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### Contributors to Time for Reflection: Session 6

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This Fact Sheet lists all contributors to Time for Reflection from the beginning of Session 6. It is arranged by date with the most recent date first and includes the name and religious affiliation of the contributor, additional information about the contributor and a link to the Official Report.

Time for Reflection is normally the first item of business at a meeting of the Parliament each week, on a Tuesday afternoon. A speaker addresses the meeting for up to 4 minutes. Invitations to address the Parliament at Time for Reflection are issued by the Presiding Officer on advice from the Parliamentary Bureau. The pattern of speakers reflects the balance of beliefs in Scotland (based on the Census). In general, nominations for contributors are proposed to the Presiding Officer by MSPs or by the religions or faiths directly. There have been occasions when individuals have written to the Presiding Officer with nominations for contributors.

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**22 April 2025**

[The Rev Norman Afrin](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister, Sandyhills Parish Church

**1 April 2025**

[Laura Gillespie](#) (Humanist)  
Humanist Society Scotland

**25 March 2025**

[The Right Rev Dr Shaw James Paterson](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

**18 March 2025**

[Carol Telfer](#) (Non-Faith)  
Chaplain of Glasgow hospice, Marie Curie

**11 March 2025**

[Kayleigh Brown](#) (née Haggo) (Non-Faith)

**4 March 2025**

[Martha Inés Romero](#) (Roman Catholic)  
Secretary General, Pax Christi International

**25 February 2025**

[Wayne Sutton](#) (Evangelical)  
Senior Pastor, Carrubers Christian Centre

**18 February 2025**

[Adrian Ferguson](#) (Evangelical)  
Perth Gospel Hall

**4 February 2025**

[Senga Ishaq](#) (Humanist)  
Humanist Society Scotland

**28 January 2025**

[Mirrin Kirkpatrick and Sarah-Jane McKeown](#) (Non-Faith)  
Ambassadors, Holocaust Educational Trust

**21 January 2025**

[Chris Hellawell](#) (Non-Faith)  
Director, Edinburgh Tool Library

**14 January 2025**

[The Rev Malcolm Macleod](#) (Free Church of Scotland)  
Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland

**7 January 2025**

[Jess Pepper](#) (Non-Faith)  
Founder and director, Climate Café CIC

**17 December 2024**

[Dr Leslie Milton](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister, St Andrew's High Parish Church, Musselburgh

**10 December 2024**

[Sila Collins-Walden](#) (Quaker)

**3 December 2024**

[The Rt Rev Frank Dougan](#) (Roman Catholic)  
Bishop of the Diocese of Galloway

**26 November 2024**

[The Rev. Teri C Peterson](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister, St John's Church of Scotland, Gourrock

**19 November 2024**

[William More](#) (Roman Catholic)  
Head of Operations in Scotland, Aid to the Church in Need (UK)

**12 November 2024**

[Natalie Beal](#) (Non-Faith)  
Chair of the Prison Governors Association Scotland

**5 November 2024**

[The Rev Dr Graham K Blount](#) (Church of Scotland)

**29 October 2024**

[The Rt Hon Lord Wallace of Tankerness KC](#) (Non-Faith)

**8 October 2024**

[The Rev Aaron Moffat-Jackman](#) (Episcopal)  
Rector of St Saviour's Scottish Episcopal Church, Bridge of Allan, and St Modoc's Scottish Episcopal Church, Doune

**1 October 2024**

[Dr Musharraf Hussain OBE](#) (Muslim)

**24 September 2024**

[The Rev Moira McDonald](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister, Corstorphine Old Parish Church

**17 September 2024**

[Professor Rowan Cruft](#) (Non-Faith)  
Professor of Philosophy, University of Stirling

**10 September 2024**

[Father Gerard Hatton](#) (Roman Catholic)  
Administrator of St Patrick's Church

**3 September 2024**

[Ruth Donaldson](#) (Christian)  
Church Relationships Team Leader UK, CSW

**25 June 2024**

[The Rev Margaret McArthur](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister, Cardross Parish Church

