



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 19 April 2020

2nd week of Eastertide

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 from the Pewsheets.

Stations of the Resurrection – *Love Lives Again* are now available on our website. 47mins to relax into the resurrection encounters of Jesus with the disciples. Dwell with the images, dwell with the bible readings and join in the prayers.

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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.

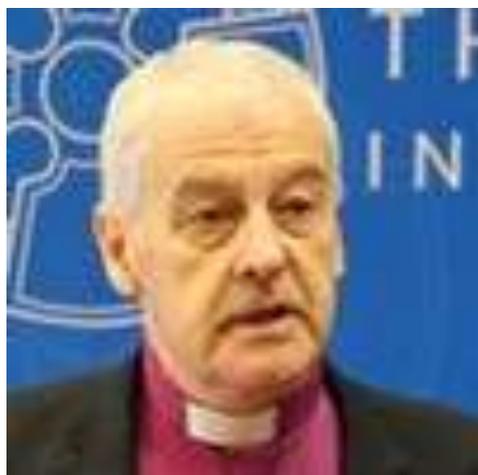
Blessed Holy undivided Trinity:

Unite us all in and through your love. Amen.

Sunday 19 April intentions – 2nd Sunday of Easter

In the Anglican Communion from

<https://www.anglicannews.org/blogs/2020/04/anglican-cycle-of-prayer-the-church-of-ireland.aspx>



Archbishop Michael Jackson

This Sunday in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, Anglicans around the world will be praying for the Church of Ireland. Here, Archbishop Michael Jackson, the Archbishop of Dublin, Bishop of Glendalough, and Primate of Ireland, introduces his province and suggests pointers for prayer.

The Church of Ireland has existed in its current form since its disestablishment in 1871 but traces its roots back to St Patrick's mission in the 5th century. According to the most recent state censuses, 249,000 people in Northern Ireland (2011) and 126,000 people in the Republic of Ireland (2016) are affiliated to the Church. The Church of Ireland is one church whose members live in two distinct political jurisdictions.

We currently have 1,078 places of worship, organised into 448 parish units and 12 dioceses, each of which is led by a diocesan bishop. The Church is served by around 500 active clergy, supported by lay readers and thousands of volunteers.

The Archbishops of Armagh and Dublin lead their respective provinces and are therefore both titled as primate, with Armagh historically recognised as the most senior see. The current Bishop of Clogher, John McDowell, will be translated as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland on 28 April. A quarter of Church of Ireland members in the Republic live in the Dublin area and St Patrick's Cathedral, in the city, is our national cathedral.

The Provincial Secretary, David Ritchie, is known as Secretary General of the Church of Ireland and serves the role as secretary to the Representative Church Body (RCB), the incorporated trustee body of the Church which employs a core staff team based in Dublin and Belfast – effectively the “civil service” of the Church.

Lay members have a significant role in the Church's administration, as shown by their involvement in the RCB and its Executive Committee, led by Henry Saville (Chair) and Graham Richards (Vice-Chair). Under our constitution, the Church operates a model of synodical governance with each parish represented on its diocesan synod. The General Synod – the “parliament” of the Church which meets annually – comprises the House of Bishops and 432 lay members and 216 clerical members, elected by diocesan synods.

Between each meeting of the General Synod, its business is overseen by its Standing Committee and Honorary Secretaries: Canon Gillian Wharton, Archdeacon George Davison, Ken Gibson and Hazel Corrigan. The General Synod's key committees cover education, youth work, marriage and families, mission, ministry, liturgy and inter-church relations.

Our ecumenical and inter-faith relationships build connections between people and provide shared opportunities to influence society. A covenant relationship with the Methodist Church in Ireland, in place since 2002, is manifested in several joint ministries (e.g. a joint chaplaincy team for universities in Belfast).

As in other European countries, many parishes are experiencing decreasing attendance. However, the Church provides a wide range of styles of worship which can reach the diverse communities of our island. There are increasing opportunities for Christian witness in a society where denominational identities are less important than before but many people are open to spiritual thinking and a religious response to the challenges and the opportunities facing Ireland today, not least a rapidly growing youth population.

The Church is grateful to God, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic, for those who serve in health and social care services. Many members of the Church of Ireland are directly involved in front line services. Many parishes and dioceses

have been able to make use of online services and we look forward to meeting again as gathered worshipping communities when public health guidance permits.

The Church has also urged all those involved in the UK-EU negotiations to do everything in their power to ensure the continuity of peace, stability and economic security for those on the island of Ireland affected by Brexit.

Much of our current prayer and action have concerned a response to the coronavirus Covid-19. It has taken some time for a memorandum of understanding to emerge between the Department of Health in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland's power-sharing administration, pledging co-operation and collaboration in response to the pandemic. There is a recognition that Covid-19 is a global pandemic with local and international footfall. Churches and communities have responded positively to continuing and changing pastoral care, regular worship and the other parts of church life as best they can. For us, as for Christians worldwide, this is an Easter like none other.

In the year 2019-2020, we have been marking one hundred and fifty years of disestablished life. Disestablishment 150 began in January 2019 with a Youth Forum and has involved seminars and exhibitions along with panel discussions. The Archbishop of Canterbury preached in November 2019 at a service in St Patrick's Cathedral to mark disestablishment and in his sermon reminded the Church of Ireland of its calling to be a church without borders. Events planned for the remainder of 2020 have been suspended because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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.

Diocesan Property Committee (Gordon Fyfe).

