



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 5 April 2020 – PALM SUNDAY
Holy Week begins

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 Pewsheet 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.

Watch out for online services during Holy Week at

www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

An archive of online services, including Holy Hour is being built up so do take a look if you can and join in the worship of the worldwide church

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER **each SUNDAY 7pm**

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 each Sunday, 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.

Litany – from the Glasgow Diocesan daily prayer cycle

In the peace of Christ, let us pray: **Kyrie eleison.**

For the peace that is from above, let us pray:
Kyrie eleison.

For peace in the life of the churches and their unity, let us pray:
Kyrie eleison.

That the Holy Spirit will bring strength and courage, let us pray:
Kyrie eleison.

For bishop Kevin called to be the next Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway:
Thanks be to God.

For the people, congregation and clergy of the diocese of Argyll and The Isles:
Thanks be to God.

For the people, congregation and clergy of the diocese of Glasgow and Galloway:
Thanks be to God.

For all those who work and worship in Scotland for the furtherance of the Gospel:
Thanks be to God.

Inspire us to spread the Good News as Moluag did:
Holy God, hear us.

Help us to be builders of your church as Columba was:
Holy God, hear us.

Teach us to love as Mungo the beloved, loved:
Holy God, hear us.

Grant us the perseverance of Ninian:
Holy God hear us.

Remind us of your promises never to leave us:
Fill us with the Holy Spirit.

Strengthen our hope in Your future:
Fill us with the Holy Spirit.

Empower us to speak and act in Your name.
Fill us with the Holy Spirit.

To God the Life Bringer:
All praise and honour be.

To God the Pain Bearer:
All praise and honour be.

To God the Joy Giver:
All praise and honour be.

Blessed Holy undivided Trinity:
Unite us all in and through your love. Amen.



Sunday 5 April intentions – PALM SUNDAY

In the Anglican Communion from

<https://www.anglicannews.org/blogs/2020/03/anglican-cycle-of-prayer-the-church-of-the-province-of-the-indian-ocean.aspx>

This Sunday (5 April) in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, Anglicans around the world will be praying for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. Here, the Anglican Communion News Service introduces the Province and suggests items for prayer.

The eight dioceses in the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean trace their origins to the arrival of an Anglican missionary from the Society for the propagation of the Gospel (now USPG: United Society Partners for the Gospel), who arrived in Madagascar in 1864. Ten years later, the Diocese of Madagascar was founded. Today, the island is served by six dioceses.

The provinces other two dioceses are Mauritius and Seychelles. Another Indian Ocean island, Reunion, an overseas department and region of the French Republic, is a missionary area of the Province.

The Anglican Church in Mauritius started life as “the Church of England in Mauritius” after the UK seized the island from France in 1810. In common with much of the Anglican Communion today, its first priests were chaplains serving the colonial administration. Two Anglican mission agencies – SPG and CMS (the Church Missionary Society) – helped the new church establish education, social and health ministries.

As the church grew, indigenous pastors were trained and ordained to the ministry. Today, the Anglican Church in Mauritius reflects the many cultures represented in what is a microcosm of eastern and western, Asian, African and European cultures.

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean was established as a province of the Anglican Communion in 1973.

Its primate, Archbishop James Wong, is the Bishop of Seychelles.

Please pray for the people of the province as their governments seek to curtail Covid-19; pray, too, for Bishop.



Please pray, too, for Bishop Stenio André, who was consecrated and installed as the new Bishop of Mauritius during a service at the island’s St James’ Cathedral. He succeeds Archbishop Ian Ernest, a former Primate of the Indian Ocean, who was [recently installed as Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome](#). This week, he has [written a blog for the Anglican Communion News Service](#)

reflecting on the Covid-19 situation in Italy

In the SEC we pray for

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.

- Scottish Episcopal Church: Aberdeen & Orkney (Bishop Anne Dyer).
- Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock (Mary Jepp).
- St Ninian's, Troon (Vacancy).
- St Kieran's, Campbeltown (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

We pray for an end to the coronavirus pandemic & healing for all who are suffering from covid-19.

We give thanks for friendships fostered in the past and maintained at a distance in this isolation period

We pray for our church family members in these testing times. We pray for parents with children at home as well as those adults working from home and those who cannot work at this time.

We pray for a spirit of financial generosity to our church's lives at St Johns and St Margarets

We pray for those who are sick and in need on our pewsheet...

We pray for those who are mourning and those whose anniversaries fall this week.

In our communities

We give thanks for all who are volunteering in our districts to help the isolated and vulnerable.

We pray for all staff of our shops and delivery drivers as well as postal workers

We pray for the unemployed with no income and we pray for the work of our Lent Appeal – The Glasgow City Mission as they look after some of the most vulnerable people in our region.

