

**JUNE** Poem (source unknown) based on Matthew 6: 26-31

Consider the flowers and see how they grow.

Look too at the birds of the air.

The flowers breathe peace and the joyous birds show

How to live without fretting and care.

*Your heavenly Father, said Jesus of old, Who cares for each flower and  
bird, has promised that He will his people uphold  
and never goes back on his word. For all that He says is faithful and true,  
supported by power and love. And what he has promised, He surely will do.*

*Trust him, and this truth you will prove.*

**GOD STILL PROVIDES**

It may not surprise us that a man should help a bird. But when birds provide for a man (1 Kings 17: 6) it can only be explained by God's power and care. Like Elijah, we too can trust in His provision for us.

So DO NOT WORRY

**Sunday Prayer Rota**

7 Alves & Burghead l/w Kinloss & Findhorn

Int Mod Rev J Morrison OLM

14 Bellie & Speymouth

Int Mod Rev R Anderson

(Rev Seòras Orr)

**HAPPY PENTECOST!**

21 Birnie & Pluscarden l/w Elgin: High

Int Mod Rev J Adams

MDS: Mrs P Baker Locum Rev S Palmer OLM

28 Buckie: North l/w Rathven

Int Mod Rev D Stevenson

Locum Mr M Campbell

**This Month's Prayer**



Amazing Holy Spirit, We may start to get back together this month.

But help us **not** to go back to "normal", but rather to **go forward**

**with revived faith & confidence in you, our living LORD**, and

with renewed joy, love and desire to see YOUR KINGDOM

COME on earth as it is in heaven!

# Moray Presbytery Prayer Diary

## April – June 2020

As never before, we can relate to the first disciples who believed that all was darkness. Their beloved Master had been crucified and buried.

Life was bleak, there seemed to be no hope.

We cannot even huddle together in an upper room for mutual support.

### But

*Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for  
her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.*

Thine be the glory CH4 419

### GOD IS STILL WORTHY OF PRAISE

2 Chronicles 20: 20 - 22

*Have faith in the LORD your God and you will be upheld ...*

*...sing to the LORD and .. praise him for the splendour of his holiness*

*.. they went out AT THE HEAD OF the army, saying,*

*"Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures for ever".*

*As they began to sing and praise, the Lord set ambushes...*

Our 'enemies' are fear, worry, loneliness, greed, anxiety, doubt ...  
Begin to sing and PRAISE and see the Lord ambush them and reduce their number and power. – And when it happens, tell others about it!

**APRIL** A friend in Canada suffers back pain and was given exercises to strengthen her physical core. She decided to **use the ‘down time’ to strengthen her spiritual core too**. What do I really believe? What are my core values? Is God’s calling on my life still strong?

Her conclusions were:

**GOD IS STILL GOOD**; *He is still a Father who loves and cares for me. The Word of God is my life’s foundation. The Holy Spirit is still my amazing Helper. Jesus is and will always be my Saviour and Friend. ... nothing has changed – even though ministry is looking a bit different temporarily.*


### Sunday Prayer Rota

**5** PASSION/ PALM SUNDAY  
*I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the FELLOWSHIP OF SHARING IN HIS SUFFERINGS... Philippians 3: 10*  
**12** **GOD BE WITH YOU in powerful, peaceful PRESENCE!**  
HAPPY EASTER!  
*Be supernatural, infused with strength through your life-union with the Lord Jesus. Stand victorious with the force of his explosive power flowing in and through you.* Ephesians 6: 10 The Passion Translation

**19** Keith: North, Newmill, Boharm & Rothiemay Int Mod Rev W Ross

**26** Keith: Kirk of St Rufus, Botriphnie & Grange Int Mod Rev S Palmer  
Parish Asst for Keith & Area Mr Eckhardt Bosch

### This Month’s Prayer

 LORD,  
Come to all charges in vacancy, to their Interim Moderators and Locums, office bearers and nominating committees especially at this time of change in the wider Church and current ‘down time’. May time be used to rest, think and pray. **Keep congregations faithful, generous and united in Christ, who is the Head of the Body.**  
Aberlour; Alves & Burghead l/w Kinloss & Findhorn;  
Birnief/ Pluscarden l/w Elgin:High; Buckie: North l/w Rathven;  
Forres: St Laurence; Keith: Kirk of St Rufus, Botriphnie & Grange;  
Keith North, Newmill, Boharm & Rothiemay; Mortlach & Cabrach;  
St Andrew’s-Lhanbryd & Urquhart

**MAY** **GOD IS STILL IN CONTROL** – See Romans 8: 28  
- taking ministries staff off the treadmill of committee meetings, giving time to re-group/ reflect/ hear God’s will more clearly  
- closing churches may help break down over-dependence on buildings and take some hard decisions out of human hands.  
- helping people to grow in personal faith, Bible reading & prayer, and think more deeply about what their Christian faith/ being church actually means to them and others.

### Sunday Prayer Rota

**3** Knockando, Elchies & Archiestown l/w Rothes Rev R Anderson

**10** Lossiemouth: St Gerardine’s High l/w Lossiemouth: St James’  
Rev G McKee

**17** Mortlach & Cabrach Int Mod & Locum: Rev G Rollo

**24** St Andrews-Lhanbryd & Urquhart Int Mod Mrs A Bowie

**31** Aberlour Int Mod Rev G McKee  
Locum Rev M Smith

### This Month’s Prayer



**NO GENERAL ASSEMBLY** meeting this year.  
**Moderator 2020-21 Rt Rev Martin Fair**  
*In this world is darkness, so let us shine – you in your small corner, and I in mine.* CH3 488  
Eternal Lord,

We are part of a wider world and church, but at the moment we are restricted to our own small corners. May we find ways to shine for you where we are. Grant those in positions of leadership wisdom courage and perseverance in finding your will, interpreting it accurately for these difficult times and helping us all to follow faithfully with good cheer.  
**Psalm 63: 1-8** In a place of difficulty? *Uncomfortable situations can confuse us, but they need not derail us when we cling to the One who loves us (v3); helps us (v7) and whose right hand upholds us (v8)... I can praise you in the desperate times in my life because your love is better than life*  
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