

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH EAST & NORTHERN ISLES

PRAYER POINTS – MAY 2025

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



*May the Lord bless and protect you,
may the Lord's face radiate with joy because of you,
may he be gracious to you, show you his favour and give you his peace.
²⁷ This is how Aaron and his sons shall call down my blessings upon the
people of Israel; and I myself will personally bless them." [TLB]*

*The Lord bless you and watch, guard, and keep you; ²⁵ The Lord make His face to shine upon and enlighten
you and be gracious (kind, merciful, and giving favour) to you; ²⁶ The Lord lift up His [approving]
countenance upon you and give you peace (tranquility of heart and life continually).
And they shall put My name upon the Israelites, and I will bless them [AMP]*

Wonderfully kind and gracious God,

*As one of your holy priesthood because of Jesus, may we enjoy 'face to face' meetings with you. By our
obedient and faithful lives, may we cause your face to radiate with joy and approval and so experience your
peace and tranquility of heart personally, and be able to 'place your name on people' with genuine love and
hope. Please fulfil your promise to Abraham, and to us as his descendants in faith, to bless us and make us a
blessing. Amen*

4 – 10 MAY

Patricia Purves will be responding to telephone calls and emails on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** from **10am until 1.30pm**, while James is on shared parental leave.

Father God, bless Patricia and enable her to settle in quickly to her new duties. Enable good teamwork among the office staff. Grant patience to those requiring answers from Presbytery office.

Ministers, Session Clerks & Treasurers and any others working their way through **Charity Law issues** and **accounts**. *We pray that none will be overwhelmed but that all will trust you and find the resources and kindly expert help that they need to ensure their church is run well and in accordance with all current regulations. Take away undue stress and grant peace of mind and heart in Jesus' Name. Amen.*

1 May – 29 June **The Servant King Exhibition of Textile Art** by Jacqui Parkinson, **St Magnus' Church, Lerwick, Shetland**

3 -11 May **River of Life Exhibition of Textile Art, Whalsay Kirk Hall**. *Creator God, we praise you for those endowed with your creative gifts and committed to serving you and glorifying your name by them. Speak to many hearts through these exhibitions and spark spiritual conversations we pray.*

Tue 6 – Fri 9 May Three talks each day on **topics to do with Demystifying Death** organised by **Chaplain Duncan Vickers of Roxburgh House**. Open to ALL Check [The Presbytery Weekly – The Presbytery of the North East and the Northern Isles](#) for links to different talks. *Compassionate Lord, may all the speakers be clear and sensitive in their presentations and may your Spirit guide all who would benefit to the right talk for them.*

Wed 7 May 8 – 8.30 pm **Compline by Candlelight, Kings' College Chapel**. Even if we cannot attend, perhaps we could take 30 mins of an evening and sit quietly with some lit candles and our favourite church music.

11 - 17 MAY

11 – 17 May Christian Aid Week - If your church does not have a Christian Aid Rep or is not doing anything in particular to raise funds, why not find a neighbouring church which is, and support them. Or perhaps you know of an individual who is doing the '70K in May' challenge and would appreciate sponsorship. E.g. Rev Jenny Adams, Chaplain at Dr Gray's Hospital, Elgin, Moray. Look on Facebook.

*Lord, we pray for **Christian Aid and all its partner organisations** as it seeks to make a difference and works towards eradicating extreme poverty in this its 80th year of operation. Please help **all our local organisers and campaigners throughout NENI Presbytery** who keep on keeping on despite opinions expressing complaints and worries about money being tight and needed at home. We acknowledge we are still mega rich compared to 90% of the world. Help us to be generous, remembering that your 'hands' are much bigger than ours and that you promise to give to us so that we can give to others in your name. Bless all **local events**, Lord. May they be happy times of fellowship as well as successful in their fund-raising.*



13-20 May - River of Life Exhibition of Textile Art, St John's Kirk, Unst



Sat 17 May – Prayer of Silence Day 10.30 – 3.30pm, Inverurie West Church Chapel
Talks led by Alex Holmes. Experience 2 periods of silence and stillness. Contact Elspeth at revmum55@gmail.com

Thank you, Lord, for every opportunity to learn about and practise silence and stillness in this mad merry-go-round of a world we live in. May this particular time of 'Getting Down Under Things' be a blessing to all who attend.

