

St Luke's
Willerby



St Andrew's Kirk Ella

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Jesus

Prayer Diary – April 2022

<p>Friday 1st April</p>	<p>Give thanks for the Christian fellowship Faith on Friday gives many women. Pray that today they would enjoy one another's company over lunch and grow in faith as they think about Jesus.</p>
<p>Saturday 2nd April</p>	<p>Pray for Graeme and Bequi Innes serving God in Chisinau, Moldova. Pray that the Ukrainian refugees they are caring for are blessed through their ministry, Pray that they would be able to share the true gospel with many of them who have been hurt by the Russian Orthodox church which has been supporting Russia's war.</p>
<p>Sunday 3rd April</p>	<p>Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs" (Psalm 100:1-2). Pray that each of us would encounter the living God in worship today and find our joy in him.</p>
<p>Monday 4th April</p>	<p>John is in Springhead School for an assembly. Give thanks that Springhead is open to Christians from church going in regularly.</p>
<p>Tuesday 5th April</p>	<p>Little Stars meets this afternoon at the Memorial Hall. Give thanks for all the helpers. Pray that they would continue to build good relationships with the many families who attend. We meet to pray tonight at the Benefice Prayer Evening. Pray that both St Andrew's and St Luke's would be known as churches that meet to pray together in dependence on God.</p>
<p>Wednesday 6th April</p>	<p>Pray for St Luke's Toddler Group meeting this morning. Pray that the sense of community would continue to build and that the children, parents and carers would find out a little more about Jesus each week.</p>
<p>Thursday 7th April</p>	<p>Pray that many Primary School children would sign up for the Holiday Club at St Andrew's running Monday to Wednesday next week.</p>

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	John and Sally are going into Year 1 at Springhead School to take a class teaching about Easter. Pray that the children and teachers would believe that the events really happened.
Friday 8th April	Give thanks for a good term at LunchPad, Rockets and Impact . Pray that families, children and youth would not get out of the habit of attending over the Easter break.
Saturday 9th April	The school Easter holidays begin today. Pray that families, children, teachers and other school staff would have a well-earned break . Pray that families would have time to spend together over the next fortnight. York Diocesan Synod meets in person today . Pray that there is opportunity to question some of the decisions made by the Diocese and ensure decision-makers are held to account.
Sunday 10th April	“The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life” (John 6:63). Pray that as we hear God’s Word today, we would encounter Jesus Christ and be renewed to rejoice in him and live for him in the week ahead.
Monday 11th April	The Wonder Zone Holiday Club begins today at St Andrew’s. Pray that many children attend. Pray that the leaders and helpers have a great time and are able to be enthusiastic about Jesus.
Tuesday 12th April	The Holiday Club continues today . Pray that the children attending have fun and engage with the truth of the gospel.
Wednesday 13th April	The Wonder Zone Holiday Club ends today . Pray for Sally and the team to keep going, and for the children to want to come to church on Sunday morning.
Thursday 14th April	Today is Maundy Thursday . Give thanks that Jesus was willing to drink the cup of God’s wrath on our behalf. Pray that the Communion service at St Luke’s this evening would be well attended and that many would praise Jesus for his love for us.
Friday 15th April	Pray that many would take time to come to our Good Friday services – All age at 10.45am at St Andrew’s and At the Foot of the Cross at 2pm at St Luke’s. Pray especially for any who aren’t yet believers, that they would be struck by the centrality of Jesus’ work on the cross and put their trust in him even today.
Saturday 16th April	Pray that Christians living in countries where they are persecuted would be able to celebrate Easter this year in safety. Pray especially for Christians in Uttar Pradesh state, India where some local leaders have a stated intention of eradicating Christianity.

Sunday 17th April	He is risen. He is risen indeed, Hallelujah! Praise God that Jesus rose from the dead and opened the way to life for all who trust in him. Pray for our Easter morning services at St Luke's and St Andrew's. Pray many would attend and that both churches would have plenty of visitors.
Monday 18th April	Pray for the roll out of the Safer Recruitment and People Management policy across the Benefice, that the Diocese requires we have and that we would continue to ensure our churches are welcoming and safe places for everyone.
Tuesday 19th April	Pray for anyone in our church families struggling because of the increased cost of living . Pray that nobody would be embarrassed to say they are struggling. Praise God for the generosity of many to help.
Wednesday 20th April	Give thanks for all the many new people God has brought to the St Andrew's church family over the past year. Pray that he would continue to add to our number at both churches.
Thursday 21st April	Give thanks for the many hall hirers we have at both St Luke's Hall and the Memorial Hall . Give thanks for those who manage, maintain and clean those buildings. Pray that we would be able to develop strong links with many of the hirers and have opportunities to share the hope we have.
Friday 22nd April	Give thanks for the Lent Course that ran through March. Pray that the many people who attended would meditate on God's Word and be fed by God through it.
Saturday 23rd April	Pray for St Martin's Church, Hull , who we support practically and financially. Pray that God would give strength and energy to Jonathan Hill, the vicar, Rose, his wife, and those in leadership as they work hard to make a difference in people's lives through word and deed.
Sunday 24th April	Adam Young is preaching for us today. Pray for him as he prepares to go to Japan as a missionary. Pray that God would provide for him financially, personally and spiritually.
Monday 25th April	Give thanks for and pray for our Staff Team who meet for the first time after the Easter break today. Pray that they would continue to grow in godliness and maturity as they seek to lead both churches into growth.

	The Policies Team meets tonight. Pray that as they do the spade work of policy writing for the PCCs that they would be able to apply wisdom and common sense alongside legal requirements.
Tuesday 26th April	Give thanks for our Growth Groups . Pray that members would return after the Easter break and many new people would join.
Wednesday 27th April	Praise God for the 10.30am Wednesday BCP Communion service at St Andrew's. Pray that God would continue to work among the congregation as we gather around his word and his table, and chat over coffee afterwards.
Thursday 28th April	Pray that the Open the Book team would be able to take assemblies at St Andrew's School on a regular basis once again.
Friday 29th April	Pray for LaunchPad, Rockets and Impact as they meet again today after the Easter break. Pray that everyone would return, and that members would invite their friends to join.
Saturday 30th April	Pray that covid would not affect our individual lives or our churches in the future.

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you[d] alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

(Colossians 2:13-15, NIV)

Our Benefice Vision Statement

We are one people with all kinds of pasts and backgrounds, graciously forgiven at the cross and called together by God encouraging one another to be faithful to our risen Saviour Jesus in the power of the Spirit by living our whole lives according to his word, and by making Him known throughout Willerby and Kirk Ella, and beyond.