**18 June 2024**

[Bilal Wardak](#) (Non-Faith)

**11 June 2024**

[Dr Amy Orr-Ewing](#) (Christian)  
Author and theologian, and honorary lecturer at the University of Aberdeen

#### **4 June 2024**

[Dr Joseph J Morrow](#) (Non-Faith)

#### **28 May 2024**

[Mark Bitel](#) (Quaker)

Co-Clerk, Central Edinburgh Quaker Meeting

#### **21 May 2024**

[Esther Elliott](#) (Church of Scotland)

Community Chaplain

#### **14 May 2024**

[The Most Rev Leo Cushley](#) (Roman Catholic)

Archbishop of St Andrews and Edinburgh

#### **7 May 2024**

[Rabbi Eliran Shabo](#) (Jewish)

Honorary Jewish Chaplain for the Scottish Universities

#### **30 April 2024**

[The Rev Murdo AN Macleod](#) (Free Church of Scotland)

Minister, Snizort Free Church (Continuing), Isle of Skye

#### **23 April 2024**

[The Rt Rev Sally Foster-Fulton](#) (Church of Scotland)

Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

#### **16 April 2024**

[Fr Roger Dawson SJ](#) (Jesuit)

Superior of the Jesuits in Scotland

#### **26 March 2024**

[The Rev Neil Glover](#) (Church of Scotland)

Minister for Aberfeldy, Dull & Weem, Grantully, Logierait and Strathtay

#### **19 March 2024**

[Ben Kane](#) (Non-Faith)

#### **12 March 2024**

[The Rev David Watson](#) (Church of Scotland)

Cumbrae, Fairlie and Largs Parish Church

#### **5 March 2024**

[Avril McNeill](#) (Non-Faith)

Headteacher, Glenrothes High School

#### **27 February 2024**

[Carol Telfer](#) (Non-Faith)

Chaplain of the Marie Curie Hospice, Glasgow

#### **20 February 2024**

[Professor Michael Brown](#) (Non-Faith)

Chair in Irish, Scottish and Enlightenment History, University of Aberdeen

### **6 February 2024**

[The Rev Dorothy Wallace](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Parish Minister, West Lochfyneside Parish Church

### **30 January 2024**

[Gordon M Hay](#) (Non-Faith)

### **23 January 2024**

[Ben Kean and Mia Williams](#) (Non-Faith)  
Ambassadors, Holocaust Educational Trust

### **16 January 2024**

[The Rev Linda Haggerstone](#) (Pagan)  
National Interfaith Officer, Scottish Pagan Federation

### **9 January 2024**

[Professor Bob Akroyd](#) (Free Church of Scotland)  
Moderator of the General Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland

### **19 December 2023**

[The Rev Dan Robertson](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister, Davidson's Mains Parish Church, Edinburgh

### **12 December 2023**

[Chibuzor Tina Amadi](#) (Christian)  
UK Parliamentary Liaison for Christian Solidarity Worldwide

### **5 December 2023**

[Professor Joe Goldblatt](#) (Interfaith)  
Chair of Edinburgh Interfaith Association

### **28 November 2023**

[Martin Mansell](#) (Quaker)  
Glasgow Quaker Meeting

### **21 November 2023**

[Dame Evelyn Glennie](#) (Non-Faith)

### **14 November 2023**

[Dr Muhammad Adrees](#) (Muslim)  
President of the Muslim Council of Scotland

### **7 November 2023**

[The Rev Norma Moore](#) (Church of Scotland)

### **31 October 2023**

[Micheal Matovu](#) (Non-Faith)  
Commercial Director, Radiant and Brighter

### **24 October 2023**

[Father Krzysztof Garwolinski](#) (Roman Catholic)  
St Patrick's Shieldmuir and St Thomas' Wishaw

### **3 October 2023**

[The Rev Tina Kemp \(retired\)](#) (Church of Scotland)

