

CRAMOND KIRK



FEBRUARY PRAYER DIARY

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

(Romans 12 : 4 – 5)

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

Sunday

Pray for Russell & Tom & their ministry in teaching & pastoral activities. Pray for their ministry in the local schools.

Monday *(from the Church of Scotland website)*

Following on from our special Young People's service on 28 January, the following extract is taken from the Church of Scotland website :

Robin Downie, Moderator of the National Youth Assembly shared his vision for a church that includes young people. He said, "On behalf of the many young people within the Kirk, I would like to add my voice to that of the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, to encourage churches to make the most of the opportunities of the Year of Young People; to get involved with talking with young people within & beyond the church walls, engaging them in the life of the church & planning some special activities with them during this year". Pray for the success of this Year of Young People initiative, particularly in Cramond Kirk.

Tuesday

Pray for the work of the Sunday Club, for teachers & youngsters & also for all involved in all our uniformed organisations. Pray also for the teachers & children involved with the Turi Children's Project in Kenya.

Wednesday

Fair Trade Fortnight takes place from 26 February until 11 March. Pray for the farmers & workers involved with the initiative that they might receive equitable payment for their goods & labour.

Thursday *(from the Christian Aid website)*

Give thanks for the International Day of Social Justice & for Fairtrade Fortnight. Pray that Fairtrade Fortnight continues the great work of raising awareness & instilling consumer consciousness about the need for trade to be fair for all across the world. Give thanks for the tenacity & persistence of the Fairtrade campaign. Pray that the momentum behind Fairtrade sweeps away threats to the progress made in recent years.

Friday *(from the Christian Aid website)*

Give thanks for Christian Aid partners across the world who are working to support internally displaced people, of whom there are more than forty million, representing two-thirds of all the world's displaced people. Pray that these people, so often overlooked, get the attention & support they need.

Saturday *(from the Edinburgh Street Pastors website)*

Edinburgh Street Pastors have been listening, caring & helping on the streets of Scotland's capital since 2009. We currently have teams going out every Friday & at least one Saturday a month. We can be found in all areas of the city centre including around the Omni Centre, Cowgate, Grassmarket, Princess Street, George Street, talking & assisting folks to help them stay safe & happy, sometimes when they are at their most vulnerable. Pray for those engaged in this ministry.

REFLECTION

Living Life Together

Congregational life can be tiring, too many meetings & rotas, not enough volunteers. However, we long for real community, we want to live life together – sharing meals, chatting, being present for each other in the times of celebration & the tough times of life. This is what good families do together & God has always called us into family living – a family where all are welcomed. Is this one of the reasons the early church grew so rapidly? It was counter cultural as people discovered God as they worshipped, prayed, shared, explored the apostles' teaching & lived life together. Messy Church has taken me to a new place in my church experience, it has shown me how creating a relaxed, welcoming, worshipping, creative environment enables us to be a church for all ages. This doesn't have to happen in a Messy Church (although I think that it is a great way to do it!) there are many ways we can make our churches places where we can live life together, focussing our energies on creating life-changing attractive communities. Faith was never meant to be kept in a little compartment but to be part of our whole lives, "Talk about it when you sit at home & when you walk along the road, when you lie down & when you get up." *Deuteronomy 6 : 7*

*Source: Jen Robertson, previous Schools/ Churches Development Worker for Hamilton
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(from the Church of Scotland website)

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.