St Aidan's, Clarkston (Nicholas Taylor).

St Margaret of Scotland, Newlands (Vacancy, Maggie McTernan, Charlotte Methuen).

St Columba's, Poltalloch (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 pray for all working to keep us connected using the phone & the internet

We pray for our support of the Lent Appeal – Glasgow City mission as we continue collecting through Eastertide.

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

We pray for those people facing financial difficulty and joblessness

In our communities

We give thanks for people working to keep our shopping safe and orderly

We pray for all who are volunteering in their help to the vulnerable and those in need

We pray for parents looking after children and trying to help them learn in the isolation of their homes

We pray for the local Foodbanks in Renfrew, Johnstone and Paisley.

Monday 20 April intentions



In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Dioceses of

Montana (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd C. Franklin Brookhart

Wiauso (West Africa) The Rt Revd Abraham Kobina Ackah

Igbomina - West (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Olajide Adebayo

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 Lusitanian Church of Portugal.
- Diocesan Centre Staff (Christine Hughes, Iolanthe Stack, Marion Noble).
- St Oswald's, King's Park (Vacancy).
- St Ninian's, Pollokshields (Paul Romano, Eamonn Rodgers, Kenneth Roach).
- Holy Cross, Portnacrois (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

as Sunday and for our leaders planning a way back to a new 'normality'

In our communities

We pray for those living in our Care Homes and the staff
We pray for each other in our isolation – that we have receive the gift of Christ's peace and consoling presence
We give thanks for the recovery of the Prime Minister and we pray for him as he recuperates.

Tuesday 21 April intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of

Montreal (Canada) The Rt Revd Mary Irwin-Gibson

Willochra (Australia) The Rt Revd John Stead

Ijebu (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Ezekiel Awosoga

Ijebu - North (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Solomon Kuponu



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.

- Scottish Episcopal Church: Moray, Ross and Caithness (Bishop Mark Strange).
- Good Shepherd & Ascension, Hillington; Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley (Deborah Davison).
- St Paul's, Rothesay, Isle of Bute (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

as Sunday and for each other as we pray the Stations of the Resurrection and allow the Risen Christ to touch our lives in this lockdown time in our lives.

In our communities

We pray for families separated from loved ones in hospital
We pray for the homeless in temporary accommodation

We pray for the businesses of our towns and villages especially those facing financial uncertainty

We pray for people who have a birthday this week

Wednesday 22 April intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of Moosonee (Canada) The Rt Revd Thomas Corston
Winchester (England) The Rt Revd Tim Dakin

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 Spanish Episcopal Reformed Church.
- Diocesan Protection of Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator (Anne Jones).
- St John's, Johnstone; St Margaret's, Renfrew (Reuben Preston).
- St Peter's, Stornoway and St Moluag's, Eoropaidh, Isle of Lewis (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

In our local Charges

as Sunday and for our young people trying to do school at home

In our communities

We pray for people living with addiction in their lives and those groups who are finding new ways to provide support

We pray for our local Funeral Directors

We give thanks for everyone working and volunteering in the NHS

We pray for grace when we feel bored, irritated and frightened

Thursday 23 April intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of

Moray, Ross & Caithness (Scotland) The Most Revd Mark Strange (Primate)

Windward Islands (West Indies) The Rt Revd C. Leopold Friday

Wondurba (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Matthew Taban Peter

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 and we pray for the elderly who are isolating to keep safe, and those providing help and support to them

In our communities

We pray for online shopping companies and their staff in helping us to buy what we need

We pray for people coping with domestic violence

We pray for the Police in their dealings with the public

We pray for generosity of spirit when we are feeling frightened

Friday 24 April intentions

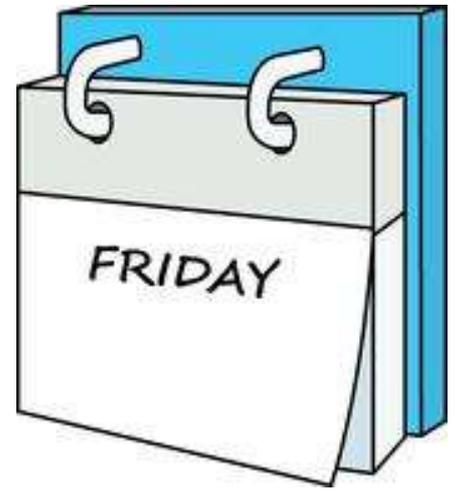
In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of Morobo (South Sudan) The Rt Revd James Kenyi Elia

Worcester (England) The Rt Revd John Inge

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 Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark.
- Heartland Group: St Mary's, Bridge of Weir; St Fillan's, Kilmacolm; 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 and for the gift of hope for a renewed future in all its apparent uncertainty

In our communities

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

We pray for loved ones still going out to work.

We pray for Scientists researching a cure and vaccine for COVID-19

We pray for the Renfrewshire Council in their work of keeping essential services going.

Saturday 25 April intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of Morogoro (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Godfrey Sehaba
Wulu (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Zacharia Mangar Apeti
Ijesa North East (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Joseph Olusola

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.



- 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 and for our Local Political Leaders in their work and support to those in need

In our communities

We pray for pregnant women and those with new babies to care for

We pray for those people trying to work from home

We pray for those in parts of the poorer nations of the world waiting to bury their loved ones.

We pray for an openness to the new life constraints that await us as we look to a lifting of the lockdown in the coming weeks



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 household by household and online
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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