

# prayerdiary2009

WORK PLACE  
CHAPLAINCY  
Scotland



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## EACH WEEK

### SUNDAY – THE PARISH

- › The people of God at worship
- › The places and communities with whom we worship Sunday by Sunday

### MONDAY – THE NORTH OF SCOTLAND

Area Organiser

- › **Andrew Jolly:** Chaplain to the UK Oil & Gas Industry
- › **Anne Fullerton:** UK Oil & Gas Chaplaincy Administrator
- › **Cate Adams:** Aberdeen City Centre Chaplain
- › **Gillian Trew:** Chaplain to Asda
- › **Mary Cranfield & Margaret Garden:** Chaplains to Thanestone Mart (ANM Group)

### TUESDAY – TAYSIDE & NORTH FIFE

- › **Allan Webster:** Area Organiser
- › **Peter Donald:** Chaplain in Angus

### WEDNESDAY – VOLUNTARY CHAPLAINS

- › **Edward Wallace:** Convenor SCIM Council
- › **Ian McMillan:** Chairman Scottish Churches Industrial Mission Trust
- › **Dorothy Anderson:** Convenor Chaplaincies Task Group (Church of Scotland Ministries Council)

### THURSDAY – GREATER GLASGOW (VACANT)

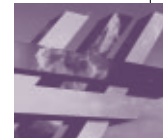
- › **Aister Goss:** Area Organiser West of Scotland
- › Area Organiser Stirling City Centre (Vacant)

### FRIDAY – EDINBURGH

- › **Linda Bandelier:** Area Organiser
- › **John Hopper:** Edinburgh City Mission
- › **John Thomson:** Ministries Support Officer
- › **Lynne Hood:** Secretary

### SATURDAY

- › We remember the need for recreation, for family, for balanced living.



## CONCERNS FOR EACH DAY OF THE MONTH

- 01 › For the building of faithful chaplaincies of the past. Remember former National Organisers/Co-ordinator George Wilkie, Donald Ross, Hugh Ormiston, Erik Cramb and Lewis Rose
- 02 › That WPCSCOTLAND may find new ways in our day to bring the Good News to the workplaces of Scotland
- 03 › WPCSCOTLAND website and publications  
› IMAgenda
- 04 › Discrimination Issues – Women
- 05 › Training programmes – the IMA
- 06 › IM in England and Wales  
› CCBI, INDEM
- 07 › The increase of lay participation in the work of WPCSCOTLAND
- 08 › The continuing commitment of Scotland's major denominations.  
› Growing partnerships with other churches and agencies
- 09 › Action of Churches Together in Scotland (ACTS)  
› Brother Stephen Smyth General Secretary  
› Mary Buchanan Convenor
- 10 › The Scottish Council for Development and Industry (SCDI) Lesley Sawyers – Chief Executive
- 11 › Local Authorities
- 12 › Service Industries – The expansion of chaplaincy to the Retail Sector
- 13 › UK Oil and Gas Industry  
› Aberdeen Oil Industry Chaplaincy Trust  
› Chairman Brian Wilkie

- 14 › Discrimination issues – Race  
› Asylum seekers and the gifts they bring
- 15 › Wallace Memorial Training Fund  
› International Workers' Memorial Day Lecture  
› Those killed or maimed at work  
› Those left to mourn and suffer
- 16 › The Scottish Parliament  
› Scottish Churches' Parliamentary Officer  
› Alex Ferguson MSP - Presiding Officer  
› Alec Salmond – First Minister  
› Your local and list MSPs
- 17 › Young Workers.  
› Modern Apprenticeships – New Deal
- 18 › Discrimination Issues – Disability
- 19 › SCIM Council  
› Local Support Committees  
› Angus Industrial Mission  
› Rock Project Stirling
- 20 › Finance to sustain and expand the work of WPCSCOTLAND  
› Scottish Churches Industrial Mission Trust  
› The Finance Industry – The Scottish Banks  
› Insurance Companies
- 21 › The Scottish Trades Union Congress (STUC)  
› Grahame Smith - General Secretary
- 22 › Justice in the Global Economy  
› Stock Exchange World Bank/IMF/WTO  
› Christian Aid/Oxfam





