

SEPTEMBER

“...but how far will they go among so many?” *John 6:9*

Andrew's question encourages us to have a go, however unequal we seem to the task. Encourages us to offer our small talents and experience to Jesus, to see what he can make of them.

[Eddie Askew: *Cross Purposes*, pages 36]

SUNDAY PRAYER ROTA

- 6 Alves & Burghead l/w Kinloss & Findhorn
Rev L Bezuidenhout
- 13 Bellie & Speymouth
Rev A Mehigan
- 20 Birnie & Pluscarden l/w Elgin: High
Rev S Duff
MDS: Mrs P Baker
- 27 Buckie: North l/w Rathven
Rev I Buchan

PRAYER for the MONTH

Hard Working Lord

As Presbytery returns to business, we pray for

Moderator - Miss Margaret King DCS

Presbytery Clerk - Rev Graham Crawford

Treasurer – Mr Stuart Foster

Committee Convenors

Business – Rev Shuna Dicks

Ministry & Training – Rev Isabel Buchan

Mission & Service – Rev Jenny Adams

Stewardship, Finance & Property – Mrs Janet Whyte

Superintendence – Rev Morris Smith

Please give grace, wisdom and sensitivity in all relationships, planning and activities. May the talents and experience of all presbyters be used for your glory and the support of your mission in Moray.

PRESBYTERY OF MORAY



PRAYER DIARY

July – September 2015



Jesus said,
Come to **me** ...
and **I will give you rest**
Matthew 11: 28

I buzz around, a frantic fly battering the window pane
until I fall exhausted to the sill.
All noise and movement but so little done.
And in the effort to respond to all the calls that *others make*,
I find I'm losing touch with you.
The more I do for you the further off you seem.
– a paradox until I hear your voice,
not asking more of me, but telling me to find
a breathing space,
a place to rest.

[Eddie Askew: *Cross Purposes*, page 31]



JULY

“Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

Mark 6: 31

And in the quiet you are there.
No accusations;
and no suggestions that I could do more... ..
Forgive me, Lord, and help me to forgive
myself because I ask more of myself than you do.



[Eddie Askew: *Cross Purposes*, page 31]

SUNDAY PRAYER ROTA

- 5 Forres: St Laurence Rev B Boyd
- 12 Keith: North, Newmill, Boharm & Rothiemay
Int Mod Rev. R. Anderson
Locum Rev Brian Bain
- 19 Keith: St. Rufus, Botriphnie & Grange
Int Mod Rev D Stevenson
- 26 Knockando, Elchies & Archiestown l/w Rothes
Rev. R. Anderson

PRAYER for the MONTH

Lord of Sabbath Rest and Source of all human gifts and joy,
May all on holiday during these summer months be renewed in
body, soul, mind and spirit.
May Christians involved with Highland Games, Country Shows,
community events and Music Festivals in Moray be gracious and
welcoming to all visitors. Likewise, may all Moray Churches be
vibrant witnesses to the open arms of welcome and peace offered
by Jesus Christ. May our sacred spaces provide spiritual
breathing space for the weary and care-worn.

AUGUST

“Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two
small fish...” John 6: 9

We shall never know if he was the only one in the crowd who had food
with him, but the important thing is that he was willing to share.
While they [the disciples] were working out the odds and figuring the
angles, he was opening his hands to give.
It wasn't much and yet it was enough to start the feast.

[Eddie Askew: *Cross Purposes*, pages 34, 35]

SUNDAY PRAYER ROTA

- 2 Lossiemouth: St. Gerardine's High Rev G. McKee
- 9 Lossiemouth: St. James Rev G. Crawford
- 16 Mortlach & Cabrach Int Mod & Locum Rev G Rollo
- 23 St. Andrew's Lhanbryd & Urquhart Rev A Robertson
- 30 Aberlour Rev S. Dicks

PRAYER for the MONTH

God of happy holiness,
In this season of church picnics, holiday clubs,
summer services and mission outreach, we
pray for every church team running such
ventures that they would reflect your joy and
generosity of spirit. May we gladly share the
Bread of Life.
Father God,
As children return to school, we pray for your blessing and
protection, for a love of learning and enough good and caring
teachers to help them do so. Inspire and guide Moray Council
Education Services as they seek to solve some very difficult
issues.

