfulness	Francesca, Maria
Aviation	Emily
Painting	Charlotte C
Jobs	Eve
Zero Waste	Eve
Languages	Eve
Archaeology	Aoife
Charities	Katie

Theme Badges

Express Myself	Francesca
Skills For My Future	Katie
Have Adventures	Aoife, Emily, Keavagh
Be Well	Breagha, Carla, Charlotte C, Charlotte L, Esme, Francesca, Jess, Katie, Maira, Tilly

Bronze Award Carla, Keavagh

Silver Award Breagha, Charlotte C,
Charlotte L, Francesca,
Tilly

Anniversary Badges

1 year	Eliza, Poppy
3 year	Breagha

Many of the Brownies continue to work on *Interest Badges* at home and they often share what they have been doing with the rest of the Pack. Recently, the following badges were completed and as a result we have also awarded theme awards. Well done, Brownies!

We are now preparing for the end of session, but there is a lot of adventures before we finish up. From 16th to 18th May, 16 Brownies and 4 Leaders are again heading off to PGL Dalguise for a weekend of outdoor activities. The weather forecast is looking bright and sunny so we are packing the sunscreen! This is always a fun-filled weekend and we look forward to sharing some photos in the next *Marksman*.

On 24th May, 14 Brownies and 2 Leaders are off to Greenock to join with more than 300 Girlguiding members for a *Festival of Friendship*. The main attraction is the appearance of a Taylor Swift tribute band so we will all be channelling our inner 'Swifties'!

It is hoped that the girls who have joined us since January will make their Promise at the end of May and we look forward to welcoming their parents to watch this.

The final meeting for this session will be on the 4th June, All the parents and guests will be receiving a hand-written letter of invitation to join us for coffee. At this meeting we will share all the activities the Brownies have undertaken and the final presentation of awards will take place.

If you have any new neighbours with girls in the family, please encourage them to come along and enjoy the fun and friendship that Girlguiding offers. Local Girlguiding is desperate for adult volunteers and a very warm welcome awaits anyone who would like to join in the fun. Interest should be registered at :

www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus

Christine Hair, Brown Owl

Prayer Diary



		JUNE, 2025
Sun	1	We pray for Sonia as we come to share in worship this morning, in church and online. Be with her as she brings your word. Global Day of Parents.
Mon	2	Pray for the following streets in our district – Allanton Avenue, Alton Road, and Atholl Crescent.
Tue	3	39 th Brownies last evening. A couple of Brownies will be presented with their Gold Award. Be with them as they move on in their Guiding journey.
Wed	4	Prayer Group this evening on Zoom and in church.
Thu	5	We give thanks for our Flower Team, the beautiful displays and the joy they give to recipients.
Fri	6	Give thanks for the prayer and Bible study ministries we have.
Sat	7	<i>Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant. Psalm 135 verse 3.</i>
Sun	8	Joint service at Sherwood Greenlaw this morning followed by Soup/bread/cheese lunch. Pray for Sonia and Tom Cant as they lead this.
Mon	9	Auchmannoch Avenue, Balfron Road and Barshaw Place are our streets to cover in prayer this week.
Tue	10	We pray for all who have been bereaved recently or some time ago, and ask you to uphold and comfort them.
Wed	11	Prayer Group this evening on Zoom and in church.
Thu	12	Pray for the Green Team and the work they do to reuse and recycle and reduce waste, and for the gardening work around the church premises.
Fri	13	We remember all who use the building in our prayers today.
Sat	14	<i>Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord Psalm 150 verse 6.</i>
Sun	15	We pray for Sonia today as she ministers to us. Remember also the Church of the Nazarene and Kingdom Ambassadors as they meet in our building after our service.
Mon	16	This is the Glasgow City Mission week when we have volunteers helping out each evening, serving food alongside regular staff and also eating and chatting with folk there. Pray for a blessing for all. It runs from 16-20 June. Keep all who live in Bathgo Avenue, Blair Road, and Buchlyvie Road in prayer this week.
Tue	17	Presbytery meeting at Inchinnan Parish church tonight. Pray for our Presbytery Elder.
Wed	18	Prayer Group this evening on Zoom and in church.
Thu	19	Presbytery Away Day – a time to reflect and learn together. Pray for Presbytery Elders and ministers today.

