



St Andrew's Kirk Ella and St Luke's Willerby Prayer Diary for February 2018

We will explore with anyone who will listen the good news that God saves and transforms sinners through Jesus Christ

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray...." (Luke 11.1)

Thursday 1st February - Psalm 36 - Mission Organizations (St Luke's)

Pray for the mission organisations which we support. Today, particularly pray for the work of those organisations supported by St Luke's: Mission Aviation Fellowship providing air support to missionaries across the world, the Gideons distributing Bibles and the Leprosy Mission.

Friday 2nd February - Psalm 37 - Women's Groups

Please pray for the various women's groups who meet on a Friday at St Andrews' - Faith on Friday (today), Friends on Friday and Refresh. Thank God for this opportunity and that God would work through the conversations had together and the time studying the Bible.

Saturday 3rd February - Psalm 38 - Men's Groups

Please pray for the various men's groups from St Andrew's which meet this month - Men's Breakfast (today) and Word at the Wheatsheaf later in the month. Pray that men would feel welcome at our churches and that the men in these groups would find ways of supporting each other in their life and witness.

Sunday 4th February - Psalm 39 - Sunday Services

Pray for our congregations as we meet together today at our different services. Pray that they might find encouragement and sustenance in God's Word and grow together as a community. Pray for the evening service at St Luke's that this would continue to grow and find its own identity and style.

Monday 5th February - Psalm 40 - PCCs

Pray for our two PCCs as they serve the church family, often behind the scenes. Pray especially for God's leading and guiding as members have greater responsibilities in the interregnum. Pray that God's directions will be clear and that there will be grace and unity in their discussions and decisions.

Tuesday 6th February - Psalm 41 - Prayer

Pray that prayer would grow in importance in our churches. Pray for the St Andrew's monthly prayer meeting and weekly St Luke's prayer meetings as we meet to pray for God's work in our church and the world. Pray for us to be praying as God would have us pray and God would draw many along.

Wednesday 7th February - Psalm 42 - Bereaved Individuals

Pray for those who have lost loved ones this winter. Particularly remember those who have lost their spouse and find their home empty and lonely in a new way.

Thursday 8th February - Psalm 43 - Mission Partners

Please pray for the St Andrew's mission partners. The Moore family are serving God through medical work in Papua New Guinea and the Lowry family through translation of the Bible in Senegal. Pray for their work and also for their family life together in very different places to home.

Friday 9th February - Psalm 44 - Rockets/Impact

Pray for the young people from our churches as they meet in Rockets and Impact to study the Bible and have fun together. Pray for a good family atmosphere and a good balance between fun, fellowship and learning. Pray that the young people will grow in their love of Jesus through the studies.

Saturday 10th February - Psalm 45 - Our outreach

'Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect'. Prayer for all in our churches that we will have opportunities to share the hope we have and the right words to explain what we believe.

Sunday 11th February - Psalm 46 - Sunday Services and Sunday Groups

As we prepare to meet today to worship the living God, pray that it will be a time of growth for everyone. Pray particularly for the young people's groups meeting at St Andrew's. Pray that the young people will grow closer to Jesus in faith, knowledge and love through their groups.

Monday 12th February - Psalm 47 - Interregnum

Pray for everyone involved in the process of appointing a new rector to our benefice - the PCCs and wardens, our bishops and the patron (the Dean and chapter of York). Pray that God is sovereign over the whole process and the person he has marked out to lead us will be appointed.

Tuesday 13th February - Psalm 48 - Schools at Half Term

This week is half-term. Pray for the schools in our parishes - Wolfreton, St Andrew's and Carr Lane; and the other schools which members of our congregations learn or teach at. Pray for more opportunities for us to engage with these schools and be a witness to Jesus in them.

Wednesday 14th February - Psalm 49 - Lent/Ash Wednesday

Today is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Spend some time thinking and praying about how you might use the next few weeks to strengthen your focus on Jesus in the run up to Easter.