## SAYINGS FROM OTHER FAITHS

- 23 > Justice in the Local Economy
- 23 > The minimum wage
- 23 > The Low Pay Unit/Jobcentre Plus
- 23 > Equal Opportunities Commission
- 23 > Unemployed people/People on temporary contracts
- 23 > Church Action on Poverty
- 24 > Chambers of Commerce
- 24 > CBI Scotland
- 24 > Ian McMillan – Chief Executive
- 25 > The blessed departed – our forebears in IM
- 26 > European Union
- 26 > Accession States
- 26 > The Parliament/ Commission
- 26 > Scotland's MEPs
- 27 > Manufacturing Industries
- 27 > Shipbuilding
- 27 > Scottish Enterprise/Locate in Scotland
- 27 > Highlands and Islands Enterprise
- 27 > Inward Investment
- 27 > Development of indigenous industry
- 28 > Public Sector Employees
- 28 > Public Utilities – Water/Electricity/Gas
- 29 > Tourism
- 29 > Transport – road/rail/airports
- 29 > Rosyth Ferry
- 30 > Domestic issues of the day
- 31 > Global issues of the day

### ISLAM

Is it a matter of wonderment to men that we have sent our  
 inspiration to a man from among themselves?  
 That he should warn mankind (of their danger),  
 and give good news to the Believers.  
 That they have before their Lord  
 the good actions they have advanced  
*Qur-an, Ayat 1382 Verse 2*

God is light: "God is the Light of the heavens and the earth. The parable  
 of His Light is as if there were a Niche, and within it a lamp; the Lamp  
 enclosed in Glass; the glass a brilliant star, lit from a blessed Tree, an  
 Olive neither of the East nor of the West whose Oil is well-nigh luminous  
 though fire scarce touched it. Light upon Light! God doth guide whom  
 He will to His Light."  
*Qur-an, Chapter 24, Verse 3*

### BUDDHISM

Let your love flow outward through the universe,  
 to its height, its depth, its broad extent,  
 A limitless love, without hatred or enmity.  
 Then as you stand or walk,  
 sit or lie down,  
 as long as you are awake,  
 strive for this with a one-pointed mind;  
 Your life will bring heaven to earth.  
*Sutta Nipata*



## PROVERBS

Better have little and with it virtue,  
than have great revenues and have no right to them.

Do not boast about tomorrow,  
since you do not know what today may bring.

He who gives to the poor shall never want,  
he who closes his eyes to them will bear many a curse.

## OLD TESTAMENT READINGS

**Psalm 100:** A psalm for giving thanks

**Isaiah 56:** 1-8 Salvation for others

**Amos 6:** 1-7 Woe to the Complacent

## SOME NEW TESTAMENT STORIES

**Matthew 22:** 1-14 The Wedding Banquet

**Mark 10:** 17-31 The Rich Young Man

**John 21:** 15-25 Jesus Reinstates Peter

**James 3:** 1-12 Taming the Tongue

## QUOTATIONS

Faith is taking the first step, even when you don't see the whole staircase.  
*Martin Luther King Jr.*

Change has a considerable psychological impact on the human mind. To the fearful it is threatening because it means things may get worse. To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better. To the confident it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better.  
*King Whitney Jr.*

Giving love to all,  
feeling the love of God,  
seeing His presence in everyone ...  
that is the way to live in this world.  
*Paramahansa Yogananda*

It's the friends you can call up at four am. that matter.  
*Marlene Dietrich (1901-1992)*

Humour is in fact an essential element in the mirth of creation.  
we can see in many matters in our lives.  
God wants to prod us into taking things a bit more lightly.  
*Pope Benedict XVI*

To often managers are so concerned with current pressures ...  
that they ignore the small voices and indications that the world  
is not as they are constructing it.  
*Julia Davis*

There is one God looking down on us all. We are children of one God.  
The sun, the darkness, the winds are all listening to what we have to say.  
*Gerónimo*





## SOME PRAYERS

### The Silence of God

God's silence is mysterious. Sometimes it fills us with fright and paralyses us in the face of the devils who squeeze out the life of the people.  
 But without this silence of God we can't become men and women.  
 When God speaks all the time, people become deaf.  
 They don't hear the cry of the poor and of those who suffer.  
 They become dull; they no longer walk and hope.  
 They don't dare to do anything.  
 They no longer endure. God remains silent  
 So that men and women may  
 Speak, Protest and struggle  
 God remains silent so that people may become real people.  
*Elsa Tamez*

### A CHAPLAINCY PRAYER

Incarnate God, we commend our chaplaincy visiting to you,  
 that all we do may be to your glory.  
 Save us from arrogance and cowardice.  
 Give us wisdom to judge when to speak, and when to keep silent;  
 what areas to visit, and how to respond.  
 Help us to see the workplace through your eyes,  
 affirming signs of your Sovereignty, however cunningly disguised,  
 and firmly questioning those things which go against your will.  
 We ask you to bless people of all faiths and none, in their places of work:  
 Help us to be open to each other's spiritual insights.  
 Sustain all who suffer boredom, fatigue, stress or conflict.  
 Righteous God, surround us with a sense of your presence,  
 that we may tread our paths lightly, resting confident that you will bring  
 the seeds of harvest in your own time and way.  
 Through the Holy Trinity:  
 Of the manufacturing Creator, the rectifying Son,  
 and the retailing Holy Spirit.  
 Amen

### VULNERABLE GOD

We thank you that you understand the problems of those called  
 To care for the rejected and socially isolated; for the physically abused  
 And inwardly scarred – we ask you for an easing of their pain.  
*Response:* Support those whose job is to care for people unable to care  
 for themselves.