Monday 6 April intentions



In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Dioceses of

Meru (Kenya) The Rt Revd Charles Mwendwa West
Malaysia (South East Asia) The Most Revd Ng Moon Hing
Idaho (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Brian Thom

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: The Church of Norway.
- St John the Evangelist, Annan; St John the Evangelist, Eastriggs; All Saints, Gretna; (Martin Callaghan, Melvyn Redgers).
- All Saints, Lockerbie; St John the Evangelist, Moffat (Paul Singh Job Retnaselvam, John Stevenson).
- Holy Trinity, Dunoon (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

as Sunday and for people who are elderly and frightened of all that is happening – for a sense of Christ's peace

In our communities

We pray staff at the food shops and supermarkets in their work that the public may be respectful to them

We pray for people living and working in residential homes

We pray our political leaders in their tasks of guiding our nations as well as mobilizing help where needed

Tuesday 7 April intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of

Mexico (Mexico) The Rt Revd Carlos Touche-Porter
West Tennessee (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Don Johnson
Ideato (Nigeria) The Most Revd Caleb Maduoma

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.

- Bishop's Staff Group.
- All Saints, Challoch, with the Whithorn Fellowship; St Ninian's, Portpatrick; St John the Evangelist, Stranraer (Vacancy).
- St Adamnan's, Duror (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).



In our local Charges

as Sunday and we pray for children cooped up at this time and parents tearing their hair out! That families may learn to live with each other in peace and consideration.

In our communities

We pray for our family members who are a long way off

We pray all facing financial issues because of COVID-19

We pray for telephone visitors supporting our community

We pray for couples who have had to postpone weddings and family gatherings

Wednesday 8 April intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of Michigan (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Bonnie Perry
West Texas (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd David Reed

In the SEC

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- Porvoo Link: The Church of Sweden.
- Diocesan Council.
- St Mary's, Gatehouse of Fleet; St Francis of Assisi (*Greyfriars*), Kirkcudbright (Stephen Hazlett).
- St Andrew's, Fort William (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

as Sunday and for a sense of holiness during this season of Holy Week

In our communities

We pray for who are poorly and those living with physical pain in their bodies

We pray for the staff at our hospitals

We pray for all who are struggling with boredom

We pray for those living in households of domestic violence and the agencies seeking to support them



Thursday 9 April intentions – Maundy Thursday

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of Milwaukee (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Steven Miller
West Virginia (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Willam Michie Klusmeyer
Western Izon (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Edade Emamezi

In the SEC

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- Scottish Episcopal Church: Argyll and the Isles (Bishop Kevin Pearson).
- St Ninian's, Castle Douglas (Christopher Ketley, Douglas Allison, Alan Rumble).
- Christ Church, Dalbeattie (Christopher Ketley, Richard Stephens).
- St Mary's, Glencoe (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).



In our local Charges

as Sunday and we pray for Gill, John, Pat and David our Lay Worship Leaders and John and Wilma our Pastoral Assistants and for all the groups that previously have been using the hall at St Margarets, that their members are able to continue to support each other in these testing times. We pray for the AA and CA group members that they may find the support they need through the telephone and social media platforms

In our communities

We pray for people working to keep our roads safe

We pray for those who work in the local petrol stations and corner shops and Post Offices

We pray for the Police in keeping us safe from each other

We pray for immigrants and refugees who are in need of support and help

Friday 10 April intentions – GOOD FRIDAY

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of Minna (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Daniel Abu Yisa

Western Kansas (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Michael Milliken

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: The Church of England.
- St John the Evangelist, Dumfries (Janice Aiton, James Clark-Maxwell, Andrew MacKenzie, Paul Burbridge, Ann Shukman, Steven Ballard, John Simmons, Gordon Warwick, Richard Starkey).
- St Margaret of Scotland, New Galloway (Pam Swift).
- St Columba's, Gruline, Isle of Mull (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

as Sunday and for the people who are indifferent to the sacrifice Jesus made as he walked the way of the Cross

In our communities

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

We pray for the volunteers who run the Foodbanks

We pray for all people working to bring help to those in need at this time.

We pray for people building the new hospitals, researching new treatments and using their intellectual skills to help us work through this deadly pandemic

Saturday 11 April intentions – Holy Saturday

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of Minnesota (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Brian Prior
Western Kowloon (Hong Kong) The Rt Revd Andrew Chan
Idoani (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ezekiel Dahunsi

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.



- Diocesan Secretary (John Mitchell).
- East End Team Ministry: St John the Evangelist, Baillieston; St Kentigern's, Dennistoun; St Serf's, Shettleton (Jim Benton-Evans, Lucy Ireland).
- The Carmel Community, Gress, Isle of Lewis (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

as Sunday and for each other as we wait for the passing of the pandemic,
for the gift of hope and endurance

In our communities

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

We pray for people stranded in Scotland because they cannot get home to their own land

We pray for our neighbours

We pray for the Press and TV programme makers that they may use their words and interviews wisely



Leading your Church
into Growth

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

**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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