### **26 September 2023**

[Helen Border](#) (Roman Catholic)  
Chairperson, Friends of Divine Mercy Scotland

### **19 September 2023**

[The Rev Eder Ferraz Goncalves](#) (Baptist)  
Church Pastor, Perth Baptist Church

### **12 September 2023**

[The Rev Barry Hughes](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister, St Mark's Parish Church, Stirling

### **5 September 2023**

[Alisdair Bennett](#) (Christian)  
Chief Executive, Bethany Christian Trust

### **27 June 2023**

[Rabbi Aharon Lemberger](#) (Jewish)  
Giffnock Newton Mearns Synagogue and Jewish Chaplain for Glasgow and the West of Scotland Universities

### **20 June 2023**

[Tetiana Balanova](#) (Non-Faith)  
Community Coordinator, Association of Ukrainians in Great Britain (AUGB) In Edinburgh

### **13 June 2023**

[The Rev Nicky Gumbel](#) (Christian)  
Pioneer of Alpha

### **6 June 2023**

[Pastor Oli Higham](#) (Christian)  
Pastor, Rock Community Church

### **30 May 2023**

[The Rev Markus Dünzkofer](#) (Episcopal)  
Rector, St John's Episcopal Church, Edinburgh

### **23 May 2023**

[Pastor Joe Ochei](#) (Pentecostal)  
Redeemed Christian Church of God, Pastoral Team Ecumenical Officer, Jesus House, Aberdeen

### **16 May 2023**

[Dr Kamyab Givaki](#) (Scottish Iranian Association)

### **9 May 2023**

[The Rev Kenneth I. MacKenzie](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister of the Parish of Braemar and Crathie, and Domestic Chaplain to His Majesty The King

### **2 May 2023**

[Megan Laird](#) (Non-Faith)  
National Deaf Children's Society Young Changemaker

### **25 April 2023**

[Dr Lesley Morrison](#) (Quaker)

**18 April 2023**

[The Rev Drew Gebbie](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister, Hamilton South and Quarter Parish Churches

**28 March 2023**

[The Rt Rev Dr Iain Greenshields](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

**21 March 2023**

[The Rev Heller Gonzalez](#) (Episcopal)  
Rector, St Augustine's Scottish Episcopal Church, Dumbarton, and Novice Brother of the Anglican Order of Cistercians

**14 March 2023**

[Rev Father Gregory Umunna](#) (Roman Catholic)  
Parish Priest, St Stephen's Church, Blairgowrie

**7 March 2023**

[Mollie Hughes](#) (Non-Faith)  
Mountaineer, adventurer and motivational speaker

**28 February 2023**

[Rev Mike Gargrave](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister, Thornliebank Parish Church

**21 February 2023**

[Dr Rose Reilly MBE](#) (Non-Faith)

**7 February 2023**

[Carol Wilde](#) (Mormon)  
Communication Director Scotland, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

**31 January 2023**

[Rev Fr Matthew Carlin](#) (Roman Catholic)  
Parish Priest of the St Francis of Assisi Church, Port Glasgow

**24 January 2023**

[Holly Cameron and Aidan Coleman](#) (Non-Faith)  
Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassadors

**17 January 2023**

[Rev Tom Kisitu](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister, Church of Scotland

**10 January 2023**

[Rev Susan Henderson](#) (United Reform Church)  
Minister, Inverclyde United Reform Churches

**20 December 2022**

[Rev Dr Bruce Ritchie](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Church of Scotland Minister and Tutor in Scottish Church History, Highland Theological College, University of the Highlands and Islands

**13 December 2022**

[Rev Neil Gardner](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister, Canongate Kirk



**6 December 2022**

[Gareth Edwards](#) (Christian)  
Perth Gospel Hall

**29 November 2022**

[Rev Anikó Schütz Bradwell](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister of Humble linked with Yester, Bolton and Saltoun Church

**22 November 2022**

[Mgr. John A. Hughes](#) (Roman Catholic)  
Parish Priest, St. Joseph's, Helensburgh and former Rector of the Pontifical Scots College, Rome

