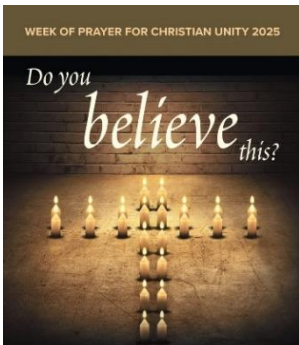


PRESBYTERY OF NORTH EAST & NORTHERN ISLES

PRAYER POINTS – JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 2025

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



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DO YOU BELIEVE THIS?

18-25 Jan 25 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

*Father and Head of the Church Universal, thank you for those who celebrated and worshipped with other Christian denominations during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We praise you for this 1700th Anniversary year of the crafting of the Nicene Creed around which Christendom has gathered over the centuries saying, **WE BELIEVE!** Strengthen connections already made and help us to think and act ecumenically as we go about our various activities, communicating dates and extending and accepting invitations, so that we can encourage one another and witness to your goodness together as the ONE Family of God.*

Alpha Course The **10-Mondays course** starts on **20th Jan 2025** at 7pm in Kaimhill School, Pitmedden Terrace, AB10 7HR. Curious? More information: mail@thompsonaberdeen.com or 07831 878692, or alpha.org.uk

Lord and Teacher, Cover this venture with your love and joy over these next 10 weeks. Bind those attending together as they ask questions and learn. Please fulfil your promise and make those facilitating the course 'fishers of folk'.



Mon 3 Feb, 8 pm ONLINE PRAYER FOR PRESBYTERY



We come together via 'Zoom' to pray for Presbytery and follow up from the week of prayer for Christian Unity. All are welcome! No one is pressured to pray aloud.

Know that your presence is prayer itself.

Time: Feb 3, 2025 08:00 PM London

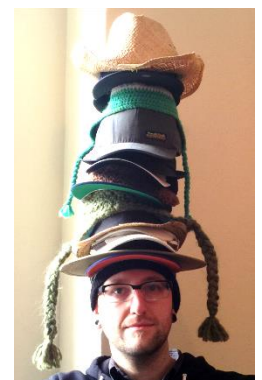
Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95651277875?pwd=wbFy3KZVLLcw4pV7CsVH0hdUpuKqHB.1>

Meeting ID: 956 5127 7875 Passcode: 892117

*Dear Lord, Thank you for the privilege and gift of prayer. Help us to develop and increase our conversations with you the Living Word, who communicated yourself in flesh and blood so we can talk to you in a natural, normal way, as with a friend. Thank you that you are our eternal Living Friend - as individuals, but also, collectively, as your Church. Help us to listen to you as well as talk to you – through Scripture and your Holy Spirit. Bless the **Prayer Promoter group** as they try to encourage us in this spiritual and eminently practical work and service. [Amy Bender, Stella Campbell, John Cook, Margaret King, Iain Stoddart]*

TUE 4 FEB 7pm NE&NI PRESBYTERY Gracious God, as we gather together on Zoom in small groups or individually, we pray for **Shuna, Stella, Peter, Ruth and James** in the leading and administering of what can feel like an unwieldy agenda and meeting. Grant us patience and genuine care for and interest in one another. Take away cynicism and doubt and lead us forward with faith and hope into this new season of Presbytery work. Bless and grant clarity to all who speak and report. Father, every presbyter wears multiple hats and many are on information overload. We desperately need your wisdom, guidance and priorities, both as individuals and as Presbytery. In your mercy, please hear and answer our prayer.



'NEW' MINISTERS

Lord God and ultimate Shepherd of Souls, we pray for all known to us, who are in their first weeks and months of new ministries. Although they may be taking over after months, or even years, of vacancy, you have always been there, 'very present' and working out your purposes. As new names and faces, activities and decisions crowd in on 'new' ministers, help all in 'pulpit and pew' to remember that you are Lord and Head of the Church, which is your amazing Body on earth. As our physical bodies are fearfully and wonderfully made, so is your spiritual Body. May every congregation find courage and joy in working in

and through whatever new circumstances are in place, so that your name may be glorified and more people be attracted to Jesus.

We remember all **those still on short term Assistant Minister contracts** and pray you will open up the way for them to find the posts you have in mind for them. We ask your special provision for any with particular personal, family or financial situations to take into account. May they know your faithfulness, guidance, comfort and care day by day. This we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

SAT 15 FEB 9:30-12:30 Christ and the Power of God - For Thine is the Power Workshop, ABERDEEN ACADEMY OF THEOLOGY

Master and Teacher, we pray for the **higher academic theological institutions** within NE & NI Presbytery bounds. Thank you for those able to dig deep into the mines of Your Word and our faith and seek to make their learning accessible to the wider church. Give them Jesus' ability to communicate deep and challenging truths about You and Your Kingdom in story and illustration that light up enquiring minds. Bless our **students** as they study and complete placements. Help their **supervisors, mentors and Presbytery assessors** as

they play their part in the formation of those you have called and are equipping. We pray for **those on 'discernment'** and their supervisors and assessors that, together with the wider church, they will be confirmed for the ministries of the Church, or guided clearly into other forms of Christian service. We pray for all presbyters and church members using the modules on the Church of Scotland Learning platform to grow in the grace and knowledge of their Saviour Jesus Christ.

PREPARATIONS for Lent and Easter - Shrove Tue/ Ash Wed 4/ 5 March; First Sun in Lent, 9 March

Mighty God, As we head into the most important season of the Church year, we pray for all **those preparing for special times of worship or study**. Inspire minds. Guide to resources. Help leaders & speakers to be winsome and enthusiastic in sharing the wonderful reality of the Easter story, and our Lord Jesus at the centre of it.

Thank you for organisations, national figures and 'ordinary' ministerial colleagues who have produced resources and offer the fruits of their labour to us. May our Presbytery and the whole Church of Scotland, in all her upheaval and mixture of pain, excitement and hope, turn to you as never before.

SATURDAY 1 MARCH 10am – 12.30pm 'PRACTISING PRAYER THROUGH LENT'

Humble, Prayerful Lord,

Teach us to pray! Please bless the Presbytery-wide Prayer Morning - meeting in person in various locations around Presbytery, but also learning from speakers live on-line. May we be serious about growing, and helping each other to grow, as your disciples. Undertake for the technicalities and connect us too by your Holy Spirit that we might rejoice in each other's company in every way. All this we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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