



## UPDATE: JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2025

*Seek good, not evil, that you may live. Then the Lord God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is. Hate evil, love good; maintain justice in the courts. Perhaps the Lord God Almighty will have mercy on the remnant of Joseph.*

Amos 5:14-15 (NIV)

### **Turbulent Times**

As the first month of 2025 draws to a close, it does feel that much of the world is in environmental and political upheaval. Even though Inverness may seem far away from the centre of these global issues, anxiety, weariness and helplessness are a natural response to the relentless news reel. We know from our Bibles that natural disaster and human conflict are by no means a modern phenomenon.

Religiosity is no safeguard in troubled times. We are called to give service to God, according to our skills, to love our neighbours and to turn the other cheek. Large conflicts are built on billions of small hurts and slights. We cannot be perfect but we are expected to have integrity in all our dealings and to acknowledge where we fall short. The redemptive power of the blood of Christ means that we can pick ourselves up and move forward, closer to God.

And as the New Year resolutions become a distant memory, perhaps we can resolve on a daily basis to look to our own behaviour, to forgive as we have been forgiven, and to sensitively share the glorious freedom we have in Christ.



*A traffic cone marks the boundary of a shared drive in an un-neighbourly dispute. From these seemingly little things, wars grow.*

## Patrol Dates for Prayer

We take a break in January as the footfall in the city centre is low, so we are looking forward to being back out in February.

February		March	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-12:00	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	22:00-03:00
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	22:00-01:00	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	09:45-11:45
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	22:00-03:00	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	22:00-01:00
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00-12:00	Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	22:00-03:00
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	22:00-03:00	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	09:45-11:45
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	22:00-01:00	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	22:00-03:00
		Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	22:00-01:00
		Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	22:00-03:00

*Thank you!*

## Prayer Points

- ✠ We may not have had boots on the streets in January, but prayer never ceases. Give thanks for the power we have in prayer and the difference we know it makes. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for the cross.
- ✠ Pray for clarity of vision so we can see the path set out before us to do our Lord's will. Give thanks that He walks with us, guiding our steps. Pray for forgiveness when we forget that this mission is not made good in our own strength.
- ✠ Several churches dedicated their Christmas collections to us this year. Please give thanks for the generosity of the people of Inverness. Both the cash contributions and the sentiment underpinning these gifts means a lot.
- ✠ Give thanks too for rest and recuperation. Pray that the new teams gel and soon work in harmony, drawing on their different gifts. Pray for wisdom and discernment in the months ahead for all of us, but especially for the management team and leaders.
- ✠ Pray for those who have made a new start in their lives – that it may be maintained. For those who have stumbled – that they may be able to get up, with or without help. For those who have flatlined – that they will realise. For those who are seeking – that they will find.
- ✠ Finally, please pray for peace and protection over the city of Inverness including for all you who support us in whatever form.



In His name...

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: **I am with you always, even to the end of the age.**"*

Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)