

PRESBYTERY OF NORTH EAST & NORTHERN ISLES PRAYER POINTS NOVEMBER 2025

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

Chaplains to HM Forces



Rev Paul van Sittert, (2nd Bn Duke of Lancaster's Regiment)
Weeton Barracks, Preston;
Rev (Fl Lt) David Young Ord: 2007 App 2022, RAF Lossiemouth,
Moray,



*Father God, Commander of, and Carer for all the Heavenly Hosts, strengthen and equip our **Chaplains in the regular, reserve and cadet forces** for this particularly busy time. And be with all parish ministers juggling with many small 'remembrances' in different locations. Even if using the same words in every place, help them, by your Spirit, to make it personal and meaningful in each situation. In this time of continuing conflict in so many places, people's hearts are weary and longing for peace. Even through these 'stylised' services, may they catch a glimpse of the Prince of Peace who can bring the necessary change of heart needed to lead to peace and justice in our broken world.*

*And Father, it may be that our **Healthcare Chaplains** feel they are in a battle in their places of work. Empower them to bring your peace and comfort to those in distress because of illness or injury and loved ones watching on, feeling helpless and anxious. Come with your daily strength for the task to Rev Jenny Adams (Dr Gray's Hospital, Elgin), Rev Katrina Blackwood OLM & Rev Dr Paul McKeown (Aberdeen Royal Infirmary). Lord, we ask the same for Rev Michael Mair (Oil and Gas Industry).*

ANTICIPATION versus ANXIETY [From: *Be Still* pp 92, 93]

Phil 4: 6-7 *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

We have become accustomed to treating uncertainty as though it requires anxiety. ... But...there is also another path we can let our mind travel down: THE PATH OF ANTICIPATION

Let us imagine the ways God is moving on our behalf. Let us dream about the ways we want to serve and grow and speak those into the world. **Let us talk with others in a confident manner so that our hope is never in question, despite the uncertainty that is up ahead. ...our God is going to show up, that is assured....whatever comes from his hand – it will be good! ANTICIPATE!**

Aberlour; Arbuthnott, Bervie & Kineff;
Cults; Ellon; Lonmay; Mortlach &
Rothies; Peterculter; Rothienorman;
St Cyrus; Whitehills

2 Thessalonians 3:1 [The Message]

*Pray for us. Pray that the Master's Word will simply take off
and race through the country to a groundswell of response.*

Infinitely patient & gracious God, sometimes we feel we've got enough to do with praying for our own church and community. We don't want to think about the rest of Presbytery and their problems. But you are a great big God with a great big heart. You are never tired. You don't run out of wisdom or love or strength. So we turn to you, to say sorry for our self-pity and stinginess of spirit. We pray for our brothers and sisters noted below, for their churches & communities, known thoroughly and loved extravagantly by you, if not by us. Thank you that you show up in their situations. Help them see everything as coming through your hands – and will therefore be good, or at least, turned to good in due time as we trust and hope and anticipate YOU at work. O Lord, help and bless each minister and office-bearer with your patience, grace and HOPE in your eternal Word and Presence. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

ABERLOUR (Moray)

Rev Andrew Kimmitt Ord & Ind 2020; Elder: Donald Grassie; S Clerk: Jane Tweedie

ARBUTHNOTT, BERVIE & KINEFF [ABK] (Rural & Coastal south of Aberdeen)

Rev Andrew Morrison Ord & Ind 2019; Elder: Sandra Wright; S Clerk: Natasha Hepburn

1. **Minister currently doing study leave on Church Revitalisation** in Scotland. May this be a catalyst for **fresh vision** for God's people, **renewal & growth** (spiritual & numerical) in our congregation.
2. That we will see **much gospel fruit & visible growth in God's people** from numerous adherents placing their faith in Jesus; as we serve our community through **youth & families outreaches** (e.g. SU, Hot Chocolate outreach, Who Let the Dads Out?, contact through Safe Families support; Youth Group in pipeline).
3. **God's Wisdom and Provision** as we look to **sell Arbuthnott Church**, plan towards **major work at Bervie Church & seek a Property Convenor** with enthusiasm, wisdom and skills required to make our buildings useful for the Kingdom.

CULTS (Aberdeenshire)

Rev Shuna Dicks Ord 2010 Ind 2018; **Mod of NENI**; Elder: Stella Anderson; S Clerk: Graeme Robertson

1. For **those who have recently started worshipping with us** – a number of new people seen since the start of the year.
2. The **Afternoon Tea on 8th November** when we are **hosting people from Four Pillars** (our second joint event with them) We previously visited their hub and this time they are coming to us. Building bridges with the LGBT community.
3. Our **search for a new treasurer** as our existing one takes a step back.