We pray for students and volunteers working with the vulnerable and  
 unloved. For care workers trying to stimulate a response from people  
 with learning difficulties, stroke victims and those numbed by the pain  
 of bereavement.

We bring to you all relatives caught up in long-term caring for people  
 with alcohol related problems or other types of addictions.





## OCCASIONAL PRAYERS

### THOSE WHO COME TO OUR COUNTRY

We call them 'asylum seekers' 'foreigners' 'immigrants',

Lord – impersonal and faceless terms. Yet, since we have one Father, we are brothers and sisters in a common world family. O Lord, whose compassion reached out to those of other races, help us to welcome those who come to visit or to live in our country, and guide them in their difficulties. In adjusting to our ways may they keep alive all that is good in their home-life and their culture, so that, in mutual sharing, we may learn the spirit of co-operation which makes for peace and goodwill and the enrichment of us all. Amen

### A PRAYER FOR WORK PLACE CHAPLAINCY SCOTLAND

*(from the prayer for the Iona Community)*

O God, who has given your servants through the ages, the gifts of courage, faith and cheerfulness, and sent your people into the workplaces of the world to carry the word of your gospel to everyone, grant we pray, a like spirit to your church, even at this present time. Further in all things the purpose of our Mission, that hidden things may be revealed to us and new ways found to touch the hearts of all. May we preserve with each other sincere love and peace, and if it be your holy will, grant that we may be instruments of sanctuary and light in a troubled world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### A PRAYER OF CARE

Watch thou, dear Lord,  
 With those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight,  
 And give thine angels charge over those who sleep.  
 Tend thy sick ones, O Lord Christ;  
 rest thy weary one; bless thy dying ones;  
 soothe thy suffering ones; pity thine afflicted ones;  
 shield thy joyous ones,  
 And all for thy love's sake.  
*St Augustine (354-430)*

Silence, they say, is the voice of complicity.  
 But silence is impossible.  
 Silence screams.  
 Silence is a message,  
 just as doing nothing is an act.

Let who you are ring out and resonate  
 in every word and every deed.  
 Yes, become who you are.  
 There's no sidestepping your own being  
 or your own responsibility.

What you do is who you are.  
 You are your own comeuppance.  
 You become your own message.

### THE DEAR DEPARTED

We remember those who,  
 little recognised in the sight of men  
 Bore the heat and burden of the unrecorded day.  
 They served because they knew  
 Thou hadst made them priests and kings,  
 And now as stars they shine forever.  
 If it is Thy holy will,  
 Tell them how we love them,  
 And how we miss them,  
 And how we long for the day  
 When we shall meet again with them.  
*George F. Macleod*





### PRAYER FOR TOURISM

Patient and ever – listening God

We pray for everyone involved in the Tourism Industry:

For employers and employees, managers and workers,  
self employed and Local Authority workers.

For cleaners, caterers, kiosk staff, chambermaids, ride attendants,  
road sweepers & maintenance workers.

For those who provide accommodation, attractions, amusements,  
and leisure opportunities.

For those whose work is to promote the areas and build up its infrastructure.

We pray for every individual and each working team:

That you will strengthen them for service,

Help them to be patient and understanding providers.

Amen

### DISABILITY AND THE WORKPLACE

O Christ our lord, whose risen body still bore the scars of crucifixion;

Forgive our living

That looks upon imperfections of the body, mind and spirit as 'handicap'  
or 'disability'.

Forgive our living

that veils gifts of talent and insight beyond our ken.

Scripture tells us

'Show me a person who does a good job and I will show you someone  
who is better than most and worthy of the company of kings'

Let us, tasked as we are, with relating the great truths of faith to the  
testing world of commerce and industry

never be neglectful of those who are denied any opportunity of

'doing a good job'

Because we are blinded by perceptions of 'handicap' and cannot see the 'gift'.

They too are worthy of the company of kings.

*Erik Cramb*

### LITANY FOR PEACE

#### KIKUYU – PEOPLE OF KENYA

Praise ye, Ngai ... Peace be with us.

Say that the elders may have wisdom and speak with one voice

Peace be with us.

Say that the country may have tranquillity.

Peace be with us.

And the people may continue to increase.

Peace be with us.

Say that the people and the flock and herds may prosper and be free  
from illness.

Peace be with us.

Say that the fields may bear fruit and the land continue to be fertile.

