



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 22 March 2020

For use at home during the COVID-19
social distancing and isolation from
corporate worship

The aim of this leaflet is to help you pray at home as part of the Worldwide Anglican family in the Scottish Episcopal Church. Please use this sheet in conjunction with weekly Pewsheets and the SEC Daily Offices of Morning and Evening Prayer.



You can follow these Daily Offices online at www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/ where you will find Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer and Night Prayer each day of the week. All the Psalm and Bible texts are automatically there for the day and any commemoration or Festival.

Just before the Lord's Prayer you can insert these prayer intentions for the day and the names of those for whom we have been asked to pray in their different needs.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER SUNDAY 22ND MARCH

The Call to a National Day of Prayer, is in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, people of faith across our nation are invited to join in prayerful solidarity with this witness. Light a candle at 7pm this Sunday, 22nd March, in the window of our homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, the source of hope in this life.



A prayer to use when you light your candle:

For all that is good in life, thank you,
For the love of family and friends, thank you,
For the kindness of good neighbour and Samaritan stranger,
thank you.

May those who are vulnerable, hungry or homeless,
experience support,

May those who are sick, know healing,

May those who are anxious or bereaved, sense comfort.

Bless and guide political leaders and decision-makers,
with wisdom,

Bless and guide health workers and key workers,
with strength and well-being,

Bless and guide each one of us,

as we adapt to a new way of living.

And may the light shining from our windows,
across road and wynd, glen and ben, kyle and isle,
be reflected in our hearts and hands and hopes.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Sunday 22 March intentions

In the Anglican Communion

This Sunday in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui – the Anglican Church in Hong Kong – and Macau. The Archbishop of Hong Kong and Bishop of Hong Kong Island, Archbishop Paul Kwong , introduces his province and sets out items for prayer....



“In this season of Lent, everyone in Hong Kong is concerned about the new Corona virus, COVID-19. It began in Wuhan, China at the end of December and by late January we saw our first cases in Hong Kong and Macau. As of this writing, it has spread all over the world, with very serious outbreaks in Korea, Iran and Italy, as well as China. We pray for all of those who are suffering from the virus, and we pray especially for the frontline medical workers.

The number of confirmed cases of the virus in Hong Kong and Macau is still low. This is due to the effective social distancing promoted by the Hong Kong government to contain the outbreak. As a result, government offices and many businesses encouraged people to work from home, although this policy is now ending. Our schools are closed until after Easter.

Our churches stay open, but we have not met for public worship since mid-February. Many priests, church staff, teachers and social service workers are working from home, but priests continue to make pastoral visits. We ask for your prayers for the people of Hong Kong, and for the economic hardships we are experiencing due to the decline of business and industry. Small locally owned shops and businesses have been especially hard hit.

Our churches have been contributing funds and resources to help alleviate virus-related problems in mainland China. We are in regular contact with the China Christian Council and government agencies coordinating anti-virus programs. Many of us maintain contact with friends and colleagues in the Chinese Church, sharing our concerns and getting a better picture of what is happening on the ground.

Our Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Social Welfare Council, which has hundreds of service units in Hong Kong and Macau has been appealing for surgical masks and epidemic prevention supplies for the under privileged groups in our community, the elderly, deprived families and people with disabilities. Individuals, churches, charities and social enterprises have generously responded to this “*Act of Love – Five Loaves and Two Fishes*” appeal.

Online services in our churches are often drawing in more worshippers than

previously attended in person. Theological and religious education continues online, and sometimes in individual tutorials or in small group settings. We notice simple acts of kindness and grace: a priest praying with a daughter whose father is still in Wuhan; a woman offering an extra mask to a street cleaner who doesn't have one; students starting an online prayer group to pray for their fellow students on the mainland.

The Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui continues to participate in regional and international activities, often through teleconferencing, sometimes in person. We are strengthened through our connection with the Anglican Communion, and to learn that people in other churches are praying for us. And in spite of all the challenges we face, we are thankful to God that we are called to mission in this place and at this time.”

In the SEC we pray for

We pray for our Primus, Bishop Mark Strange; For our Bishop-Elect, Kevin Pearson; For the people of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, and the whole Scottish Episcopal Church. In the Porvoo Link we pray for the Spanish Episcopal Reformed Church. We pray for the Diocesan Protection of Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator Anne Jones. We pray for our own Rector and that of St John's in Johnstone, Reuben Preston.

In our local Charges

We pray for each other that in this extraordinary time we may endeavor to live out our faith in our words and deeds and look out for the needs of others as well as placing our own worries before God. We pray for the St Johns restoration project for a successful outcome, we pray for St Margarets LYCIG programme that we may see ways ahead and discern Christ's call to us at this time in faithful discipleship.

In our communities

We pray for our street neighbours, especially those alone and worried about all that is happening.

We pray for parents coping with having children out of school.

We pray for the Local Council in their tasks of keeping things going that support our life.

We pray for those in need on our pewsheets and those who are preparing to die in the hospices.

Monday 23 March intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of Matabeleland (Central Africa) The Right Revd Cleophas Lunga
Diocese of Virginia (The Episcopal Church) The Right Revd Shannon Johnston
Diocese of Huron (Canada) Vacant

In the SEC

The Primus, Bishop Mark Strange, our Interim Bishop; Bishop Kevin Pearson, our Bishop-Elect; the College of Bishops, the Synod Clerk, and those who offered themselves through the discernment process; the people of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, and the whole Scottish Episcopal Church.



