

PRESBYTERY OF THE NORTH EAST & NORTHERN ISLES

PRAYER POINTS – JUNE – JULY 2026

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

Psalm 18: 10 [CEV]

Your way is perfect, Lord, and your Word is correct.

You are a shield for those who run to you for help.

Isaiah 41: 13

For I am the Lord God

Who takes hold of your right hand and says to you,

“Do not fear, I will help you.”

Expect to find trouble in this day...

At the same time, trust that my way is perfect. even in the midst of each messy imperfection.

Stay conscious of Me as you go through this day, remembering that I never leave your side.

Let the Holy Spirit guide you step by step, protecting you from unnecessary trials and equipping you to get through whatever trials must be endured.

As you trudge through the sludge of this fallen world,

keep your mind in heavenly places with Me

**Thus the light of My Presence shines on you,
giving you Peace and Joy that circumstances cannot touch.**

From *Jesus Calling*, by Sarah Young, Publ. Thomas Nelson. [Daily Devotional – 1 June, p.160]

Loving Father God, as church activities & organisations wind down for the summer break, and Kirk Sessions, Ministry/ Leadership Teams & Presbytery Committees perhaps reflect on what may have felt like a 'trudge through the sludge' these past months, come to all with your Presence that gives Peace and Joy that circumstances cannot touch.

Grant rest that only your company can provide. Give fresh strength, determination, motivation and hope over the summer months. Thank you for every new union or grouping formed, every new ministry begun, every 'old' ministry refreshed and all the celebrations and services marking great changes in many parishes and leadership responsibilities.

Thank you for every bit of courage, faith, grace and hope shown by congregations and leaders. We have prayed steadily through the congregations of NENI Presbytery. We pray on for those who are still 'trudging through the sludge' of anger, apathy and fatigue. Bless especially all Interim Moderators, Session Clerks and Property Teams with wisdom, patience and perseverance, honesty & humour. May they know your Spirit's guidance step by step. Over these coming months, grant true rest by keeping all our minds in heavenly places with you. All this we pray in Jesus' Name.

Sat 20 Jun – NENI Presbytery meeting in-person & online. *Dear Lord, please bless this 'last session' with firm hope, strong joy, smooth tech, competent business, & especially good relationship building.*

Various dates in June – **Safeguarding Sessions** *In the midst of all sorts of other issues, we thank you for those who organise and run the vital business of safeguarding training to protect the vulnerable of every age and also those who want to work safely and faithfully with them.*

Aberdeen St Columba's Bridge of Don

Int Mod: Rev Dr Tose Somevi OLM; Elder & S Clerk: Angela McKinnon

Aberdour (rural Aberdeenshire)

Int Mod: Ruth Mackenzie (Peterhead New); Elder: Graeme Bruce; S Clerk: Jane Smith

Auchterless & Auchaber (rural Aberdeenshire)

Rev Stephen Potts Ord & Ind 2012; Elder: Margaret Veitch; S Clerk: Susan Massie

Buckie South & West & Enzie (historically a strong fishing community)

Int Mod & Locum: Rev George Rollo (ret'd); Elder: S Clerk: Wilma Smith

Ellon

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

1. Pray for **Ellon Parish Church Kirk Centre Project**, for the folks who come to visit and feel the love of Jesus in the welcome that we give them and that they leave replenished and warm of heart.
2. Pray for **Ellon Parish Church Kirk Fest** - a week of missional events including holiday club, toddler group, community picnic, youth sessions, ceilidh, family quiz, community cafe and more.
3. Pray for **RSVP, Rwanda Schools Villages Project**, a charity in Rwanda which we support to enable children can go to school.

Maud & Savocho (Rural Aberdeenshire)

Rev Aileen McFie Ord 2003 Ind 2018; Elder: Jan Sanders; S Clerk: Andrew Dick

Mortlach & Rothes (Rural Banffshire/ Moray)

Int Mod: Rev Dr Amy Bender (Keith NNBR); Elder: Sheila Brumby; S Clerk: Catherine Morgan

1. Thanksgiving for the first anniversary of the union,
2. Pray that finances will get sorted out.
3. Pray for continued leadership and vision for the future. May we listen for God's direction and be brave enough to follow.

Peterculter (Community south of Aberdeen)

Rev Emma McDonald Ord 2013 Ind 2015; Elder: Richard Little; S Clerk: Ross Andrews

St Cyrus (Coastal, South Aberdeenshire. In Guardianship)

Int Mod: Rev Brian Smith (Howe of Mearns); Elder: Kenneth Nichol; S Clerk: Marshal I Halliday



Sun 21 June 2pm & every 2 weeks thereafter. **Dyce Church**

dyceparishchurch@outlook.com Learn & practise harmony parts to hymns in relaxed setting. All abilities welcome – no experience needed. *Thank you, Father, for all our musicians and singers who lead and enhance congregational praise and worship. Bless, and make a blessing, all who attend this group to the glory of your Name.*

Calling all 18-40 year olds – *Lord, please bring them in to this vibrant little group **Sat 27 Jun 11am – 2pm Springfield Church, Aberdeen** Encourage the organisers and renew the vital work and example of the Church of Scotland Guild at every level. Fan the flames of hope and faith in the reality of the risen Christ in all younger people. We LIFT them up to you!!*

4 -10 July - Silent Retreat - at **St Drostan's Lodge, Tarfside in Glenesk Valley in North Angus** - a place that offers beautiful walking, scenery, wildlife, and peace - perfect for a retreat. *May all who need this find their way to it and be blessed, healed and strengthened by it.*

July – September Poetry Competition St Machar’s, Aberdeen

*Father, bless all summer events that celebrate your goodness and provision in creation. Thank you for all the creative talent and power that you share so generously with your human creation. Grant happy, useful and profitable times at **Highland games, Country Fairs and Agricultural Shows around NENI**, especially any at which Churches run tables or tents to provide quiet space for reflection, rest, food and/or the spreading of your Word and love. Bless all Holiday Clubs & ‘Missions’, residential camps with great joy and confidence in your Word and bring forth everlasting fruit to your glory.*



Re-Fuel Christian Festival 5-9 Aug, Aviemore Church of Scotland tent, being run in conjunction with Cleir Eilean I (Highlands & Islands) Presbytery still need helpers. Contact Rev Fiona Lister or Rev Dr Amy Bender for information. *Gracious God, it can be difficult to imagine things, especially different ways of worship, different levels of openness in communication and expressions of faith. Take away fear of the unknown and unwillingness to taste something different from ‘our normal’. Open up minds and hearts to the length, breadth, height and depth of your love for ‘all sorts’, along with your humble wisdom & discernment about what is good and helpful and what is not. Please fill ‘our tent’ with quiet*

confidence and joyful hope in you, in Jesus’ name. Amen