Prayer Diary



JUNE, 2025		
Fri	20	Pray for the Church Café and the work that is done there by Meena and the volunteers. World Refugee Day.
Sat	21	We are grateful for those on our Worship Team and give thanks for training, gifts and talents used in this service for you. <i>Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy name. Psalm 30 verse 4.</i>
Sun	22	Pray for the end of year Evolution Service this morning and give thanks for the leaders and children who have been with us during the session. Worship Leader training – pray for Nancy as she nears the end of her training.
Mon	23	Crookston Drive, Dalfoil Court and Darvel Crescent all come under our weekly prayers.
Tue	24	Pray for the Kirk Session this evening, for our discussions and for decisions made.
Wed	25	Prayer Group this evening on Zoom and in church. This is a joint Prayer Group with Sherwood Greenlaw and will be the last Prayer Group until after the summer break.
Thu	26	School Leavers ceremony to be held in St Mark's. United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture.
Fri	27	Our Pastoral Team does many things behind the scenes to help and support our members and adherents. Bless their work for you.
Sat	28	<i>Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas and all that move in them. Psalm 69 verse 34.</i>
Sun	29	Our Communion service this morning. Be with us as we meet to celebrate your sacrificial death and resurrection.
Mon	30	Pray for all who live in Drummond Drive, Duchray Drive and Dunchurch Road this week.





Genesis 1:28

God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the Earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'

When God gave us **stewardship of the Earth**, we were given the responsibility of **caring for our planet**. We were to 'rule over' all creatures, or in other translations 'have dominion over' all creatures and the environment. However, 'subdue' and 'rule over' do **not** mean 'exploit' or 'abuse'. God intended **responsible stewardship** of the natural world and everything in it.

God has therefore given humanity the duty of managing and protecting the environment in a **caring and loving** way, just as He cares for us.

Humanity's responsibility therefore includes **ensuring the well-being of all living things** and thereby maintaining an **ecological balance**. The notion of **stewardship** stems from the understanding that the **Earth is God's creation**, and **we are merely caretakers** who must **honour his work**.

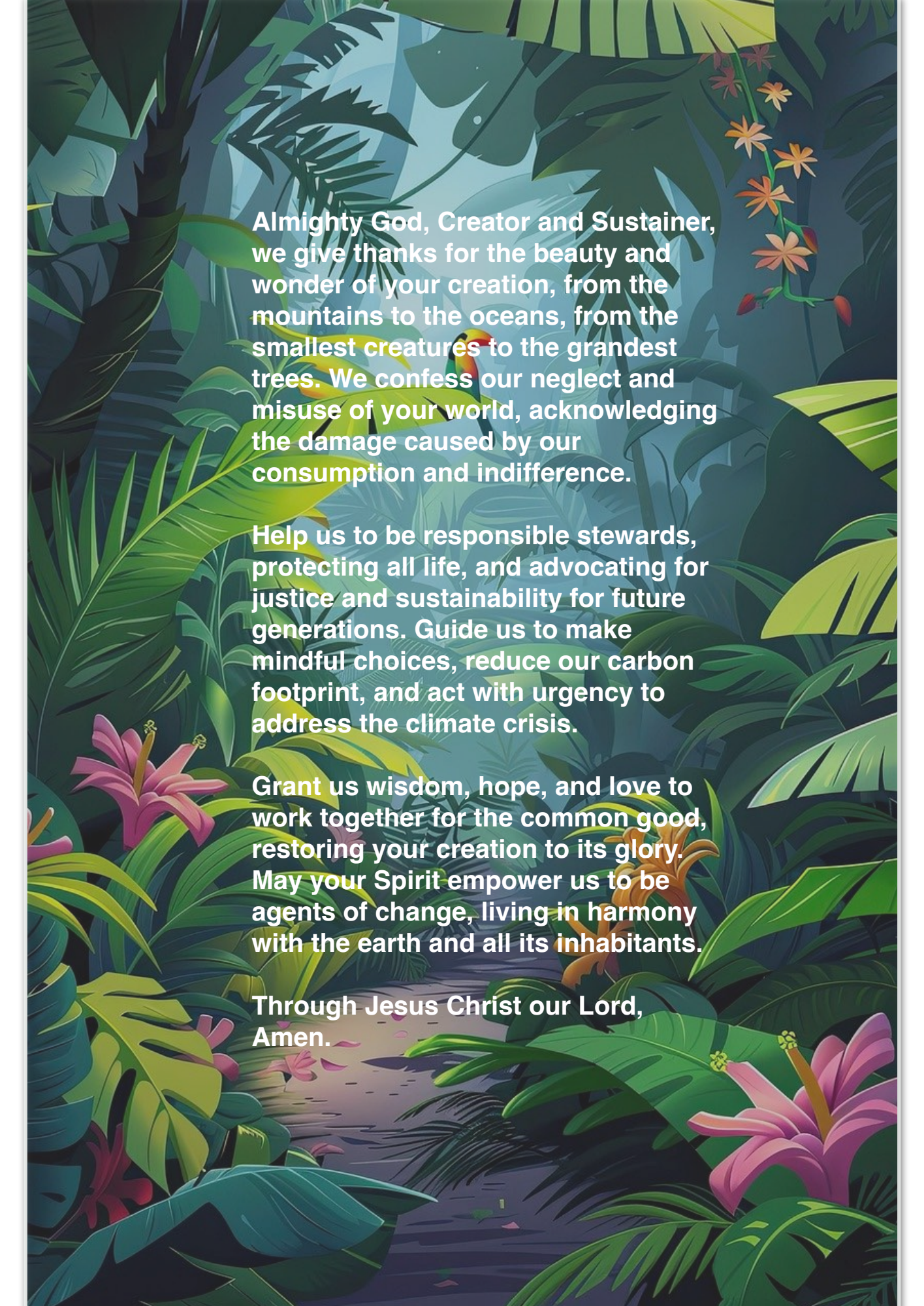
But we have failed to fulfil the task God gave us.

