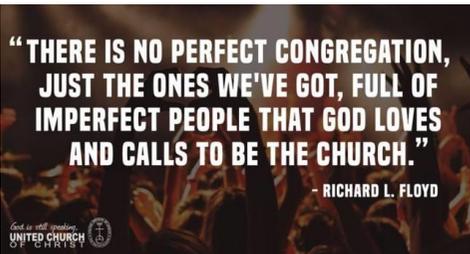


## SEPTEMBER

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 2 Corinthians 4: 7

### 2 Thessalonians 1:4

Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your **perseverance** and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.



### James 1:3

... the testing of your faith produces **perseverance**. Let **perseverance** finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

## SUNDAY PRAYER ROTA

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

13 Keith: St Rufus, Botriphnie & Grange Int Mod Rev (OLM) S Palmer  
Parish Asst for Keith & Area

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

27 Lossiemouth: St Gerardine's High l/w Lossiemouth: St James'  
Rev G McKee

Lord of the Church, help us to persevere with your positive joy through the trials and testing that come our way, as individuals, as your Family and as a Presbytery. Please be Lord of our first reactions and words. You are our wisdom and righteousness. We seek you first. May we not just mature in age, but in faith and every fruit of the Spirit, to the benefit of your Church and the revelation of your power through our imperfect 'jars of clay'!

Specially bless Geoff McKee, our new Moderator we pray.

Lord Jesus, whatever happens, we are glad because you are our Saviour and give us strength. We trust and hope and 'boast' in you alone! Amen.

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## OH LORD, HOW LONG...?

Habakkuk 1: 2-4; 2: 1; 1: 5; 3: 17-19 GNT & NIV

1 <sup>2</sup>**O LORD, how long must I call for help before you listen, before you save us from violence?** <sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see such trouble? How can you stand to look on such wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are all around me, and there is fighting and arguing everywhere.

<sup>4</sup> The law is weak and useless, and justice is never done.

Evil people get the better of the righteous, and so justice is perverted.



### 2 <sup>1</sup>**I will climb my watchtower**

**and wait** to see what the LORD will tell me to say and what answer he will give to my complaint

1 <sup>5</sup> "Look at the nations and watch—  
and be utterly amazed.

**For I am going to do something in your days  
that you would not believe, even if you were told.**

3 <sup>17</sup> Even though the fig trees have no fruit and no grapes grow on the vines,  
even though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no grain,  
even though the sheep all die and the cattle stalls are empty,

<sup>18</sup> **I will still be joyful and glad,**

**because the LORD God is my saviour.**

<sup>19</sup> The Sovereign LORD gives me strength...



May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's  
**perseverance.**

2 Thessalonians 3:5

## JULY

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. <sup>17</sup> If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, **the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us** from your power, Your Majesty. <sup>18</sup> **But even if he doesn’t**, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.” Daniel 3: 16-18 NLT



...we count as blessed those who have **persevered**. You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. James 5: 11 NIV

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

**And let us run with perseverance** the race marked out for us Hebrews 12:1

### SUNDAY PRAYER ROTA

5 Buckie: South & West l/w Enzie Rev Wes Brandon

12 Cullen & Deskford Rev D Stevenson

19 Dallas l/w Forres: St Leonard’s l/w Rafford Rev D Prentice  
Preaching Assistant: [OLM] Rev J Morrison

26 Duffus, Spynie & Hopeman Rev J Adams

Lord of the Church – thriving or struggling, in the country or in centre of town, grant courage & perseverance to leaders & congregations to find and follow your way to best utilise buildings, or let them go, and free up people to BE your Church in and for their communities. Thank you for all the love and talents and care already shown. Whatever happens we trust in you alone

## AUGUST

<sup>8</sup> We are **hard pressed** on every side, **but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair;** <sup>9</sup> **persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.**

<sup>10</sup> We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 2 Corinthians 4: 8-10 NIV



Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces **perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, HOPE.** And that hope does not disappoint us...

Romans 5: 3, 4 NIV

### SUNDAY PRAYER ROTA

2 Dyke l/w Edinkillie Rev R Moffat

9 Elgin: St Giles’ & St Columba’s South Rev D Oelofse  
Preaching Assistant:[OLM] Rev S Palmer

16 Findochty l/w Portknockie Rev Dr Jacob Boonzaaier

23 Forres: St Laurence Int Mod Mr Peter Taylor

Lord of the Church – in village or city, by the sea or inland, as perseverance grows into character and character into hope, pour out your love into our hearts by your Holy Spirit. May new shoots of faith and growth in grace come from shared ministries and vision, joint missions and loving communication and service across parish and denomination boundaries. May many be added to your family to your glory and pleasure.

Through these pressured and perplexing times of change, hard decisions and perhaps the sacrifice of things and places we hold dear, may Jesus’ life and love be revealed in our bodies, through humble service, and in our attitudes, through gentle words. However hard or complicated things get, our hope is in you alone.