Thursday 15th February - Psalm 50 - Mission in Hull

Thank God for all the churches and organisations which are seeking to bring God's love and gospel to the people of Hull and the East Riding. Pray for those who are desperately in need of help in our local area and that the church will respond appropriately.

Friday 16th February - Psalm 51 - Doctors and other medics

Thank God for those who work in the medical professions to keep us health and well. Pray for wisdom and skill for them as they have to act quickly and decisively. Pray for those you know who need God's healing touch at this time.

Saturday 17th February - Psalm 52 - Family Life

Thank God for the gift of families of all shapes and sizes; and for their role as the bed-rock of society. Pray for the strengthening of the families within our churches and in particular for those for whom life at home is hard.

Sunday 18th February - Psalm 53 - Sunday Services and Rooted

Please pray as we meet today to worship God and study his word at 8am, 10:30am and 6pm. Thank God for also that later the older young people from our churches will meet for Rooted - to study scripture and apply it to their lives. Pray that the leaders would have helpful and truthful answers to their questions.

Monday 19th February - Psalm 54 - Church Office and Staff

Mondays see the St Andrew's staff team meeting to plan and prepare for the coming weeks and months. Please pray for extra strength for extra responsibilities during the interregnum. Thank God for all those who help out with various other practical, financial and administration tasks in our churches.

Tuesday 20th February - Psalm 55 - Mums and Toddlers

Thank God for the teams who work hard to run our two toddler groups at the Memorial Hall (Tuesday) and in St Luke's Church Hall (Wednesday). Thank God for the warm welcome they give to parents and carers. Pray that families who come along might be welcomed into other activities. Pray that church members might have opportunities to speak of faith in Jesus.

Wednesday 21st February - Psalm 56 - Memorial Hall/Church Hall

Thank God for the great resources which he has blessed us with - the Memorial Hall and St Luke's Hall. Pray for God's help for those who look after our buildings and carry our cleaning and maintenance. Pray that these places would be a blessing to all who come and make use of them.

Thursday 22nd February - Psalm 57 - Mission Partners

Please pray for the St Andrew's mission partners. For Paul Hunter training evangelists in Tanzania over a large area and for the Griffiths in Myanmar. Pray for their protection and safety and that God would use them to bless the people they serve.

Friday 23rd February - Psalm 58 - Work

For many of us our workplace is where we spend most of our time. Pray for those who work in places which are hostile or indifferent to their faith. Pray that we can act and speak differently so that people can see Jesus reflected in us.

Saturday 24th February - Psalm 59 - Older People

As we know Willerby and Kirk Ella are areas with a larger than average number of retired people. Pray for wisdom for how we can help and reach out to these people with the hope of the gospel that they might discover or rediscover Jesus. Pray for those who live alone and have no family or friends to look after them.

Sunday 25th February - Psalm 60 - Sunday Services

Thank God for the freedom to gather to worship him today and learn from his Word. Pray for those who are involved in the services welcoming, serving tea and coffee, reading, praying, leading and preaching. This week particularly thank God for our musicians and their hard work and dedication for us and God.

Monday 26th February - Psalm 61 - Other Local Churches

Thank God for the many flourishing churches in our local area. Pray for the leaders to have wisdom and protection as they lead their churches. Ask that God would grow and strengthen other Christians and congregations in our part of the world.

Tuesday 27th February - Psalm 62 - Growth Groups

Thank God for the opportunity to meet with God in small groups to learn and to grow in our faith together. Please pray for the leaders as they prepare and lead these groups.

Wednesday 28th February - Psalm 63 - Thanksgiving and Interregnum

Spend some time today looking back over the last month and thanking God for all his faithfulness and answered prayers. Also please pray for our two PCCs who will meet tonight with the Archbishop for an important meeting on the road to appointing a new minister for our two churches.

Space to add the names of family members or friends who do not yet believe, or who are in particular need at the moment



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