PRESBYTERY NORTH EAST & NORTHERN ISLES

PRAYER POINTS

November & December 2026



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

Gracious God,
We give you thanks for all of the Remembrance Services that took place across this land, and for individuals who served in various ways, and who are remembered. We ask your blessing on those who attended and may the experience of sharing in a service together touch hearts and minds, pointing folk ever to a deeper relationship with You. Amen

We offer prayers for all staff during this upcoming season, that they may face the end of year accounting with perseverance and grace, and after a restful break, return ready to continue the work of presbytery guided by your Spirit. We especially offer prayers for the vacancies at the moment, trusting that the right person will be selected in Your good time.
n Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

We ask your blessing upon all of the upcoming services planned in December. There will be services for those grieving, there will be services for children such as Nativity and Christingle, many advent and watchnight services, and Christmas Day services throughout our presbytery. May those attending experience the joy of faith in the incarnation, as well as connecting with neighbours and friends who come together to worship particularly at this time of year. Be with those who travel to spend time alongside family and friends and may they be drawn to worship in a former congregation, or in an entirely new worship space sharing the unique, special story of God with us.

JESUS BECAME HUMAN –

TO SHOW US HOW TO LOVE:
WHOLEHEARTEDLY, SELFLESSLY,
INCLUSIVELY, UNCONDITIONALLY.

TO SHOW US WHO TO LOVE:
ALL – AS SISTERS AND BROTHERS —
THOSE WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND,
THOSE WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND US,
THOSE WHO SURPRISE US.

TO SHOW US LOVE INCARNATE:
A GENTLE TOUCH, A CHALLENGING WORD,
AN INQUIRING LOOK, A LISTENING EAR,
A COMPASSIONATE MINISTRY,
A PROPHETIC STANCE.

