

CRAMOND KIRK



FEBRUARY PRAYER DIARY

Do not judge, and you will not be judged.
Do not condemn,
and you will not be condemned.
Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

(Luke 6 : 37)

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Topics are arranged over 7 days which you may find helpful.

Sunday

Pray for Tom & Colin & for their pastoral role in the life of the congregation & also for their work in the community. Pray for Louise Mackay as she settles into her new role as minister in Lanark. Pray for Russell & Margaret as they continue with their many public engagements.

Monday

Pray for the changes taking place in the United States under new president Donald Trump. The Moderator has expressed concern at the developments concerning refugees from some Islamic countries & their inability to enter the United States. Pray for sensitivity by the US government & government agencies & for families split up by this decision.

Tuesday

Pray for our own nation & the implications of Brexit for the whole of the United Kingdom. Pray for healing of divisions & for sensitive leadership as the process is taken forward.

Wednesday

Pray for the Sunday Club, for teachers & children & for all the activities they engage in. Pray for the success of the Bake-Off events & for the funds raised for the work of the Scottish Refugee Council. Pray also for the teachers & children involved with the Turi Children's Project in Kenya.

Thursday

Pray this month for the work of social care provider CrossReach & its wide ranging ministry concerning older people, mental health issues, substance misuse & homelessness.

Friday

(from the Church of Scotland website)

Richmond's Hope branches out to Glasgow

After £100,000 of fundraising, a new centre for bereavement charity, Richmond's Hope, has been officially opened in Glasgow. Based out of Ibrox Parish Church, the new centre will provide support for around 200 children over three years. The charity was co-founded fourteen years ago in Edinburgh & West Lothian by Rev Liz Henderson. Pray for the success of this ministry amongst children.

Saturday

Pray for the recently bereaved of our own community.

Pray for the success of Fair Trade fortnight which starts towards the end of February.

REFLECTION

(from the Church of England Website)

Why is religious freedom so important?

Religious freedom is a fundamental human right. Religious freedom benefits everyone - it creates conditions for peace, democratisation, development & other human rights. Unfortunately there are increasing instances in several parts of the world where violations of this most basic human right occur.

For the Church promoting & protecting religious freedom is not a matter of self-interest. A lack of religious freedom creates socio-economic discrimination. It reduces citizens' ability to come together & become agents for peaceful change. This can fuel intercommunal tension & extremism.

Where religious freedom is denied, human development & flourishing is impaired. For the Church, promoting & defending religious freedom is an important element in the process of democratisation & poverty reduction.

(<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-views/international-affairs/human-rights-and-religious-freedom.aspx>)

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.

