

**PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTH EAST & NORTHERN ISLES
PRAYER POINTS – MAY 2026**

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

BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION, FAITHFUL IN PRAYER. Romans 12: 12

Paul called on his friends to join him in his struggle by praying for him. [Rom 15: 30]

Prayer empowers us to live in a way that overcomes evil with good. [Rom 12:21]

Though we may not always see the outcome, **IT CREATES A LEGACY OF FAITHFULNESS** for generations to come. [Karen Pimpo, Our Daily Bread, Thu 7 May 26]

WALK IN ALL HIS WAYS

THEME FOR 2026 GENERAL ASSEMBLY

God's Way is one of constant love and prayer. Life is a struggle for many at this time.

**[Do imagine/ empathise/ sympathise with the charges noted below,
and pray for them whether they have asked for prayer or not.]**

Our prayers are desperately needed, even if not particularly noticed or appreciated at the time.

Perhaps, together, we can create a legacy of faithfulness that others can find and follow.

Aberdeen Fountainhall

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

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

Buckie North & Rathven (Banffshire coastal)

Rev Jaco Boonzaaier Ord 1996 Ind 2021; Elder & S Clerk – Vacant

Dear Father, come to ministry team and congregation as they still mourn and miss Kathryn Cowie, their Presbytery Elder & Session Clerk for many years. Please raise up and call those of your choice to fill vacant positions.

Crimond with LONMAY

Int Mod: Rev Bob Fowlie (Longside); Crimond Elder & S Clerk: Irene Fowlie;

Lonmay Elder: John Anderson; S Clerk: Roy Kinghorn

Cusalmond & Rayne with DAVIOT (Rural Aberdeenshire)

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

DYCE with New Machar

Int Mod: Rev David Locke Retd; Rev Joan Thorne OLM: Ord & Appt 2019

Elder: Kevin Angus; S Clerk: Raymond Mack

Thank you for the opportunity to put forward these prayer requests and **we also hold NENI Presbytery and all the work it does in our prayers.** *Thank you, Kevin!*

1. Currently in vacancy. We pray for **wisdom and guidance for the nominating committee**, that God will call and lead our new minister to us. Pray **for all vacant charges, that we would not turn inward**, but continue to reach out and serve our communities in the period of transition.
2. Pray for the **young people in our community**, that God would make himself known to those who don't know him through those that do. May the **Holy Spirit stir in their hearts a curiosity and a desire to know Jesus** and that we would be a welcoming, safe space for all.
3. Pray for our OLM, **Joan Thorne**; Interim Moderator, **David Locke**; Session Clerk, **Raymond Mack** and Children & Families Worker, **Natalie Angus** and all who serve in this church. Pray that God would uphold them in their service and His blessing be on them for every quiet sacrifice they make.

Fraserburgh & District (Inverallochy, Pitsligo & Rosehearty)

Rev Mike Newlands: Ord & Ind 2026; Elders: Bill Paterson, Kenneth Sim;

Joint S Clerks: Joyce Taylor, Janette Clark & Linda Watt.

1. We pray that the Lord grants **our new minister** the knowledge wisdom and conviction to lead us in the next chapter of our church's history in this parish.
2. We pray for **our office bearers** who work so efficiently on the administration, finances and maintenance of our church buildings.
3. We pray for the **congregation** who are now united in one parish church

Insch Leslie Premnay Oyne (Rural Aberdeenshire)

Rev Ian Manson: Ord 1989 Ind 2024; Elder: Angela Aitken; S Clerk: Susan Donald

Mid Deeside (Torphins, Banchory area)

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

St Andrew's Lhanbryd & Urquhart (Rural Moray between Elgin & Fochabers)

Rev Michael ('MC') Engelbrecht: Ord 2002 Ind 2024; Elder: Grant Pirie; S Clerk: Sandra Dick



10-16 May CHRISTIAN AID WEEK – We use this shared week with thousands of people across churches, communities & households in Britain and Ireland – to stand alongside people living in poverty, this year focussing on **Kenya**. *God of all riches who knew utter poverty for our sakes, thank you for this opportunity 'to put our money where our mouth is'. Please help us give generously from all the abundance you give us. Bless all the **local events and fundraising campaigns and their organisers** across Presbytery. May we give cheerfully and prayerfully, so that your name will be praised and glorified as those in need find a*

Beacon of Hope & the dignity of earning and providing for their own families in Kenya and elsewhere.

Fri 15 - Mon 18 MAY 26 First 4-day GENERAL ASSEMBLY [GA]

Moderator elect: Rev Gordon Kennedy.

Acting Principal Clerk **Rev Dr John McPake** will clerk this GA before stepping down. **Rev Dr Alistair May's** appointment as next Principal Clerk will be confirmed when he takes the oath of office at GA.

*Gracious Head of the Church, papers to be read & thought through are many – so much, in such a short time – less time for considered thought, information-sharing, prayer, social gathering and praise. We pray for all the **admin staff & all involved in the audio-visual** connections, linking those online to those in the Assembly Hall. Give everyone patience, good humour and kindness. Grant **Committee Conveners and all reporting** concise clarity. But may things that need to be discussed in more depth be given the time. Please give your priorities and guidance to the new Moderator. Bless all **NENI commissioners** with clear heads and useful contributions in their areas of interest and expertise. Especially encourage our **Youth Delegates** with joy and hope for the future, we pray.*

NENI Commissioners are:

MINISTERS: Stella McBurnie, Deon Oelofse, Mary Whittaker, Katrina Blackwood, Aquila Singh, Alison Dickie, Tanya Webster, Keith Blackwood, Julia Pizzuto-Pomaco, Benjamin Byun, Sarah Brown, Julia Meason, Ian Manson, Carl Irvine, Wiekus van Straaten, Daniel Spencer, Bob Fowlie, George Sneddon;

DEACON: Fiona Blair

ELDERS: John McCafferty, Brian Wood, Ann Bowie, Matthew Philip, Charles Clark, Stuart Lynch, Maureen Cumming, Jim Donald, Ruth Mackenzie, Maureen Esson, Robert Esson, Gillian Jamieson, Mike Jamieson, William Rae;

YOUTH DELEGATES: Shawn Alexander, Cheryl Alexander, Joe Clark, Anna Pizzuto-Pomaco, John Pizzuto-Pomaco, Sofia Sokolova.