Jeremiah 2:7

I brought them into a fertile land, to enjoy its harvests and its other good things. But instead they ruined my land; they defiled the country I had given them.

We must strive to do much better.





Almighty God, Creator and Sustainer,
we give thanks for the beauty and
wonder of your creation, from the
mountains to the oceans, from the
smallest creatures to the grandest
trees. We confess our neglect and
misuse of your world, acknowledging
the damage caused by our
consumption and indifference.

Help us to be responsible stewards,
protecting all life, and advocating for
justice and sustainability for future
generations. Guide us to make
mindful choices, reduce our carbon
footprint, and act with urgency to
address the climate crisis.

Grant us wisdom, hope, and love to
work together for the common good,
restoring your creation to its glory.
May your Spirit empower us to be
agents of change, living in harmony
with the earth and all its inhabitants.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.



Prayer Diary

		JULY, 2025
Tue	1	Peter, our Church Worker, comes under our prayers today and we give thanks for all he does to contribute to the work and Ministry here in St Mark's.
Wed	2	While there is no scheduled Prayer Group please use this time to prayer for others in our congregations, here at St Mark's and in Sherwood Greenlaw.
Thu	3	We thank you for all who contribute to our Bake Sales throughout the year. Thank you for their talents that we are able to enjoy!
Fri	4	We are grateful for those involved in the Financial work of our church, for their knowledge and expertise and integrity in carrying out their duties.
Sat	5	<i>The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. Psalm 103 verse 8.</i>
Sun	6	Pray for the joint service this morning with Sherwood Greenlaw at St Mark's, and for Sonia as she leads this. May we enjoy true fellowship together.
Mon	7	Our streets for prayer this week are Gartartan Road, Gartmore Road and Glasgow Road.
Tue	8	Remember all the young folk who come along during the session to our different organisations. Pray for them during the summer break.
Wed	9	We pray for our community, local and national government and ask that leaders have wisdom and integrity as they seek to do the best for the people they serve.
Thu	10	Thank you for those who keep our church and premises clean and tidy. Help us appreciate what they do.
Fri	11	Bless the Elders of our congregation and help them to encourage and support each other.
Sat	12	<i>Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as, in Christ, God forgave you. Ephesians 4 verse 42.</i>
Sun	13	Our prayer is for Sonia in her preparation for this morning's service, and for us as we come ready to worship you as we ought.
Mon	14	We remember all those who live in Golf Drive, Hawkhead Road and Killearn Drive this week.
Tue	15	We remember those who are lonely, shut-in, and unable to get out and about to meet friends. May they know your peace and presence with them.
Wed	16	Give thanks for times of relaxation and refreshment during the summer months – pray for people heading off on holiday or just returning.
Thu	17	Pray for all the emergency services who work tirelessly through the year attending to people in need. Thank God for the service they provide.