Sat 17 May – Readers' Conference at Ellon

Father, thank you for all our Readers in NENI and all their faithful service over many, many years. Encourage and build them up as they meet together for this time of training and renewal.

18 – 24 MAY

17 – 22 May GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MINISTERS: Stella Campbell, Mary Cranfield, Jonny Clipston, Holly Smith, Geoffrey McKee, Sheila Mitchell, MC Engelbrecht, Peter Johnston, Julia Pizzuto-Pomaco, Andrew Morrison, Ian Aitken, Neil Meyer, Moira Taylor-Wintersgill, Eddie Enslin, Elspeth McKay, Edmond Gatima, Bob Fowlie, Edson Duque, Christopher Wallace.

DEACONS: Fiona Blair DCS

ELDERS: Sarah Aitken, Linda Lawton, Ann Bowie, Matthew Philip, Iain Hunter, Stuart Lynch, Karen Whyatt, Sandra Wright, June Edmonstone, Elizabeth Macrae, Ruth Mackenzie, Hilda Smith, Grant Petrie.

YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES: Shawn Alexander, Elizabeth Fyvie, Christine Meyer, Anna Pizzuto-Pomaco.

*Wise Head of the Church, we pray for each of our **Commissioners** that they would be strengthened for the task facing them at one of the most crucial Assemblies in our history. We pray that **Moderator-Designate, Rev Rosie Frew**, will sense herself being upheld and guided, that every speaker may be inspired and directed by your Holy Spirit, and every Commissioner diligent and prayerful in their preparation and responses, whether attending in person or online. Thank you for our **Youth Reps**, Lord. In times past they have led the way in prayerful and*

positive engagement with assembly business. Oh! Father, even as we seem to be sinking under a weight of financial and structural problems, may we find our feet standing on the sure foundation and cornerstone of Jesus Christ. May we hear realistic reports of our situation as the national Church but also stories of hope and faith that you are preserving 'a remnant' which will once more grow from the 'stump of Jesse' to be a blessing to our communities and nation. We place our trust in you alone, O God! In your eternal love and mercy, hear our prayers for Jesus' sake!

25 - 31 MAY

23- 30 May – River of Life Exhibition of Textile Art, Bridge End Kirk, Burra, Shetland

St Machar's Cathedral
DISCOVER YOUR HERITAGE
 SCHOOL TOURS/WORKSHOPS

Stories from the Cathedral – guided tour for primary children. Short stories from the Cathedral's first beginnings in 580 to the present day. Dive into the past with costumes, quizzes and crafts for a multi-disciplinary experience (70 minutes).

Encouraging in the Kirkyard – practical activities for all ages to help support welfare in our kirkyard (30 minutes).

Secondary school experiences – we can support Travel and Tourism, Art and Technology, Religious Studies, 20th Century History and much more!

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Dear Holy Spirit, thank you for those churches willing and able to try new initiatives to engage with and serve their schools and communities. Grant them success with good connections made and relationships begun or built up. For the many churches who feel stale and despairing by comparison, we pray for a fresh injection of faith, hope and courage. May congregations cry out to you in their desperation and pain and rejoice to find you at their elbow, delighted and ready to inspire and support.

Help our unbelief!

Dear Heavenly Father, there will be some in our Presbytery for whom none of the above will be of any interest or relevance because they feel too ill, sad or hurt in mind, body or spirit to take things in. We pray for those known to us who are unable to pray for themselves. We place your healing name on them, calling down your blessings of loving peace and comfort. Please be very present to each one of them in their time of trouble and need. This we pray in the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ, your Son and our dear Saviour and Friend. Amen



All our problems we send to the cross of Christ;
 All our difficulties, we send to the cross of Christ.
 All the evil in the world, we send to the cross of Christ.

All our HOPES we SET ON THE RISEN CHRIST.

BLESSING (Tune: Edelweiss)

Go in peace; go in love, finding joy in each other.
 Go in peace; go in love, we are pilgrims together.
 Filled by the Spirit, we'll greet each day, search the Way together;
 Go in peace; go in love. God be with you forever.