

## St. John's and St. Columba's Strathpray

Let us pray for one another and for the world ...

### Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

*'Without having seen Christ you love him; though you do not now see him you believe in him and rejoice with unutterable and exalted joy.'* 1 Peter 1.

We pray ... for the congregations of Christ Church, Huntly; Holy Trinity, Keith; Gordon Chapel, Fochabers; St. Michael, Dufftown and St. Marnan's, Aberchirder: Michael Last. Lay Readers: Jacqueline Kemp, Megan Cambridge.

... for each other, that we might be filled with joy this week. Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life for all creation; grant us grace to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

A hymn for today: [All Souls Orchestra - Love Divine All Loves Excelling \(PROM PRAISE OFFICIAL\) - YouTube](#)



### Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup>



*'You, LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light. With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall.'* Psalm 18.

We pray .. for the UK's estimated 450,000 problem gamblers.  
... for those in darkness of whatever kind.

Almighty God, give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, vision to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you, a life to proclaim you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup>

*Jesus replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.' You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."* Mark 7.

We pray .. those struggling to find a living faith.

.. for the people of India so badly affected by the pandemic.

God, you shape our dreams. As we put our trust in you, may your hopes and desires be ours, and we your expectant people. Amen.

### Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup>

*'What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things.'* Phil. 3.

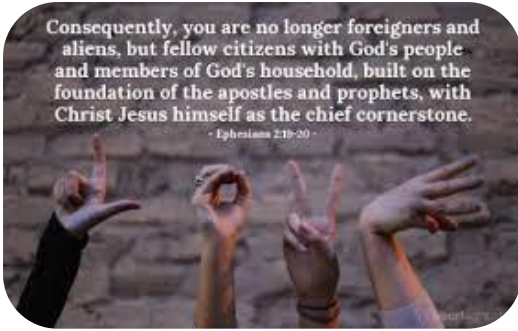
We pray ... for the work of the Red Cross in the UK and internationally.

.. for Christians in the Middle East from a Muslim background who are keeping their faith secret for fear of death or imprisonment.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. Amen.



Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.  
- Ephesians 2:19-20 -



### **Thursday May 6<sup>th</sup>**

***'You are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household.'* Eph. 2.**

We pray .. for candidates standing in the election today and for those who will be voting.

... for those who fell neglected and isolated.

Father, you have revealed your love by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ into our world. Help us to welcome him with joy, and to make room for him in our lives, homes and land, that we may abide in him and he in us. Amen.

### **Friday May 7<sup>th</sup>**

***'We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.'* Rom. 8.**

We pray ... for those elected to the Scottish and Welsh Parliaments.

.. for those who are facing a sense of hopelessness.

You, Lord, are in this place. Your Presence fills it. Your Presence is Peace. You, Lord, are in my heart. Your Presence fills it. Your Presence is Peace. Thank you. Amen.



### **Saturday May 8<sup>th</sup>**

***'We continue to shout our praise even when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us alert for whatever God will do next. In alert expectancy such as this, we're never left feeling short-changed. Quite the contrary - we can't round up enough containers to hold everything God generously pours into our lives through the Holy Spirit!'* Rom. 5.**



We pray ... front-line workers who have had no respite and feel exhausted.

... for victims of human trafficking.

Eye of God look upon me – see me in your grace. Hand of God grasp me – keep me in my place. Heart of God love me – help me to survive. Powers of God surround me – as with life I strive. Amen.

### ***Something to ponder this week:***

*The important fact is that this is a moral universe, that God is a God who cares about right and wrong. God cares about justice and injustice. God is in charge. That is what has upheld the morale of our people, to know that in the end good will prevail. Of course sometimes you have to hold on to this article of faith by the skin of your teeth, but it is there. When you look at the whole kaleidoscope of history you see that there is a nemesis. Sometimes you wish of course to say to God: 'God, we know that you are in charge but why don't you make it slightly more obvious.'* (Desmond Tutu – ***The Rainbow People of God***)



For prayerful meditation: 'Peace on this sinful world.'

[Ukuthula - Cape Town Youth Choir \(formerly Pro Cantu\) - YouTube](#)