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Contributors to Time for Reflection: Session 6

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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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 Humber 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 Scran 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 Gourrock and Ashton Church

14 December 2021

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

7 December 2021

[Lee Mclenan](#) (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

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, Rutherglen

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 Dzung 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	5	110

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	1	11
Church of England	0	1	0	0	1
Church of Scotland	14	10	8	1	33
Episcopal	4	1	1	0	6
Free Church of Scotland	0	0	3	0	3
Hindu	1	0	0	0	1
Humanist	2	1	0	0	3
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	0	1
Non-Faith	8	9	9	1	27
Pagan	0	0	1	0	1
Pentecostal	0	0	1	0	1
Quaker	0	1	1	1	3
Roman Catholic	2	4	2	1	9
United Reform	0	1	0	0	1
Total	35	35	36	5	111

Gender	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	Total
Female	15	16	13	2	46
Male	20	20	25	3	68
Total	35	36	38	5	114

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