- St Bartholomew's, Gourock (Vacancy, Gordon Fyfe).
- St John the Evangelist, Greenock (Wilhelmina Nesbitt).
- The Episcopal Congregation from the Isles of Easdale, Seil and Luing meeting at Kilbrandon, Isle of Seil (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

as Sunday

In our communities

We pray for delivery people in their work

We pray for local Neighbourhood Schemes

We pray for the transport workers – buses, taxis and trains

Tuesday 24 March intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of Matana (Burundi) The Right Revd Seth Ndayirukiye

Diocese of Wad Medani (Sudan) The Right Revd Saman Farajalla Mahdi

Diocese of Hyderabad (Pakistan) The Right Revd Kaleem John

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Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark.

Heartland Group: St Mary's, Bridge of Weir; St Fillan's, Kilmacollm; St Mary the Virgin, Port Glasgow (David Gifford, Heller Gonzalez, Robert Chambers, Gerard McKeown).

The Chapel of St Columba, Bishop's House, Isle of Iona (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

as Sunday

In our communities

We pray for our family members, and those facing isolation today

We pray for children in care, those in vulnerable homes and struggling parents

We pray for Social Workers and Foster Carers



Wednesday 25 March intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of Matlosane (formerly Klerksdorp) (Southern Africa) The Right Revd Stephen Diseko

Diocese of Waiapu (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Right Revd Andrew Hedge

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Scottish Episcopal Church: St Andrew's, Dunkeld and Dunblane (Bishop Ian Paton).

Canon Missioner (Audrey Stewart); Digital Missioner (Petko Marinov).

Holy Trinity, Motherwell; St Andrew's, Wishaw (Richard Kilgour, Charles Sargent).

The Episcopal Church on the Isles of Skye and Raasay: St Columba's, Portree, St Michael and All Angels, Raasay, St Mary's, Sleat (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

as Sunday

In our communities

We pray for all mothers as we recall the Annunciation today

We pray for women who have recently found out they are pregnant

We pray for all who support women through pregnancy

We pray for the local widwives

We pray for all parents preparing for the birth of a child

We pray for parents mourning the loss of a pregnancy



Thursday 26 March intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of Mauritius (Indian Ocean) Vacant

Diocese of Waikato & Taranaki (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Most Revd Philip Richardson (Primate)

Diocese of Wangaratta (Australia) The Right Revd John Parkes

In the SEC

The Primus, Bishop Mark Strange, our Interim Bishop; Bishop Kevin Pearson, our Bishop-Elect; the College of Bishops, the Synod Clerk, and those who offered themselves through the discernment process; the people of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, and the whole Scottish Episcopal Church.

Porvoo Link: Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad.

Mothers' Union (Jill Cameron).

St Cuthbert's, Cambuslang; St Mark's, East Kilbride (Paul Fletcher).

Episcopalians of Tighnabruaich, Kames and West Cowl (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

as Sunday

In our communities

We pray for trades people as they enter people's home to repair boilers etc

We pray for students learning online away from colleges

We pray for our Universities and Colleges as they prepare for new days ahead

We pray for all students who were getting ready for exams

We pray for the unemployed seeking work

We pray for those facing job loss



Friday 27 March intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of Mbaise (Nigeria) The Right Revd Chamberlain Chinedu Ogunedo
Diocese of Warri (Nigeria) The Right Revd Christian Ezezi Ide

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of Bishops, the Synod Clerk, and those who offered
themselves through the discernment process; the
people of the Diocese of Argyll and The Isles, the
Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, and the whole
Scottish Episcopal Church.

St Mary the Virgin, Hamilton; St Andrew's,
Uddingston (Vacancy, Jonathan Livingstone).

Episcopalians on the isles of Coll, Colonsay and Tiree, and Muck, Eigg and Rum
(Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).



In our local Charges

as Sunday

In our communities

We pray for the homeless

We pray for Glasgow City Mission as our Lent Appeal cause this
year

We pray for all Outreach workers to the homeless

We pray for the volunteers who run the Foodbanks

We pray for an end to the need for such help and an equitable
sharing of resources to help all live with shelter & food for
themselves and their families.

Saturday 28 March intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of Mbale (Uganda) The Right Revd Patrick Gidudu

Diocese of Washington (The Episcopal Church) The Right Revd Mariann Edgar

Diocese of Budde Ibadan (Nigeria) The Most Revd Joseph Akinfenwa

Diocese of Ibadan North (Nigeria) The Right Revd Segun Okubadejo

Diocese of Ibadan South (Nigeria) The Right Revd Akintunde Popoola

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Porvoo Link: The Lutheran Church in Great Britain.

Interfaith Relations (Maggie McTernan).

Christ Church, Lanark (Drew Sheridan, Lee Johnston, Robert Burgon, Richard Evans).

St Paul and St John the Evangelist, Monklands (PJ O'Maoil Mheana).

Episcopalians on the Isles of Uist, Barra and Harris: Chapel of the Holy Cross ~ and Chapel of St Brendan the Navigator (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

Episcopalians in isolated parts of the country.

In our local Charges

as Sunday

In our communities

We pray for those caring for the ill, aged and disabled

We pray for all who support 'living in the community'

We pray for the care homes of our area

We pray for people moving out of their homes and into care settings

God of Mission
Who alone brings growth to your
Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



Leading your Church
into Growth

**Everybody is invited and welcome
but 1 by 1 at this time of COVID-19 sadly!**



The SEC is dedicated to becoming a welcoming, open and inclusive spiritual environment for all people- irrespective of gender, sexual and sexuality identities. We seek to offer a place for you to connect with the true self that we believe God has made you. If you feel different – welcome! We are different because we believe that as we walk with Jesus Christ together our lives are transformed and find renewed meaning and purpose, sharing in the gift of life as we know it now.

You have found a new home and family to grow and flourish- welcome!



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