**15 November 2022**

[Lucy McKee](#) (Non-Faith)  
Membership Ambassador for ENABLE

**8 November 2022**

[Dr Maureen Sier](#) (Interfaith)  
Director, Interfaith Scotland

**1 November 2022**

[Sophie Reid](#) (Non-Faith)  
Member and Chair, Scottish Youth Parliament

**25 October 2022**

[Rev David J Nixon](#) (Christian)  
Associate Pastor, Carrubers Christian Centre

**4 October 2022**

[Dr Mary Njoki](#) (Non-Faith)  
Research Fellow, University of Stirling

**27 September 2022**

[Chris Jewell](#) (Christian)  
Chief Executive Officer, Ascension Trust (Scotland)

**20 September 2022**

[Rev Neil Gardner](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister, Canongate Kirk

**6 September 2022**

[Rev Andrew Agnew](#) (Christian)  
Pastor, The Livingroom Church

**28 June 2022**

[Theo Ogbhemhe](#) (Non-Faith)  
Teacher of Religious Moral and Philosophical Studies at Kirkwall Grammar School

**21 June 2022**

[Angela Johnson](#) (Humanist)  
Celebrant of the Humanist Society Scotland

**14 June 2022**

[Elaine Duncan](#) (Christian)  
Chief Executive of Scottish Bible Society



### **7 June 2022**

[John Loughton BEM](#) (Non-Faith)  
CEO of Dare2Lead and Founder of Scrان Academy

### **31 May 2022**

[Mike Pilavachi MBE](#) (Church of England)  
Senior Pastor, Soul Survivor, Watford Church

### **24 May 2022**

[Lorraine McMahon](#) (Roman Catholic)  
Head of Community Outreach England, Scotland and Wales, Aid to the Church in Need

### **17 May 2022**

[Rev Sarah Brown](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at Saint Machar's Cathedral

### **10 May 2022**

[Rev Alan Kimmitt](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at St Columba's Parish Church of Scotland, Glenrothes

### **3 May 2022**

[Rev Canon Sarah Shaw](#) (Episcopal)  
Rector of Christ Church, Falkirk

### **26 April 2022**

[Billy Kay](#) (Non-Faith)  
Writer and Broadcaster

### **19 April 2022**

[The Rt Hon Lord Wallace of Tankerness QC](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland

### **29 March 2022**

[Rev Sheila Moir](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at Dryburgh District Churches, Scottish Borders

### **22 March 2022**

[Mr Antoni Pia](#) (Non-Faith)  
Youth Development Worker at Tullochan

### **15 March 2022**

[Rev John Murdoch](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at St John's Kirk of Perth and St Leonard's in the Fields, Perth

### **8 March 2022**

[Joanna Butterfield MBE](#) (Non-Faith)  
Parasport Athlete

### **1 March 2022**

[Father Jim Duggan](#) (Roman Catholic)  
Parish Priest at St Charles Roman Catholic Church, Paisley

### **22 February 2022**

[Pall Singh](#) (Non-Faith)  
Project Director of Building Bridges

### **8 February 2022**

[Hazel Peters](#) (Non-Faith)  
College Student in Greenock

### **1 February 2022**

[Rev Ronald Matandakufa](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at Kirk of the Holy Rood, Grangemouth

### **25 January 2022**

[Sarah Bateman and Andrei Martin](#) (Non-Faith)  
Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassadors

### **18 January 2022**

[Josh Kennedy MSYP](#) (Non-Faith)  
Outgoing Chair of The Scottish Youth Parliament

### **11 January 2022**

[Rev Mairi Perkins](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at Ardoch linked with Blackford Parish Church, Perthshire

### **21 December 2021**

[Rev David Burt](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at Old Gourock and Ashton Church

### **14 December 2021**

[Canon Gerard Tartaglia](#) (Roman Catholic)  
Parish Priest at Our Holy Redeemer's and St Margaret's Church, Whitecrock, Clydebank