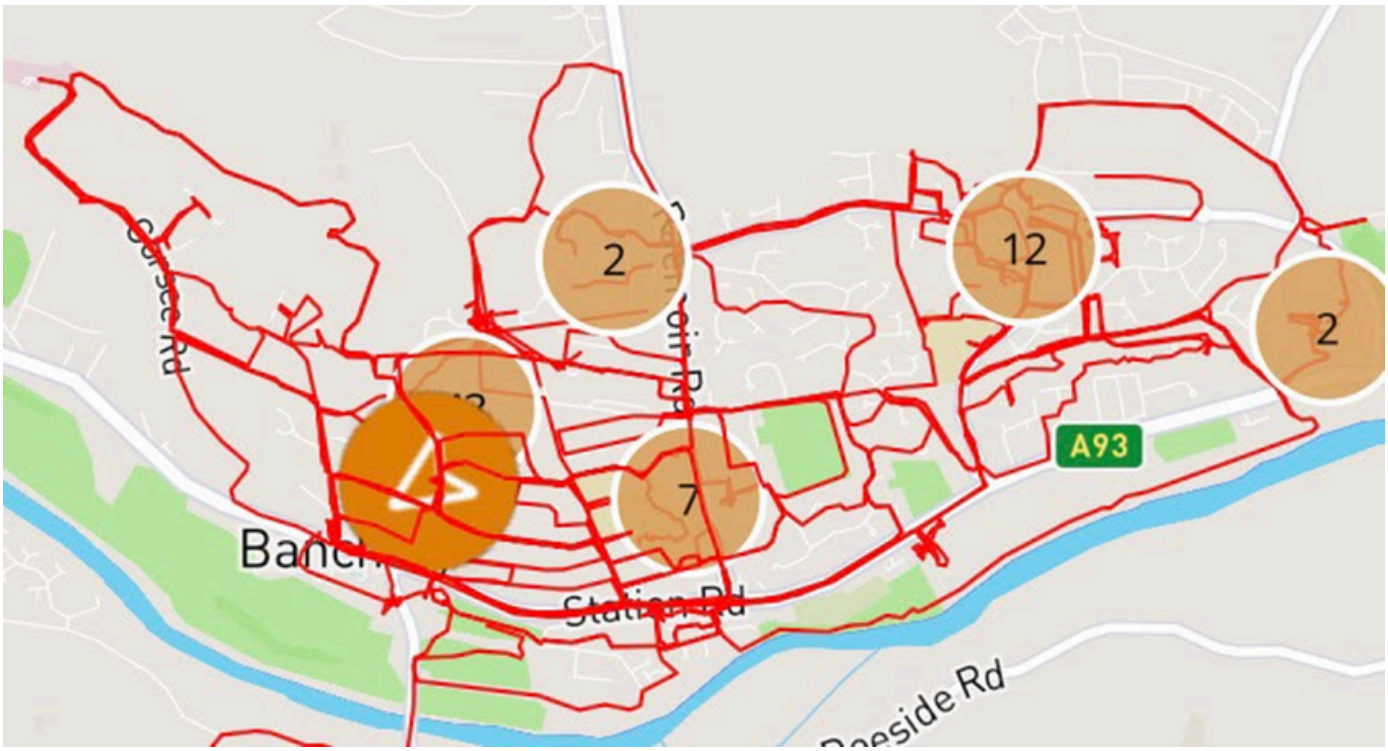
THE CHRIST HAS MADE MANIFEST –

GOD'S GIFT OF LIFE,
GOD'S DAILY PRESENCE,
GOD'S BOUNTIFUL MERCY,
GOD'S AWESOME CREATIONS
GOD'S BREADTH OF FAITHFULNESS.

SISTER MARY ANN BARRETT OP

PRAYER WALKS

Banchory Ternan West has begun prayer walking (praying as we walk the streets as individuals or small groups for people, schools, public services etc) and we have been using the HolyHere smartphone app (Holyhere.com). Its free and gives an encouraging record of the streets walked – each walk is anonymous – and you can also where has yet to be walked. Why not give it a go? Other apps are available and it is possible to prayer walk without an app!



Lord of All,
We pray particularly for these congregations listed below during this cycle of prayers. In your mercy, hear those spoken and unspoken and know we always pray thy will be done.

PETERHEAD NEW

Rev Dr Julia Pizzuto-Pomaco & Session Clerk Miss Ruth Mackenzie

Giving thanks for an MDS post about to go live and praying for God to send us the person he has chosen for this position.
Giving thanks for the start of a refurbishment campaign please pray for us as we move through the necessary steps and approvals.
Giving thanks for a youth group that started on Sundays a year and continues to expand. Please pray for the young people in Peterhead that they would learn to love and follow Jesus.

BANFF

Interim Moderator Rev Colin Strong & Session Clerk Ms Katherine Sim

SEAFIELD

Minister Rev John Gow & Session Clerk Mrs Yvonne McKay

FINTRY KINELLAR KEITHHALL

Interim Moderator Rev Sheila Craggs & Session Clerk Mrs Lorraine Forbes

Our first request is for the continuing growth of the congregation and the continued faithfulness of the people who worship each Sunday.
Our second request is for the connection we have with Hatton of Fintray School and the assemblies we share with the children each term. Also, we have a great rapport with the children, the teaching staff and Assistants and hope this continues as we go forward together.
Thirdly, we request that both the church and community share together in many ways through events, special services at Remembrance, Christmas, and Easter and in home communions, and visits.

Keith St Rufus, Botriphnie & Grange

Minister Rev Wiekus van Straaten & Session Clerk Charles Cameron

BELLIE AND SPEYMOUTH

Minister Rev Eddie Enslin & Session Clerk Mrs Elizabeth Rennie

Give thanks with us:

* For the many faithful people who contribute to the life and witness of our congregation, often quietly and behind the scenes. We are grateful for their willingness to serve and for the sense of fellowship and belonging within our church family.
* For the opportunities we have to connect with our wider community, particularly through our Cosy Café, our relationships with local schools, and our various outreach activities. We give thanks for the doors that continue to open and the relationships being built.
* For the lasting relationships and friendships formed through our Malawi partnership, and for the privilege of sharing in God's work beyond our own community.

