

## DECEMBER

### SUNDAY PRAYER ROTA

#### 1 First Sunday of Advent

Lossiemouth: St Gerardine's High l/w Lossiemouth: St James'

Rev G McKee

#### 8 Mortlach & Cabrach

Int Mod & Locum: Rev G Rollo

#### 15 St Andrews-Lhanbryd & Urquhart

Int Mod

On familiarisation placement: Rev Attie van Wyk

#### 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

#### LOVE

*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.*

*But the greatest of these is **love***

**Wednesday 25 December**

Happy Birthday, Jesus!

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Many (**praying**) hands  
make (**Christ**) light work

**Every season is a season of prayer.**

*Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of  
prayers and requests. ... be alert and*

*ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING for all the saints.*

Ephesians 6:18



#### **PRAYER for the MONTH**

We continue to pray for the Trustee body

appointed to act on our behalf

for those who lead it

and those who serve on it.

Give them vision of what might be

and practical understanding of how to get there

Help them to listen carefully, speak graciously and decide clearly.

Lord God,

As we pray for the Assembly of Trustees, so we pray earnestly for  
Presbytery's Business Committee and those appointed to any Presbytery  
Planning group. Hope, Peace, Joy and Love be with them - and us all -  
throughout 2020! Amen

# PRESBYTERY OF MORAY PRAYER DIARY October – December 2019

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When presenting the Radical Action Plan  
on behalf of the Council of Assembly,  
Dr Sally Bonnar concluded with these words:

**TRUST** will be of foundational importance.

*We are not them and us – only us together.*

*Even together, we don't have all or even many of the solutions...*

**only by listening to God**

**and trusting our brothers and sisters**

**will we have any hope of success.**

*And finally we need a **total reliance on the living God....***

*That is why ...we call once again for the Church to pray,*

**for a season of prayer which will be a time of  
reflection and preparation across the church.**

WHEN GOD PUSHES YOU  
TO THE EDGE OF DIFFICULTY,  
TRUST HIM FULLY.  
BECAUSE TWO THINGS  
CAN HAPPEN.  
EITHER HE'LL CATCH YOU  
WHEN YOU FALL, OR  
HE'LL TEACH YOU  
HOW TO FLY.

## OCTOBER

### SUNDAY PRAYER ROTA

6 Dyke & Edinkillie	Rev R <b>Moffatt</b>
13 Elgin: St Giles' & St Columba's South	Rev D Oelofse
Preaching Asst Rev S Palmer OLM	
20 Findochty l/w Portknockie	Int Mod
27 Forres: St Laurence	Int Mod <i>Pro tem</i> Mrs A Bowie (Rev B Boyd)

### *Scripture for standing our Prayers on*

Psalm 107: 6, 13, 19, 28 NCV

*In their misery they cried out to the LORD  
and he saved them from their troubles.*

After each desperate cry, the psalmist tells how God saved them.

- Led them out on a straight road
- Brought them out of darkness & broke their chains
- Healed and saved them
- Stilled the storm & guided them to the port they wanted

And after each saving action, the psalmist encourages us to give thanks.

Psalm 107: 8, 15, 21, 31 NCV

*Let them give thanks to the LORD for his love  
and for the miracles he does for his people.*

### *PRAYER for the MONTH*

Infinitely Able and Enabling God,  
Grant all seriously overstretched church and Presbytery leaders, great grace,  
peace and wisdom as they seek the mind of Christ for Moray, in response to  
the patent need for change. May they resolve differences at the foot of the  
cross, knowing that although they may not be sure of WHAT Jesus would  
do in particular situations, they can know HOW he would be - patient, kind,  
loving ... Help congregations to see this time as an opportunity to grow in  
faith and intentional discipleship, to your glory. Amen

## NOVEMBER

### SUNDAY PRAYER ROTA

3 Keith: North, Newmill, Boharm & Rothiemay	Int Mod	(Rev A Gray)
10 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Chaplains & Christians on local Bases		
17 Keith: Kirk of St Rufus, Botriphnie & Grange	Int Mod Rev S Palmer	
	Parish Asst for Keith & Area	Mr Eckhardt Bosch
24 Knockando, Elchies & Archiestown l/w Rothes	Rev R Anderson	

### *Scripture for standing our Prayers on*

Psalm 107: 35, 37, 38, 43 NCV

*God changed the desert into pools of water ... ..*

*They planted seeds.... and they had a good harvest.*

*God blessed them and they grew in number ... ..*

*Whoever is wise will remember these things  
and will think about the love of the LORD*

In our 'misery' over the state of our world, nation, Church, Presbytery, and  
even our personal lives, remember how God has helped in the past & think  
about the glorious future he has in store for those who persevere in faith.

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever.* Hebrews 13:8

### *PRAYER for the MONTH*

Lord Jesus Christ, Head of the Church,  
We pray for the Church of Scotland at this time.  
As we begin a significant process of change  
give to us wisdom to know what to do  
courage to do what must be done  
and compassion and understanding  
for those for whom this will be hard.

Lord God,  
As we pray for the Church nationally, so we pray too for Presbytery. Amen