

# PRESBYTERY OF NORTH EAST & NORTHERN ISLES

## PRAYER POINTS - JANUARY 2026

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



ISAIAH 43: 18-19 NIRV

“Forget the things that happened in the past.

Do not keep on thinking about them.

<sup>19</sup> I am about to do something new.

It is beginning to happen even now.

Don't you see it coming?

I am going to make a way for you to go through the desert.

I will make streams of water in the dry and empty land.

Our memories/ 'forgetteries' are quite hard to control. Trying NOT to think of things just causes us to think about them all the more. The Bible more often instructs us to REMEMBER things – remember all the way God has led and guided & provided for us in the past. We are commanded to remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross, a 'once-for-all' action which secures our forgiveness for all that is past and provides for a glorious and certain future for us with God in Christ by the Holy Spirit. As we move into 2026, we need to be discerning and intentional about our forgetting and remembering. Let us:

Forget our faults & sins but remember God's forgiveness and what it cost him - and say thank you.

Forget our mistakes, but remember the lessons and God's wise 'sorting out' and where to find it (in prayerful reading of Scripture and Holy Spirit guidance) - And say thank you.

Forget our hurts and humiliations but remember God's comfort and care - and say thank you.

Forget our disappointments and despair. But remember God's eternal plan for our good and not for harm. And say thank you!

*Dear Lord God, help us in this New Year to forget, or at least, not to keep thinking about things which you want us to forget, and to remember all that you want us to remember. Thank you that you are able to do this for us. Grow us as your disciples so that we can be good, practical examples for others to follow. Please heal our memories and train our 'forgetteries'. Thank you for all the blessings of the past. We trust you for all that is to come. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

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**Churches & ministries in rural Aberdeenshire, and everywhere affected by recent snowstorms** and bad weather. *Mighty Father God, we pray for all M(m)inisters, musicians, Session Clerks, Property Conveners making decisions about services, buildings & access. We thank you that, after Covid, more Churches are able to provide online worship. Thank you for every heart-warming story of community & good neighbourliness. We pass on all the glory to you, because all that is good and kind has its source in you, acknowledged or not. We give thanks to you for all who have 'gone the second mile' to help others, especially those doing it in Christ's name. Come to all who are now exhausted from their efforts and bring relief and renewed strength, we pray. As the emergency passes, continue to be their Immanuel in the aftermath of clearing, repairing, restoring and renewing.*

**Assistant Ministers** who are now 'out of contract' and still seeking a charge. Name those known to you. *Wise Father, sometimes it is not until we look back on our lives that we see your hand and timing at work. Please be with all Assistant Ministers in this scary situation, particularly those with families. Help them draw even closer to you in determined trust and open up the way forward for them.*

**Tue 13 Jan 11.15am – Induction of Rev Alison Dickie to Orkney Parish.** *Lord, we pray for safe travel for all attending in person and for a great time of rejoicing and fruitful teamwork as Alison settles in.*

**18 -25 Jan Week of Prayer - Christian Unity**  
[Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026 - CTBI](#)

**One Body, One Spirit** [Ephesians 4]– Prayers/ liturgy prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with the Armenian Catholic & Evangelical Churches. They include centuries-old traditions of the Armenian people, along with some hymns that originated in ancient monasteries and churches. We are invited to share this Christian heritage and to delve more deeply into our fellowship in Christ worldwide.

Pray for any different denominations who worship near you and for individuals known to you who attend churches of other 'varieties'.

*Gracious Head of the Church Universal, thank you for Paul's use of the metaphor of the Church being the Body of Christ to describe its unity*

*within the diversity of its members. Most of us rejoice and wonder at the extraordinary variety and 'weirdness' of your natural creation. Lord of All, even though styles and words of worship of other denominations and traditions are not to our personal taste, help us to rejoice and wonder at your drawing us all together in one supernatural human re-creation under the headship of Jesus. Open our eyes and stretch our love, joy and grace to match yours. Father, help us to repent of and laugh at our self-centred self-importance – as if we were the centre of all of church life instead of you. You are the Head and the Heart and the Life Breath of your Body on earth. We relax into our proper place and rejoice in the way you cause every part to work together for the health of the whole.*

**Wed 28 Jan – Scripture Union Scotland Day of Prayer** [Day of Prayer | Scripture Union Scotland](#)

**IN PERSON 12:00 - 14:00** The Mission, St Machar Drive, Aberdeen, AB24 3RX North East and Shetland Prayer Meeting ( including sandwich lunch)

**ONLINE – 19.00 – 19.45** Email [pamela.sloan@suscotland.org.uk](mailto:pamela.sloan@suscotland.org.uk) for the Zoom link

*Loving Father, thank you for every good connection and relationship Scripture Union & its partner Trusts have with the young people of our nation. Bring more and more children into your Kingdom, we pray and use them to lead a renewed Church into a future of joyful and effective service.*

**Wed 28 Jan 9.30 am-12.30 pm** [Exploring Easter Resources - School Ministry Training - 28th January 2026](#)

School Ministry Training: **An exploration of Easter Resources** – Choice of 2 workshops.