Peace be with us.

May peace reign over earth

May the gourd cup agree with vessel.

Peace be with us.

May their heads agree and every ill word be driven out into the wilderness,  
into the virgin forest.

Praise ye, Ngai ... Peace be with us





### CROSS

Cross!

Funny word that

Angry, annoyed, irate

Cross!

Funny word that

An interaction, and intersection, an intermix

Cross!

A funny word that

A place of death, a symbol a sign

Cross!

A funny place that

Where one would chose to die?

Who would chose to die?

On a funny place

A cross

Not two across

Not get a cross

But on a cross

Who would chose to die?

On a cross

And why?

For me?

Who came across

You

You

On a cross

And wondered

Why?

*Cate Adams*

### CONSUMERISM- THE ROAD TO HELL

What do we buy?

And what do we sell?

All of our goods, our bodies as well.

Intemperate selling leads us to hell.

A place lined with credit

And money that burns

Leaving holes in our pockets

And hours of concern.

The interest rate rises

And what do we do?

We take out a loan

Or a line with the Pru.

Our souls were bought

At such a high price

Yet to keep up the payments

We turn to vice.

And in our world

Are the signs of our ruin

Our debts are the stench

That we wallow and stew in.

There's only one answer

Of that I am sure

Take all you have

And give to the poor.

*Cate Adams*





### FATHER

I asked you to send me a labourer  
 Instead you sent me this man  
 Whose clothes are ragged and torn  
 Whose face has been ravaged by time  
 His arms are too thin to carry,  
 The load I would wish him to bare  
 I really need help my father  
 But what use is that man there?

I asked you to send me a woman  
 Who would gather the harvest in?  
 Instead you sent me, her Lord  
 A woman whose body wrecks sin  
 Used by all who see her  
 With track marks up her arm  
 She's more likely to steal Lord  
 More likely to cause alarm?

The man over there's no use Lord  
 He's lost his legs to a mine  
 And that woman, there Lord  
 Drink has addled her mind  
 And the one over there  
 Is dying of AIDS as we speak  
 What am I supposed to do Lord  
 With a workforce incredibly weak?

My child, my child do not fret, so  
 For all you see is bleak  
 But I can see on the inside  
 And all that that entails  
 I'm not interested in the outer body  
 The one that ultimately fails  
 The man might be too weak to carry

But he's strong enough to hug  
 And the woman your so scared of  
 Gave your bread to the child she loved  
 The soldier he gave his legs  
 To save his comrade in arms  
 And the precious child that's dying  
 Will soon be here with me

*Cate Adams*

### CAP AND CREDIT CRUNCH

God of love, justice and peace; we bring before you the needs of those in society who have been dispossessed of homes, jobs and family life. We give you thanks for Church Action on Poverty and ask that its struggle against injustice may be strengthened in this time of financial difficulties, supported by your love and the willingness of your churches to gather behind CAP's aims. Bring responsibility with power that all within society may work towards justice for all. All these prayers we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our lord and Saviour.

*Alister Goss*





### FATHER FORGIVE US

Father forgive us for always putting ourselves first

Forgive our inflated egos

Forgive our need to be bigger, better, louder than the rest

Thank you father that you love us so much that you forgive us all these things and more

Forgive us when we cause hurt to others by our actions, by a look, by a word

Forgive us when we waste this day you have given us

With our worries and cares

With pretty squabbles and neglect and bitterness

Thank you father that you love us so much that you forgive us all these things and more

Forgive us when we don't value your gifts to us

The warm smile of a stranger

Forgive us when we fail to see the lonely, the hurt,

When instead of sharing the forgiveness you freely give us with others we do so reluctantly, grudgingly.

Thank you father that you love us so much that you forgive us all these things and more

Forgive us too Lord for the damage we cause to your creation

When apathy forces us to do nothing

So that the poverty and genocide that our brothers and sisters suffer becomes for us their plight not ours

Thank you father that you love us so much that you forgive us all these things and more

Forgive us our complacency as we live our lives

When we forget that they are a gift from you

Thank you father that you love us so much that you

forgive us all these things and more Amen

*Cate Adams*

### AS USED AT OPENING OF NEW SKY HUB, GLASGOW INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.

God our Heavenly Father. We give you thanks for all your good gifts. We give thanks for the skills and ingenuity that have come together to bring this ambitious development into being. We ask a blessing upon this place, those who use it and those who work here. Keep all safe and secure as we ask these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

*Alistair Goss*

Grant, O God, that these few minutes with you

May send us out again

More kind to others;

More honest with ourselves;

More loyal to you:

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen

*William Barclay*

### BLESSING

May God, who walks with you along the paths of life, speak to you of love, justice and peace. Amen





**NOTES**

