

Scargill

Middle of the Day

Prayers



Monday

Looking back over the weekend and forward to the week

Bookings and Guests

Other Christian communities

Gracious God you love us
We long to meet you now.

Thank you for making us your co-workers,
as we are and who we are
Take our gifts, bless them and multiply them.

Let us see your kingdom come
In this place, at this time, through us.
Amen

Pathway reminder: Obedience

We see Jesus obeying his heavenly Father to the point of crucifixion. We promise to explore what His example means for us. This is scary and demanding.

We pray for other Communities:

- Lee Abbey Devon; Lee Abbey London;
Lee Abbey Small Missional Community in Bristol
- Northumbria Community
- Iona Community

- Taizé Community, France
- Bose monastery Italy
- the communities aboard the Mercy Ships

For bookings and guests

- bookings: that the right people will come at the right time
- for group bookings, especially those looking to bring a group to Scargill for the first time
- for guests – that they may encounter the transforming love of God
- for our speakers and course leaders

In the wider world we pray for:

- governments throughout the world
- those who work for reconciliation
- all whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife
- prisoners, refugees and homeless people
- those who inflict suffering on others

**The Lord bless you and keep you:
the Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn His face toward you
and give you peace. Amen**

(Numbers 6.24-26)

Tuesday

Finance and Developments
Programme planning & marketing

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Pathway reminder: Compassion for the stranger

We see Jesus caring for all especially those who suffer. He boldly demands that the hungry should be fed, the sick looked after, the naked clothed and victims of injustice released from their chains.

The need to welcome visitors and strangers as we would welcome Jesus himself is clear but deeply challenging. We are committed to offering compassion to sufferers in other parts of the country and the world.

We pray for:

- programme planning (online and residential)
- good news about Scargill to be spread
- our marketing work, through social media, relationships, and word of mouth
- fundraising for our development work
- the Business & Finance Group
- the bursary fund, and all those who benefit from it

In the wider world we pray for:

- all who are sick
- those suffering from famine or disaster
- victims and perpetrators of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice
- those who are bereaved
- all who work in the medical and healing professions

**Now to him who is able to do
immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine
according to his power that is at work within us;
to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, for ever and ever!**

Amen

(Ephesians 3 :20-21)

Wednesday

Local community in Wharfedale and our environment

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Pathway reminder: Taking care of creation

We see Jesus enjoying and valuing the natural world. God has generously entrusted us with a very beautiful part of creation so we have promised to be involved in carefully looking after this gift.

We pray for:

- the members and ministers of the local churches
- the Parish Council
- local businesses, shops, pubs, cafes
- our neighbour Robert and other farmers in the dale
- Kettlewell Primary School & Upper Wharfedale Secondary School

- local volunteers – fell rescue, bus drivers, Village Hall
- the work and ministry of Parcevall Hall at Appletreewick
- our work with the Rural Hub, supporting fresh expressions of church in rural communities
- A Rocha UK, and our partnership with them

In the wider world we pray for:

- responsible care of the whole of creation
- creativity, fair working conditions and sustainability
- farming and fishing, commerce and industry
- those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or dangerous
- all who are unemployed

Bountiful God,

**you call us to labour with you in tending the earth:
where we lack love, open our hearts to the world;
where we waste, give us discipline to conserve;
where we neglect, awaken our minds
and wills to insight and care.**

**May we with all your creatures,
honour and serve you in all things,
for you live and reign with Christ, Redeemer of all,
and with your Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever
Amen.**

(A Rocha Aotearoa)

Thursday

Discipleship – following Jesus

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Pathway reminder: Prayer and reading the Bible

We see Jesus speaking regularly and passionately to his heavenly Father. Praying and worshipping together is at the heart of our Community life.

Jesus used scriptures to teach, illustrate, comfort and discipline. He must have studied them. The Bible can inspire, inform and teach. Reading the Bible and praying can also be difficult but we have agreed to accept the discipline of regular private reflection through Bible reading and daily prayer.

We pray for:

- sharing and welcoming stories of faith at Scargill
- our times of worship, prayer and learning with guests, as a gathered community, as individuals
- the personal, spiritual, emotional and physical well-being of one another
- our partnership with ReSource working with local churches
- our partnership with Rural Ministries, resourcing mission in rural areas
- the churches and groups who visit Scargill

In the wider world we pray for:

- social services
- all who work in the criminal justice system
- victims and those who commit crimes
- the work of aid agencies throughout the world
- those living in poverty or under oppression

**Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. Amen**
(from St Patrick's Breastplate)

Friday

***Looking back over the week and forward to the weekend
Working Friends, Companions and Council of Scargill***

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Pathway reminder: Love and laughter

Jesus had no hidden agenda. He never gossiped or betrayed anyone. He supported and encouraged and told the truth even when people didn't want to hear it.

Each of his followers was special and different which means that sometimes we will get very cross with each other. However Jesus creates community by being consistently and constructively loving.

Laughter and generosity are central values in our community which help strengthen the bonds of love between us. We see Jesus taking great pleasure in giving and receiving unexpected treats to other people. We will try to do the same!

We pray for:

- our council and its subgroups
- the Companions who share our Pathway
- our Working Friends
- Adrian, Bridget, and Shaun, in their role as ambassadors of Scargill
- people who have asked us to pray for them.

In the wider world we pray for:

- the communities we left to move to Scargill
- our families and those we love
- those whose time is spent caring for others
- those who are close to death
- the worldwide church, and all who are persecuted.

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. Amen**

(2 Corinthians 13.14)

Saturday

Past, present and future community members

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Pathway reminder: Gifts and creativity

We see Jesus helping and encouraging folk to develop individual gifts and talents that can be used to serve God and other people. We can look forward to using, discovering and being surprised by the gifts that God has given to us and to the people around us.

At times, filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus took risks, going off at strange tangents and providing creative unexpected answers to impossible questions. We too are willing to be caught up in the ingenious creativity and adventurous life of the Holy Spirit.

We pray for:

- former Community members
- needs of current Community members
- the Leadership Team and team leaders
- the right people to join us
- those who are currently applying and those who haven't heard of us yet
- wisdom and discernment during the application process

In the wider world we pray for:

- local government and community leaders
- those who work with youth or elderly people
- schools, colleges and universities
- emergency and rescue organisations

Holy Spirit

you have a call for every one of us

so come prepare our hearts

to discover what it is that you expect of each of us.

Amen.

(Brother Roger of Taizé)

Alternative Prayers

**Gracious Father, thank you for the resurrected Scargill.
You know the many challenges we face on this adventure.**

**Help us to keep Jesus right at the centre;
let us always hold tightly to his love, forgiveness and joy,
especially when the road at times seems so tough.**

**May your love shine from this place
and grant that many who are drawn to Scargill
may leave rejoicing and renewed in your love and hope.**

Amen.

(Phil Stone)

**God by whom our fragile earth is blessed,
make us servants of your creation,
respecting and protecting all that you have made.**

**Teach us the joy of field and flower,
the splendour of forest and tree,
the grandeur of ocean and river.**

**Make us yearn for a world where all may flourish.
Show us how to walk gently on the earth and
hold all in trust for future generations.**

Amen.

(CAFOD)

**God, grant us the serenity
to accept the things we cannot change,
courage to change the things we can,
and the wisdom to know the difference.**

Amen

(adapted from a prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Amen.



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