*Eternal Teacher & Guide, may these opportunities to learn and be trained be found by those in need of it. Help every presbyter to pass on information to appropriate people in their congregations so that more may be equipped by you to serve and assist in ministry in and with schools.*

**Thu 29 Jan 12:30pm – 1:30pm Elections webinar**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/e8H\\_Enx6SU2XjeKaT0hHpg](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/e8H_Enx6SU2XjeKaT0hHpg)

The Church of Scotland's Parliamentary Officer's elections/hustings information webinar - open to all.

[Find out and pray for your local leaders by name.]

*All wise and all-knowing God, we are perhaps a bit jaundiced and jaded about political life and leaders at this time. But you command us to pray for those in authority over us. Perhaps our current state is a result of our failure in this regard, so we are sorry, Lord. In our more gracious moments, we know that many MPs and MSPs do very much want to serve and make things better for ordinary people. We just pray for a more integrated sharing and effective implementation of good ideas.*



**Once a month – Your Committee Members** – Make a list of their names and locations. Find them in the Presbytery Year Book. *Father, help us to be proactive in making NENI work and take responsibility for getting to know each other better. Thank you for our fellow committee members, Lord. Please bless & encourage them in their individual, family and church situations. In Jesus' name. Amen*

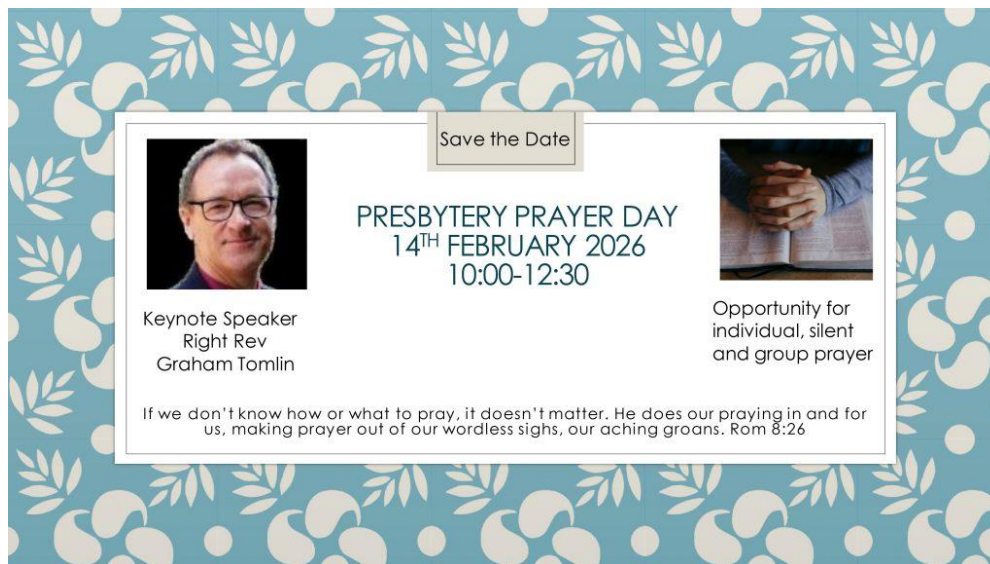
**Mon 26 Jan 8 – 8.30 pm Prayers for Presbytery Meeting** on zoom - link below.

<https://zoom.us/j/98801625785?pwd=evvis57gwUt8Ga9VfDTG5si2QJoSq6.1>

Meeting ID: 988 0162 5785

Passcode: 404585

**Sat 14 Feb – 10am – 12.30pm Presbytery Prayer Day**



In person gatherings are confirmed in Cults, Fochabers, Fraserburgh & Turriff.

Feel free to invite folk from other churches. Graham Tomlin is well respected in Anglican/ Episcopal circles.

Ephesians 6: 18

And **pray in the Spirit** on **all** occasions with **all** kinds of prayers and requests.  
With this in mind, be alert and **always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.**