

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH EAST & NORTHERN ISLES

PRAYER POINTS – OCTOBER 2025

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

He [Jesus] departed to the mountain to pray Mark 6: 46 NKJV

From *Word for Today*:

Before Jesus walked on the Sea of Galilee, he climbed a mountain to be alone with his Father in prayer. He left the demands of the crowd at sunset, prayed until dawn, then came down the mountain in the power of God's Spirit and stilled a raging storm.... Prayer is a mountain; you have to climb it.... If you wait until you feel like it, you won't pray consistently; it's a discipline. And the more you pray, the more you want to pray and the more rewarding it becomes. But first you must turn your back on the 'crowd'. Because Christ knew how to walk away from life's demands and distractions, he was able to still the storm that threatened his disciples. **So, before you get caught up in the**

daily rat race, go to the mountain of prayer. It's a place of stability in an uncertain world; a place where the view is unobstructed and the frantic pace of life is left behind. There you gain perspective. There Christ reminds you that there's nothing you face today that he hasn't already handled, and he'll give you the grace to do the same. It's easy to recognise people who have been to the mountain of prayer. Their struggles are no different from yours – some are even more challenging. But they've an inner peace that transcends family problems, health concerns, budgetary shortfalls, etc. You can endure hard times with grace when you know that the summit is just a prayer away!

We continue to pray for and with congregations throughout NENI.

Where there are no specific prayers please use your sanctified imagination on the facts available!

Aberdeen Fountainhall [at the Cross & at the Stocket]

Rev Duncan Eddie Ord 1992 Ind 1999; Rev Tanya Webster Ord 2011 Ind 2019

Elders: Yvonne Bain. Michael Leys; S Clerks: Yvonne Bain, Alison McLeod

Aberdeen St Machar's Cathedral (united with St Mary's 29 June 2025)

Rev Sarah Brown Ord 2012 Ind 2021; Elder: Sheila Cameron; S Clerk: Alan Grant.

1. The **recruitment of a new team member** to enable outreach and mission to be developed further
2. **Those in our parish who struggle with the impact of inequalities, resulting in poverty**
3. **Students, new and returning**, who live and study in our parish, as well as for the **staff and administration of our city's universities.**

Aberdeen Stockethill

Rev Ian Aitken Ord & Ind 1999 Convener of Connections & Nominations Committee

Elder: Mary Ledgerwood; S Clerk: Fiona Douglas

1. **Thank you, Father God, for your continued blessing** on us as we experience a sense of unity around the congregation and are given **opportunities to bless the people of our parish.**
2. Please give us **wisdom and provision** as we take up these opportunities: that we would know what to do and not do, and that any **barriers would be taken down (not least that PVGs would come through soon!).**
3. Our prayer as a congregation over this last year has been that *"The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give us a Spirit of wisdom and understanding that we might know him better."* (Eph 1:17) [We add this prayer for our own congregation(s), Lord]

Banffshire East

Int Mod: Rev Colin Strong (Mormond West); Elder:

S Clerk: Margaret Henderson

1. **Progress towards and initial building together of the united congregation of Banffshire East**
2. **Monthly Services at the Doocot View Very-Sheltered Housing Complex** which are attended by members and non members.
3. **"Tots and Teas" group** through which church members build friendships with young families.

Buckie South & West & Enzie

Int Mod: Rev George Rollo (Retd); Elder:

S Clerk: Wilma Smith

Cusalmond & Rayne with Daviot

Rev Dr Mary Cranfield Ord & Ind 1989; Elder: Pamela Pack; S Clerk: Vera Anderson

Kincardine Coastal

Rev Tose Shayamunda Ord 2016 Ind 2024; Elder:

S Clerk: Ken Cruikshank

Longside

Rev Bob Fowlie Ord & Ind 2007; Elder: Fiona Gillies; S Clerk: Margaret Gordon

Mid Deeside

Rev Holly Smith Ord 2009 Ind 2019; Elder: Karen Whyatt; S Clerk: Pam Auckland

SALU – St Aandrew's Lhanbryd & Urquhart

Rev Michael ['MC'] Engelbrecht Ord 2002 Ind 2024; Elder: Grant Pirie;

S Clerk (Shared): Sandra Dick & Alastair Rossetter

Strathdeveron - (Turriff St Ninian's Forglen & Aberchirder)

Rev Kevin Gruer Ord & Ind 2011; Elders: Moira Nicholl, Evie Wilson; S Clerk: Kristina Watts

Gracious Father God, we pray with and for the above charges that you would fill them full of hope and love. Cause those who are unhappy or angry or sad to turn to you for guidance, comfort and hope.

Presbytery Staff Lord God, we pray for **James** as he settles back into office routine again and for **Robert**, our Mission Development Officer, gradually working himself back into harness over October. Give wisdom and patience and renew strength and zeal for the tasks in hand, we pray. We remember **Dasha** trying hard to promote unity and interest across our disparate Presbytery area and its people – us! Please keep her brother safe as he was recently conscripted into Ukraine's army and bring peace in that terrible conflict, to Dasha's Mum and wider family and all Ukrainians sheltering in the NENI area and in UK generally. Bless **Natasha** in her work of congregational support and **Matt** endeavouring to share his expertise and passion for getting the Gospel across to young people. Holy Spirit, bless and empower them in their efforts and make us more responsive and supportive. Thank you for **Shuna**, **Stella** and **Ruth**. Strengthen and encourage them as they attend and represent NENI at the various services of union, ordination and induction as the Presbytery shakes down and shapes up in its different ways! Keep them safe in their travelling and wise in their various responsibilities.

Help us remember, Dear Heavenly Father, that:

We walk this way together, with Jesus Christ in our midst.

Our hands are open to receive, our hearts are open to give;
our minds long to learn and our souls reach out to each other.

This time is eternal time for us and God will be our blessing.

[From a DRAE (Diakonia Region Africa & Europe) Conference in Beni Suef, Egypt 2003]

*Loving God, Gracious God, we thank you for creation in all its variety and ask your blessing for the **farmers** as they cope with changing expectations of climate. We give you thanks for the vegetables and grains that sustain us, and for the harvest of the seas; may that sustenance enable us to share the gospel story. We ask your blessing on **ministers with children and new routines as mid-term ‘tattie holidays’ approach**. May the days be renewing and memory making. We give you thanks for the **harvest times in our lives**, and may we appreciate the season of harvest from many different aspects in gratitude for your abundant provision. Amen.*



We gather for online ‘zoom’ prayer on the last Mon of each month, 8-8.30pm, so **Monday 27 October**. Please do join us and be blessed and be a blessing. Whether you speak out a prayer or not, your presence will be welcome. Look out for Rev Dr Amy Bender’s link.