

prayer guide

to Stained Glass Windows of Holy Trinity Church St Andrews



Holy Trinity is a treasure house of 20th century stained glass and we invited some of our members to choose windows which spoke to them sharing a short prayer.

The Boy Christ

I think of this window as a prayer window because on the ledge in front of it sit three candles, a prayer book and a pen along with a 'request letter' asking people to write any requests for prayer.

Isobel Neilson



Lord God, prayer is a mystery. We don't understand how it works or how our feeble petitions reach heaven. But we do know that Jesus prayed, and taught his disciples to pray. Help us to follow his example and teaching and learn to pray more naturally, more readily and more often and always in his name.

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1 Jesus blesses the children

In our family we sadly lost children who died at a young age. This window reminds me of Jesus love for the children - *Edith Woolston*



This was a prayer I used to say with my own children

*God keep us safe tonight,
Secure from all our fears.
My angels guard us while we sleep
till morning light appears*

David - a good King

All of the kings except David, Hezekiah and Josiah were guilty of wrong doing disobeying God's Law.

We need to pray for rulers today.

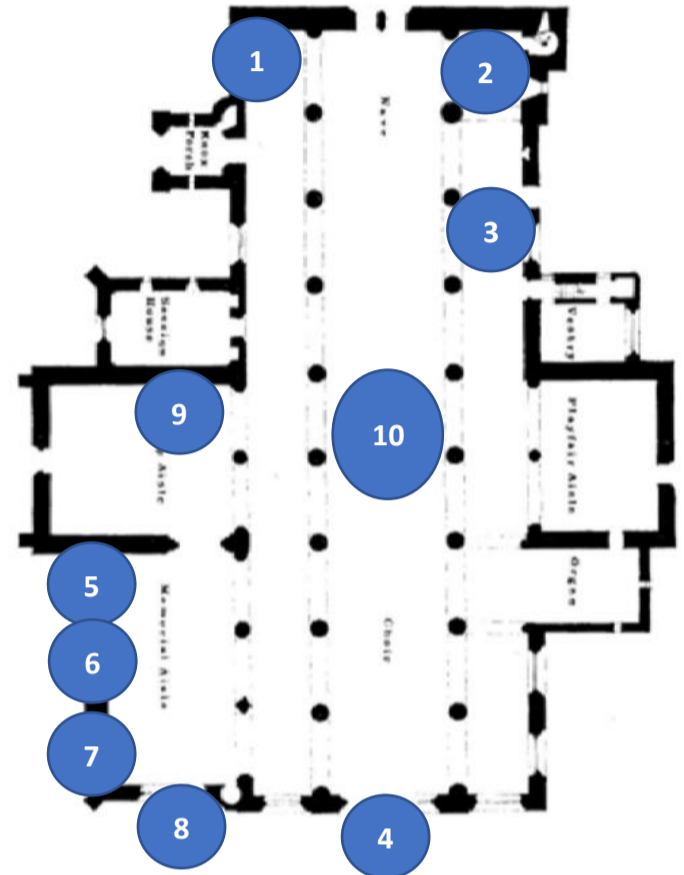
Joan Archer



*We pray for all the primes ministers,
presidents, kings and queens,
for all politicians
of different political parties,
that they would uphold justice and look
after the interests of the weakest
that they would care for the fragile
planet on which we live.*

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You may wish to take time as you walk round the church to pray with words written by our members



'Te Deum' the Great Eastern Window

If we are blessed by the choir singing the Te Deum, I feel that all the heavenly hosts are joining us and we are very close to heaven

Alison Johnson.



*Praise the Lord of heaven:
praise him in the height.
Praise him, all angels of his:
praise him, all his host.
Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise him, all ye heavens:
and ye waters
that are above the heavens.
Let everything that hath breath:
praise the Lord.*

From Psalms 148 and 150

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5 The Nativity

This window gives me great joy as it depicts the devil under Jesus' feet. Even when Jesus was a baby, the devil, via Herod, tried to wipe Him out but did not succeed.

