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Dear Presbyters

To mark Holy Week in an even more special way this year in the Parish of Colvend, Southwick and Kirkbean, we will be reading aloud all four Gospels in Colvend and Southwick Churches from Monday 30 March until Good Friday 3 April: this also will enable us to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the first printed New Testament in English by William Tyndale in 1526. If you or any in your Congregations would wish to be involved, please contact me by email: [jmurdoch@churchofscotland.org.uk](mailto:jmurdoch@churchofscotland.org.uk)

\*I append the Reading information which has been given in recent Intimations here.

I would be very happy to hear from anyone over the coming weeks as we prepare to read the Gospels as an act of devotion and as a witness to 'The Light of Christ in the world.' Parishioners here are invited to sign their names on specific dates and timings: if and when I am contacted by any outwith the Parish, I can indicate which reading slots are available.

Come and join us!

With very best wishes

John

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 30 March – 3 April 2026 in Colvend and Southwick Churches

- Volunteers are invited to read a Chapter, lasting approximately five minutes,
- Readings will be from a large print KJV on the Lectern.
- Those reading must please : **ensure** they are present 5 – 10 minutes before their allotted timing: **come** to the Lectern and begin to read where the previous Reader has ended.
- All are welcome to stay for as long or as short a time as wished.

MONDAY 30 MARCH : 10 am – 12 Noon in COLVEND  
St Matthew Chapters 1 - 18

TUESDAY 31 MARCH : 10 am – 12 Noon in SOUTHWICK  
St Matthew Chapter 19 – St Mark Chapter 8

WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL : 9 am – 10 45 am in COLVEND  
St Mark Chapter 9 – St Luke Chapter 10

MAUNDY THURSDAY 2 APRIL : 4 – 6 pm in SOUTHWICK  
St Luke Chapter 11 – St John Chapter 4

GOOD FRIDAY 3 APRIL : 9 30 am – 11 30 am in COLVEND  
St John Chapter 5 – St John Chapter 21