

## St. Nicholas Church Prayers June 2023



Father, we thank you for giving the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and founding the Christian church. We give thanks for all that Tom and the St. Nicholas team have done to nurture us and our community. We pray for all church leaders and members, grant us wisdom to understand how to live as your people, empowered and directed by your Spirit. Help us to respond to changing circumstances with grace, fulfilling our calling to love and serve and share our faith. Amen

*“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10 (NIV)*

Being still is something we rarely embrace in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Even when we are forced into physical inertia, phones, TV and other distractions consume our attention. In many of the places MAF works, the need to find the next meal, collect water or care for the sick often prevents people focusing on God. Pray that those we serve will have their needs met and receive His peace.



The Elms, Edinburgh (Crossreach). Residential care for older people with dementia in a safe and homely environment.

Give thanks that The Elms was established in and for God’s glory. May the Lord’s peace continue to be present in the building in a tangible way. Pray for God’s blessings on their staff in their work. May they know his peace and comfort. Pray for comfort for the residents receiving end of life care and also their families and friends.

Pray for the children’s bereavement charity Richmond’s Hope as they reach their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Over that time they have supported over 5,000 bereaved children and young people aged 4-18 from Edinburgh and the Lothians, Glasgow, the West of Scotland and Fife. Pray for the trained Bereavement Support Workers as through therapeutic play and specialised grief activities they empower children and young people to tell the story of their grief and changes to their lives.