ELLON

Rev Alastair Bruce Ord & Ind 2015; Elder: Elaine Henderson; S Clerk: Mary Paterson

1. **Church open for quiet reflection** 1 afternoon and 1 evening **during Season of Remembering**, also annual bereavement 'Service of Remembering' & one Sunday service focussing on remembering (+usual remembrance services). Specific prayers **for those who have suffered loss in the last year**, that they would find in the church, a place of peace and calm, & find hope. We pray **God will meet in a tangible way with everyone who connects with Ellon parish Church over this time**.
2. To continue to find **ways to support, inspire and encourage the volunteers who serve God through the life and ministries of Ellon Parish**.
3. As we approach Remembrance, Advent and Christmas we pray **that we would bear God's image well to our community** by what we go out to do and when we invite folks into our church buildings; that **we would bring the hope of Emmanuel - God With Us - into the lives of those around us**.

Crimond with LONMAY (Fraserburgh, Aberdeenshire)

Int Mod Rev Bob Fowlie (Longside); Elder: John Anderson; S Clerk: Irene Fowlie

MORTLACH & Rothes (Banffshire/ Moray)

Int Mod: Rev Dr Amy Bender [Keith North, Newmill, Boharm & Rothiemay];

Elders: Catherine Morgan; Sheila Brumby

1. Upcoming **decisions to be made in preparation for a new call**.
2. **Strengthening relationships among Mortlach and Rothes communities**.
3. **Serving elders as they discern God's purpose for worship in this part of Moray**.

PETERCULTER (South of Aberdeen)

Rev Emma McDonald Ord & Ind 2025; Elder: Richard Little; S Clerk: Ross Andrews

Fyvie with ROTHENORMAN (Rural Aberdeenshire)

Int Mod: Rev Dr Mary Cranfield (Culsalmond & Rayne with Daviot);

Elder: Isabel Forsyth; S Clerk: Marion Ewenson

ST CYRUS (In NENI Presbytery Guardianship)

Int Mod: Rev Brian Smith (West Mearns); Elder: Kenneth Nichol; S Clerk: Marshall Halliday

Banffshire East (WHITEHILLS)

Int Mod: Rev Stephen Potts (Auchterless & Auchaber); Elder: Mike McDonald; S Clerk: Andrew Simpson

Remembrance Day Blessing

May thoughts of the brave in every situation rest gently in our hearts,
reminding us always of their sacrifice and steadfast spirit.

May the peace they longed (and long) for take root in our world
and flourish in every land and every soul.

May courage guide us through trials of every sort,
compassion shape us in our dealings with one another,
and hope light our path through even the darkest nights,
until the day when conflict is no more
and harmony reigns among all people.

SOME NOVEMBER EVENTS

Thu 13 Nov 2pm Bruce Davies Concert - Bruce Davies, Fife based and internationally acclaimed singer/song-writer/guitarist in concert at St. Columba's Church, Bridge of Don. His work in Churches not only entertains but inspires and encourages audiences of all Faiths and none.

Sat 15 Nov 7pm Quiz Night for TEARFUND, Mid Deeside Church, Torphins, Aberdeenshire

Sun 16 Nov – Safeguarding Sunday in some churches. Theme: *Action Speaks Louder*

Sat 22 Nov - Aberdeen Academy of Theology Session on 1 & 2 Samuel led by Dr Nathaniel Greene, looking at how these stories reveal full & flawed humanity of their participants and force us to ask questions about the human condition.

Sat 22 Nov 11am-2pm UPLIFT [Young Adult Guild 18-39 year olds]
Wellesley Parish Church & Centre, Leven, Fife KY8 3PE

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God of all Peoples and time, over sacred and secular, thank you for the ongoing work of different churches and groups, raising funds, studying the Bible, learning new skills, caring for the vulnerable, reaching out with the extravagant love of Jesus in different ways and for different ages. May organisers ground their service in you as the Source and Resource of all that is good and right in this world. May we all look to you in humble prayer, anticipating with hope all you want to do for us, in us and with us.

SAT 29 NOV – CHURCH OF SCOTLAND NATION-WIDE DAY OF PRAYER

Rt Rev Rosie Frew, Moderator of the General Assembly, is encouraging Church of Scotland congregations to join together in a special Day of Prayer on Saturday 29 November, the eve of St Andrew's Day.

See separate sheet of information. Check out the websites!