Please pray with us:

* For our developing work with children, young people and families, particularly our new Open Door youth group. Pray that we might create a welcoming and safe space where young people can explore faith, ask questions, build friendships and discover that they are valued and loved by God.
* For wisdom, creativity and renewed energy as we seek to discern how best to serve our changing community, reaching beyond the walls of our buildings while continuing to nurture those who already call Bellie & Speymouth their spiritual home.
* For those within our church family and wider community who are facing illness, bereavement, loneliness or uncertainty. Pray that they may experience God's comfort and presence, and that we might be attentive and compassionate in our care for one another.
* For our Kirk Session, ministry teams and volunteers as we approach the busy Advent and Christmas season. Pray for joy in serving, strength when demands are many, and the wisdom to remember that our ministry flows from God's grace rather than our own efforts.

EVIE AND RENDALL

Interim Moderator Rev David Stewart & Session Clerk Ms Eileen Fraser

HOWE OF THE MEARNS

Rev Brian Smith & Session Clerk Mrs Alison Duncan

MARYCULTER TRINITY
OLM Rev David Galbraith, Interim Moderator Rev Tony Stephen &
Session Clerk Mrs Joyce Mackintosh

Prayer of thanksgiving – Lord Jesus, we thank you for the generosity of our community in supporting the church and for the many skills and talents used in the hospitality, services, fundraising and warm welcome of our Church

Prayer of forgiveness – Father God, we ask for your forgiveness when we get bogged down in administration, frustration or personalities that affect our ability to serve You, both in and outside Your Church

Prayer for guidance – Holy Spirit, help us to shine brightly reflecting the grace of Jesus in our community, especially as we approach Christmas. Help us to find ways to encourage more young people into Church. You know each person's inner most thoughts and fears and our needs, guide us and strengthen us as a congregation in showing Jesus' compassion to help meet all in need within and beyond our Church walls.
In the name of Jesus we pray, AMEN.

ABERDEEN, BRIDGE OF DON OLDMACHAR
Rev Darren Jalland & Session Clerk Mrs Judith Byers

Continued growth and development of our outreach to our local schools
For more of our community to hear God's word
For our congregation to become a praying one, seeking God's direction

Belhelvie
Rev Aileen McFie & Session Clerk Mr Allan Ritchie

ABOYNE-DINNIT-CROMAR
Minister Rev Sharmann Maromo
Aboyne-Dinnet Session Clerk Mrs Sarah Wright
Cromar Session Clerk Mr Graham Bruce

ABERDEEN SPRINGFIELD
Minister Rev Dr Benjamin D W Byun & Session Clerk Ms Karen Crawford

1. Our Church and Its Mission
Pray for spiritual growth, unity, wisdom and faithfulness in sharing the Gospel.

2. The Future of Our Church
Pray for God's guidance, new opportunities, spiritual renewal and the encouragement of younger generations to become involved in the life of the Church.

3. Newcomers and Visitors
Give thanks for those who are joining our worship each Sunday. Pray that they feel welcomed, accepted and included in the life of the congregation, and that meaningful friendships and a sense of belonging may grow among us.

INVERURIE WEST
Minister Rev Rhona Cathcart & Session Clerk Dr Morag Mitchell

WEST GORDON (ALFORD, STRATHDON, RHYNIE)
Rev Jeliase Mutimbairi & Session Clerk Ms Somersal Shepley

BANCHORY TERNAN WEST
Minister Rev Tony Stephen & Session Clerk Mr Craig Watt

1. For the second year we had a prayer room for a week coinciding with 24-7 Prayer's Global Week of Prayer (with over 1,800 rooms around the world). Well over a 100 people spent an hour or more in the room spending time with God as individuals, families or groups using the resources, prayer prompts and creativity in the room. Please pray that we find ways to encourage people to continue in this themselves through the year before the next prayer week.

2. On a Monday each month we have a "Fellowship Service" for the more aged in Banchory with a shorter more traditional service, followed by tea, cakes and chat We can see 50-60 people joining us. Please pray for these older folks as winter can mean less social contact and more isolation. Pray also that these times are an encouragement to keep engaging with God day-by-day.

3. Our young people are a big and core part of the church. Please pray for Sharon and Adrienne, as well as the teams they lead, as they encourage and teach our teenagers and younger children; that they may each develop a life-long and deepening relationship with Jesus as they grow-up and face the temptations around them.