### **7 December 2021**

[Lee Mcleman](#) (Mormon)  
President of the Aberdeen Scotland Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

### **30 November 2021**

[Sally Fraser](#) (Christian)  
Edinburgh City Centre Chaplain for Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland

### **23 November 2021**

[Rev Raheel Arif](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at Denny Old and Haggs Parishes, Falkirk

### **30 November 2021**

[Sally Fraser](#) (Christian)  
Edinburgh City Centre Chaplain for Workplace Chaplaincy Scotland

### **23 November 2021**

[Rev Raheel Arif](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at Denny Old and Haggs Parishes, Falkirk

### **16 November 2021**

[Rev Dr James Connolly](#) (Church of Scotland)  
Minister at Dundee West Parish Church of Scotland

## **9 November 2021**

[Aparna Ramesh](#) (Interfaith/Hindu)

Interfaith Scotland Development Officer and Secretary of the Hindu Temple of Scotland

## **2 November 2021**

[Rev David Coleman](#) (Church of Scotland)

Eco-Chaplain at Eco-Congregation Scotland

## **26 October 2021**

[Rev Kipchumba Too](#) (Church of Scotland)

Minister at Denny Westpark Church of Scotland

## **5 October 2021**

[Ani Rinchen Khandro](#) (Buddhist)

Director of Kagyu Samye Dzong Edinburgh Meditation Centre and Honorary Buddhist Chaplain at the University of Edinburgh Chaplaincy Service

## **28 September 2021**

[Rev Elsie Macrae](#) (Church of Scotland)

Minister of St Andrew's Parish Church (linked with Kirkpatrick Juxta and Wamphray Parish Churches), Moffat

## **21 September 2021**

[Prof Sir Geoff Palmer](#) (Non-Faith)

Chancellor of Heriot-Watt University

## **14 September 2021**

[Linda Britton](#) (Humanist)

Celebrant of the Humanist Society Scotland

## **7 September 2021**

[Rev Hayley Cohen](#) (Church of Scotland)

Minister of Northesk Parish Church, Musselburgh

## **31 August 2021**

[Morven Lyon](#) (Humanist)

Trustee of the Humanist Society Scotland

## **22 June 2021**

[Rev Dr Jenny Wright](#) (Episcopal)

Convenor of the Church in Society Committee and Associate Priest of the Christ Church, Morningside

## **15 June 2021**

[Rev Andy Philip](#) (Episcopal)

Chaplain of St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh

## **8 June 2021**

[Rev Anna Rodwell](#) (Church of Scotland)

Minister of Kelso North and Ednam Parish Church, Scottish Borders

## **1 June 2021**

[Rev Canon David Richards](#) (Episcopal)

Rector of St Paul's and St George's Church, Edinburgh

## Summary of contributors to Time for Reflection

Please note that there can be more than one contributor at Time for Reflection. Some contributors may represent more than one religion, faith or belief, so the totals may not match and may be greater than the total number of Time for Reflections.

Number of Time for Reflections	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
	34	35	36	33	138

Religion/Faith/Belief	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
Baptist	0	0	1	0	1
Buddhist	1	0	0	0	1
Christian	1	5	4	2	12
Church of England	0	1	0	0	1
Church of Scotland	14	10	8	8	40
Episcopal	4	1	1	1	7
Evangelical	0	0	0	2	2
Free Church of Scotland	0	0	3	1	4
Hindu	1	0	0	0	1
Humanist	2	1	0	2	5
Interfaith	1	1	2	0	4
Jesuit	0	0	1	0	1
Jewish	0	0	2	0	2
Mormon	1	1	0	0	2
Muslim	0	0	1	1	2
Non-Faith	8	9	9	9	35
Pagan	0	0	1	0	1
Pentecostal	0	0	1	0	1
Quaker	0	1	1	2	4
Roman Catholic	2	4	2	5	12
United Reform	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>139</b>

Gender	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
Female	15	16	12	15	58
Male	20	20	25	19	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>142</b>

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