

St Luke's
Willerby



St Andrew's Kirk Ella

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Prayer Diary – March 2024

<p>Friday 1st March</p>	<p>Give thanks for the ministry of LaunchPad, Rockets and Impact that all meet this afternoon and evening. Praise God that many children and families are hearing the gospel at these groups.</p>
<p>Saturday 2nd March</p>	<p>Pray that many Primary School aged children from the churches and the local community would be registered for the Superheroes Academy Holiday Club that is running in the first week of the school Easter holidays.</p>
<p>Sunday 3rd March</p>	<p>Give thanks for Christians in generations before ours who contended for the faith, especially those who formulated and defended the creeds. Pray that we would be grateful for them today as we consider another line from the Apostles' Creed this morning.</p>
<p>Monday 4th March</p>	<p>There is a Joint PCC meeting this evening. Give thanks for the unity in the gospel we share between our churches and pray that all of us would 'Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.' (Eph 4:3)</p>
<p>Tuesday 5th March</p>	<p>St Andrew's School are visiting St Andrew's Church this morning. Give thanks for the open doors we have into all the local primary schools.</p> <p>This evening we meet to pray at the monthly Prayer Evening. Pray that we would grow in our prayerfulness individually and corporately over the next year.</p>
<p>Wednesday 6th March</p>	<p>The Open the Book team visit Carr Lane School each Wednesday. Pray that the children would grow familiar with Jesus and want to know him for themselves.</p> <p>Christianity Explored finishes this evening. Pray that those who have been attending the course would all be clear on the gospel and would make a commitment to follow Jesus.</p>

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Thursday 7th March	Pray for those in our church families who are having a tough time for any reason. Pray that God would minister to them through his Word, and that where possible church family would serve them practically and in deep Christian friendship.
Friday 8th March	Pray that the newer members of our children's groups would increasingly be settled and feel a part of the groups. Pray that friendships between church and non-church children, youth and their families would continue to grow.
Saturday 9th March	Praise God for all the new people he's brought to St Luke's and St Andrew's over the last year or so. Pray that everyone would find a way to serve among their church family.
Sunday 10th March	Today is Mothering Sunday . Give thanks for mother figures in your life – perhaps your biological mother, or maybe someone you consider to be a 'mother in the faith' Christian role model. Give thanks for our musicians at St Luke's and St Andrew's . Pray that as they play on Sunday mornings that they would be able to worship, and that the congregations would be led into heartfelt praise.
Monday 11th March	The Open the Book team visit St Andrew's School this morning. Pray for good engagement with the Bible story among the children.
Tuesday 12th March	Pray for Little Stars which meets today at the Memorial Hall, especially for the group of expectant mothers and those with small babies who attend, that they would be able to form good friendships with others at the same stage. Give thanks for Friendly Community Space at St Luke's., particularly for the way it's helped friendships to form and how it's drawn a few folk into church on Sundays. Give thanks for our Growth Groups that meet this week for the members to get to know Jesus better and better, and grow in their friendships with one another.
Wednesday 13th March	Pray that St Luke's Toddler Group would continue to fulfil the important role of holding out the word of life to many families and carers. Pray that some families would start coming to church on Sundays.

Thursday 14th March	Give thanks to God for the way he has been teaching many of us through Lent from the devotional book, <i>Finding Mercy in the Way of Sorrow</i> and the book of Lamentations.
Friday 15th March	Give thanks to God for those who work behind the scenes, especially those who keep our three buildings clean and tidy so that they are welcoming spaces for people to come into and encounter something of God.
Saturday 16th March	Pray for wisdom, love and courage for those who are trying to keep the Church of England faithful to the Bible. Pray especially for the Church of England Evangelical Council as they provide alternative spiritual oversight for clergy who are unable to relate spiritually to their bishops because of matters of doctrine or practise.
Sunday 17th March	Pray that as we gather round the Lord's Table this morning, and as we meet for Songs of Praise this evening, that God would teach and lead us spiritually through the Sacrament and through the words of the songs we sing.
Monday 18th March	Pray for godly wisdom as St Andrew's PCC meet this evening and St Luke's PCC meeting next Monday evening.
Tuesday 19th March	Pray that the men going on the Coffee Morning Jolly today would grow in friendship and fellowship.
Wednesday 20th March	Praise God for how the midweek communion service gives spiritual nourishment to anyone who attends. Give thanks for the regulars and for those who come occasionally.
Thursday 21st March	Pray that tonight's Women's Christian Book Club would again be a good time of refreshment and fellowship.
Friday 22nd March	Give thanks for Friendship Club at St Luke's this afternoon. Pray that those who come would find genuine Christian friendship and encouragement.
Saturday 23rd March	The school Easter Holidays begin today. Pray for a good time of rest and recuperation for teachers, support staff and children alike. Pray that Christians amongst them would have ample opportunity to consider the Easter message.
Sunday 24th March	Today is Palm Sunday when we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem as the Servant King who was coming to give his life for his people. Spend a few moments praising and thanking him in your own words.

Monday 25th March	The Superheroes Academy Holiday Club starts today. Pray for Sally and the team as they run it, for energy and for love for the children and their families.
Tuesday 26th March	Pray that the children attending the Holiday Club would see that Jesus is far better than any superhero.
Wednesday 27th March	Give thanks for the Holiday Club and pray that many children and their families would come to church on Easter Sunday.
Thursday 28th March	Today is Maundy Thursday when we remember Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane. Praise him for interceding for us, and pray that we would remain spiritually awake as we await his return in glory.
Friday 29th March	Give thanks to Jesus for giving his life for you thereby taking the punishment you deserve for your sin.
Saturday 30th March	Pray that persecuted Christians around the world would find strength from the death and resurrection of Jesus.
Sunday 31st March	He is risen. He is risen indeed, hallelujah! Praise God that Jesus is alive, and that everyone who trusts in him will one day rise with him.

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you 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)

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.

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