Prayer Diary



		JULY, 2025
Fri	18	Pray for the Property Team and all the work they do in our church and manse.
Sat	19	<i>The Lord is good and has compassion on all he has made. Psalm 145 verse 9.</i>
Sun	20	In our time of worship this morning help us be ready to listen to what you have to say to us and to apply it to our daily lives, showing your love and compassion for those we meet.
Mon	21	Pray for Sonia as she starts her holiday. Kinpurnie Road, Lanfine Road and Marchbank Gardens are our streets for prayer this week.
Tue	22	Take time to stop and say thank you to someone – maybe someone in your family, or, for example, a stranger who helps keep local parks tidy, or hospital floors clean. Maybe no one has thanked them ever.
Wed	23	Pray for aid agencies who are seeking to help so many in need throughout the world. We remember those working in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, Yemen and other places where there is violence, natural disaster or war.
Thu	24	We pray for the Street Pastors who meet people in our local communities. May they bring the love of Jesus to them and be of help where needed.
Fri	25	Be with all the BB leaders and helpers during their break. Be with them as they plan for the next session and may they be encouraged and enthused for the future meetings.
Sat	26	<i>Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. 1 Peter 3 verse 8.</i>
Sun	27	This morning's joint Service is at Sherwood Greenlaw and is led by Rev. Tom Cant. Pray for him as he prepares and brings the message to us today.
Mon	28	Keep all those who live in Netherdale Drive, Newtyle Road and Newnham Road in prayer this week.
Tue	29	Remember and pray for Muriel Pearson, our mission partner in Israel. Keep her safe and help her know you are close beside her. Encourage her and build her up.
Wed	30	Remember Dawn as she plans for the coming session for the choir. Help her as she leads them and as she asks for guidance as she chooses pieces to enhance the worship at our services.
Thu	31	May we be conduits of God's love to all we meet.

International Friendship Day : 30 July, 2025



Garden Team



We are still looking for at least one willing volunteer to help keep our grounds tidy by sweeping the paths and picking up litter. Two ladies already care for the flower beds - and Colin is still happy to cut the grass - but more volunteers would always be welcome.

Currently, the Garden Team meets on Tuesday mornings, but the general tidying of the grounds could be done at the volunteer's discretion, perhaps one day per week.

Thank you.



Flowers in Church

01.06.25	Mr & Mrs Pollock
08.06.25	Mr W. Whyte
15.06.25	Mrs A. Roberts
22.06.25	Miss I. Higgins
29.06.25	Mrs W. Keith
06.07.25	Mrs E. Macdonald
13.07.25	Mrs A. Black
20.07.25	Ms J. Chapman
27.07.25	Mrs A. McLachlan

Ladies Delivering Flowers

01.06.25		
08.06.25	Mrs M. Scobie	
15.06.25	Mrs A. Adam	
22.06.25	Mrs K. McLauchlan	
29.06.25	Mrs M. Currie	Mrs E. Boyd
06.07.25	Mrs E. Macdonald	
13.07.25	Mrs I. McBride	
20.07.25	Mrs A. Christie	
27.07.25		

Plant Sale 2025

Another fantastic Plant Sale took place on Saturday 17th May on the front lawn of the Church. The fantastic weather and wonderful plants brought out lots of people looking to fill up their gardens.

We were joined by *Friends of Barshaw* selling garden items, Isabel and Margaret with lovely paintings, cards and knitted sea creatures and Lesley with beautiful knitted items.

Our Baking and Craft stall was so busy on the day that they had sold out of cakes within an hour and a half. Sorry to those who missed out!

It was great to have the Community Café open and supplying us with tea, coffee and Meena's famous cake.

Thank you to all those who came along on the day and enjoyed the sunshine and shopping and all the volunteers who helped us to raise over £2000 for Church funds.

Social and Fundraising Committee





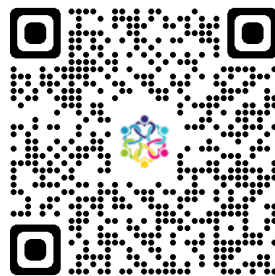
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