

Readings and Prayers for 19th October 2014

First Reading: Matthew 22: 15-22 – A Tricky question for Jesus to handle!

Second Reading: Acts 27: 21 to 26 – Paul about to be ship wrecked

PRAYERS

Almighty God, In your likeness we long for a world where justice is a matter of course and peace a way of life.

A kindness offered instinctively
and truth is automatic
and grace is abundant
and love is given unconditionally,
but that is not our world yet.

And so we pray for the world,
a world that seems to have a ceaseless appetite for conflict and war.
May men and women everywhere seek the common good and bring peace and justice to all people.

Creator God
may this world reflect more of your image
through what we do towards our neighbour
our enemy, the ill, our family
those we call brother and sister.
And we continue pray for all those known to us who need

your comforting presence in times of bereavement, illness, trouble, and anxiety.....

We pray for our fellowship. We give thanks for our Interim Moderator Ian for overseeing this period of vacancy and we give thanks for our nominating committee as they work through the challenge of finding the right minister to take this congregation forward.

We continue to give thanks for the work Kirk Session, Congregational Board, and the leaders who run the children's and fellowship groups in this church community, and all those people who look after finances, property and administration.

We pray that the Church of Scotland will continue to preach the gospel faithfully to all who live in Scotland, and the Church will be equipped to bring the good news of Jesus to those who have no contact with your local churches.

Heavenly Father, we ask these prayers and all the unspoken prayers of our hearts through you Son and our saviour Jesus Christ. AMEN