

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH EAST & NORTHERN ISLES

PRAYER POINTS – MAY 2024

Please use these 'Points' in personal prayer,
but also encourage their use in church services/meetings, study & prayer groups.



Take time to look at and meditate on these words,

WEEK 1 - SUNDAY 5TH MAY

9 – 19 May *Thy Kingdom Come* is a global ecumenical prayer initiative begun in May 2016 with the invitation to join in prayer from Ascension Day to Pentecost Sunday. It has grown into a movement which unites more than a million Christians in prayer, in nearly 90% of countries worldwide, across 85 different denominations and traditions. A **Scottish Prayer Journal** is included for the first time,

[TKC Prayer Journal 2024 SCOTTISH PROOF V5.pdf \(thykingdomcome.global\)](#)

The future shape of the church will surely be discerned as we pray together.

Sat 11 May **Presbytery Prayer Training Morning 10-1pm** connecting locally (**Lerwick, Kirkwall, Fochabers, Alford, Fraserburgh, Banchory & Aberdeen**) but across the region. We will learn via live video-link and pre-recorded videos about prayer, hear and see how others 'do' prayer and experiment with resources individually or together. Be inspired by Rev Stella Campbell; be informed by other individuals and churches; be engaged as we discuss with others and use the resources at 'prayer stations' in our local venues. *Father God, may this event be God-honouring and hope-spreading. Please take care of the technicalities and surprise us by your Holy Spirit power.*

WEEK 2 - SUNDAY 12TH MAY

Christian Aid Week 12- 18 May Pray for local Christian Aid organisers by name if you know them, and for any local fund-raising events. Worship materials follow the story of Aline Nibogora from Burundi, who has found ways to persist in faith, hope and love.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

Gracious God of all the world, thank you for the practical work of Christian Aid over many years to support those living in poverty. Thank you for their campaigning efforts to bring justice to poorer nations by challenging us in richer nations to share and make better laws, to promote fairer business practices and protect our one world environment from ever more climate change.



Sat 18 May 2-4pm Jubilee Hall, Portlethen BSL Choir **SINGING HANDS Concert** for Vine Trust.

*Father, bless **Rev Mary Whitaker** as she ministers to our **deaf sisters and brothers** within the widespread **NENI** Presbytery. Keep her and her hearing dog safe in all their travels. And please make this event a great success for both the BSL Choir and the Vine Trust's house building work in Tanzania.*

WEEK 3 - SUNDAY 19TH MAY PENTECOST SUNDAY

COMMISSIONERS AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY 18 – 23 May

MINISTERS: Jenny Adams; David Barr; Amy Bender; Jaco Boonzaaier; Alastair Bruce; Stella Campbell; Rhona Cathcart; Irene Charlton; Duncan Eddie; Eddie Enslin; Bob Fowlie; Darren Jalland; Peter Johnston; Fiona Lister;

David Locke; Julia Meason; Ken MacKenzie; Elspeth McKay (Retired); Marjory McLean; Deon Oelofse; Amy Pierce; Julia Pizzuto-Pomaco; Holly Smith; Douglas Stevenson; Colin Strong; Sean Swindells. [26]

ELDERS: Jenny Abel; Diane Adam; John Anderson; Yvonne Bain; Ann Bowie; Alison Bruce; Kathryn Cowie; Ian Cowie; Maureen Esson; Robert Esson; Irene Finlayson; Sheila

Garson; Mike Jamieson; Gillian Jamieson; Stuart Lynch; Ruth Mackenzie; Matthew Philip; Mo Mitchell; Anne Paterson; Valerie Taylor; Alun Walker; Susan Zappert [22]

YOUTH Commissioners: Elizabeth Fyvie; Christine Meyer; John Pizzuto-Pomaco

Moderator-Designate of General Assembly – Rev Dr Shaw Paterson

[Photo credit John Young, Life & Work, May 2024 issue]



Infinitely Able Teacher and Head of the Church, strengthen and enable all our Commissioners to understand and discuss well the reports presented by various committees and groups. Give clarity of thought and generosity of spirit in all matters of special debate or concern. May your gracious Spirit inspire worship and guide business efficiently through Shaw Paterson. Prevent and protect from technical problems we pray. Bless in-person and on-line fellowship with your grace, joy and love. Comfort those who are hurting because of the pace and pain of change in the Church. Encourage all to fresh hope because of Jesus'

powerful presence by his Holy Spirit at every gathering in the Hall or around the 'Fringe'. In your mercy, Lord, please revive and strengthen what remains of your Church in all its varieties of expression in Scotland.

O God, You took time to instruct Moses in the building of the Tabernacle. Please do the same for the Church of Scotland. Show us the pattern of physical and living stones you want that will best reflect your glory, and that will enable the most people to find and experience your love and new life in Jesus.



WEEK 4 - SUNDAY 26TH MAY

Fri 31 May 6.30 – 8pm White Armband Day, Broad St, Aberdeen – Beyond Srebrenica, (Genocide education charity) meeting to remember the Bosnian conflict and honour those who suffered, died or lost loved ones. *Loving God, fresh wars break out almost every week it seems and we can easily forget those that have disappeared from the headlines. We may not get to these events but we ask for those who do, a sense that you have not forgotten. Strengthen all peace makers and comfort those who still suffer the consequences of our shameful human tendency to argue and fight rather than love and reconcile. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive us and change our hearts we pray.*

When the righteous prosper, the city rejoices Prov 11: 10 When those who truly live by God's design for humanity begin to influence a community, then this signals good news.... for everyone. [Our Daily Bread 8 April 24]