Moira Stewart



*Thank You Jesus
that by your sinless life
you conquered death and the devil.
Thank you that you give us
abundant life
and show us
how we can resist the devil.
Help us to submit to Father God
so we can live in all the blessings
you promise us.
Thank You, Jesus. Amen*

6 Jesus baptism

The artist has captured the sense that his baptism was a moment of solemn recognition for Jesus as well as for those around him.

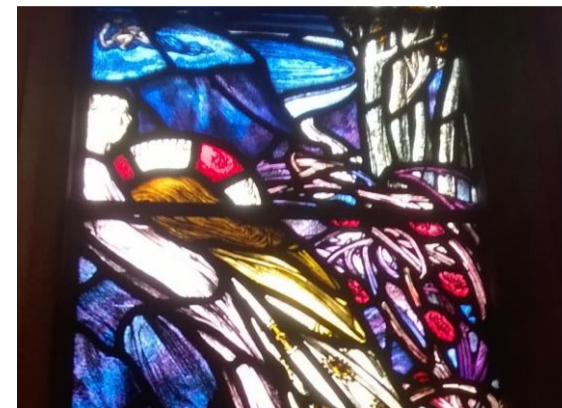
Alison Wynd



*We give thanks for the moments in our
lives when we experience
God's call,
God's challenge
God's blessing*

7 The agony in Gethsemane

I love the colours, the fluid lines, and the fine detail you only see when you look closely. Christ is shown kneeling, his hands uplifted in prayer. – **Bunny Slack**



*Father God,
Thank you for teaching me that when
Out of the depths
I call to you, you will hear me.
That when I am lost and bewildered you
will show me the Way of Life.
Give me the grace to trust you
as Jesus did and to know that I am your
beloved child. AMEN*

The Crucifixion

The nails in Jesus' feet show the suffering he bore on the cross with only a few closest people beside him.

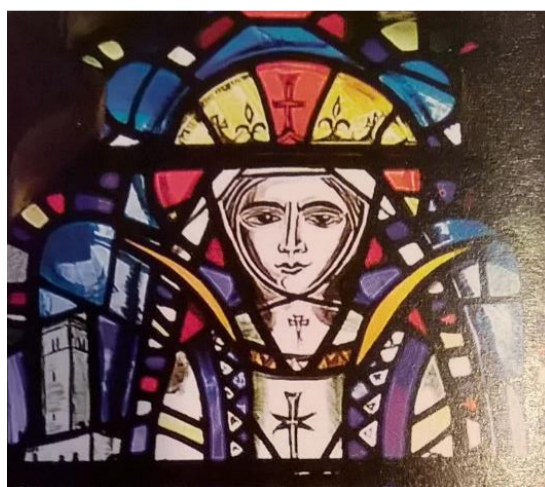


*We find it difficult to understand Jesus
suffering on the Cross but we
give thanks for the way he
showed your love
even on that Cross*

St Margaret of Scotland

St Margaret, Queen to King Malcolm III of Scotland, had 8 children - 6 boys and 2 girls.

Three of the boys became Kings and one daughter married a King. When the Normans invaded England, Queen Margaret invited them in and made sure Scotland became an independent holy country. She was a true saint by example and her son David 1st carried on her work. – **Audrey Ainsley**



*Lord, you know we are not saints.
But at the end of the day,
Grant us, we pray,
life that is Good.*

Clerestory WW1 Memorial Windows

These 17 windows feature the 12 Scottish regimental badges. I have chosen the Royal Air Force window – **Liz Currie**

*'We must never forget the men and
women of the Forces who protect us at
cost to themselves.'*



*Dear God, as we look above to the
heavens to seek guidance and wisdom,
not only do we see visions of you
through your wonderful creation, but
we also see the beautiful
commemorative stained glass panels.
We think of those who have laid down
their lives for us so that we may have a
better life. We thank you for always
being there for us as indeed are the
members of the Forces protecting us
and our Queen and country.*

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