



# Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church  
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone  
Week beginning Sunday 31 May 2020

## PENTECOST

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.

Join in the Daily Offices at  
<https://tinyurl.com/SECStJohnStMargaret>  
9am Morning Prayer & 530pm Evening Prayer  
(Monday to Friday)

You can follow these Daily Offices online at  
[www.scotland.anglican.org/spirituality/prayer/daily-offices/](http://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. Also are included the Benedictine Prayers of Union which Rev Reuben uses everyday being an Oblate of Alton Abbey in Hampshire.

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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.

## Provincial Intercessions for use during the pandemic

*Words in italics are suggestions, to be used, adapted, or added to, as necessary.*

We pray to the LORD,  
to the God who is our shelter and strength,  
always ready to help in times of trouble.

We pray for our communities:

*for the elderly, confined to their homes and separated from family and support; for children, removed from school; for those who have lost their source of income; for those who fear for their home; for those who have no home; for those offering extraordinary, everyday kindness; for ...*

*Silent prayer*

The LORD of hosts is with us.  
**The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Lord, you are in the midst of us:  
help us in our time of trouble.

[We pray for the young and those in education:

*for those anxious about examinations, a place at university, or employment; for those worried about loved ones and friends; for those concerned about their own health; for...*

*Silent prayer*

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Lord, you are our refuge and strength:  
let us not be afraid, even though the world is changed.

We pray for key workers:

*for all medical staff and hospital workers, who go to work knowing the risks they face; for medical researchers, seeking ways to prevent and to cure; for social workers, protecting the vulnerable; for care workers, providing contact and support to those who have no other help; for teachers, worrying about their charges; for farmers, delivery and shop workers, keeping the nation provisioned; for cleaners, fighting the spread of infection; for...*

*Silent prayer*

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Lord, be with us in our time of need:  
help us to do what has been asked of us,  
and give us grace to help others do what has been asked of them. ]

We pray for the world:

*for the leaders of the nations and their governments; for areas most besieged by the pandemic; for broken places where healthcare and resources are scarce, and the pandemic brings further suffering; for...*

*Silent prayer*

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Lord, may the nations hear your voice:  
and know that you are God,  
supreme among the nations,  
supreme over all the world.

We pray for those who are sick:

*for those afflicted with coronavirus; for those with other illnesses and conditions which leave them vulnerable; for those with poor mental health; for all who suffer; remembering especially ...*

*Silent prayer*

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Lord, we trust in you, because your love is constant:  
bring us comfort and healing,  
for you are always willing to save.

We pray for the Church:

*for our fellow members in the body of Christ throughout the world; for the Scottish Episcopal Church; for N., our bishop, the College of bishops, the clergy, lay ministers, and all the people in their care; for our hospital and hospice chaplains; for all who minister to the sick and the dying; for...*

*Silent prayer*

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Lord, you are in the midst of us:  
keep us fearless in proclaiming your Word and works,  
and make us to be lights in the darkness.

We pray for those who have died:

*for those taken suddenly; for those taken unexpectedly; for the families they leave behind; for their friends; for those who have died alone; for ... ; and for those who have no one to remember them.*

### *Silent prayer*

The LORD of hosts is with us. **The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Lord, may those who have waited for you  
and hoped in your word  
know your steadfast love face to face.

We offer up our hopes and fears,  
our joys and sorrows  
to God, our refuge and strength.

Lord, listen to our prayers,  
and hear the voice of our supplications,  
as we, who trust in your word,  
eagerly await your help:  
for you are the God of our salvation.

This we ask through your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## **Some prayers for use during the pandemic**

God of all mercy and compassion,  
life and death are in your hands.

Hear our prayers in this time of illness and infection,  
of isolation, fear, and uncertainty:  
for the sick, and those weighed down by pain, distress,  
loneliness, and anxiety;

for all who care for them, conscious of the risks they bear;  
and for those who have responsibility for public health and social order.

Hear the cry of the afflicted and let them be comforted,  
so that all who suffer may come to know

that they are joined to the sufferings of Christ,  
who gave his life for the salvation of the world;  
and by your blessing on them and those who care for them,  
may they be restored, according to your will,  
to soundness of body and mind,  
and offer you joyful thanks in your Church.

Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

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God of our Salvation,  
you have ordained that we should serve you  
in serving one another.

Look upon this nation,  
burdened at this time with many cares and anxieties,  
with infection, sickness, and untimely death.

Grant us grace to work together,  
with honest and faithful hearts,  
each caring for the good of all;  
that, striving first for your kingdom and its righteousness,  
we may have added to us all things that we need  
for our daily sustenance  
and the common good.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*(Based on a prayer of Geoffrey Fisher)*

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O God, whose love we cannot measure,  
nor even number thy blessings:  
we bless and praise thee for all thy goodness,  
who in our weakness art our strength,  
in our darkness, light,  
in our sorrows, comfort and peace,  
and from everlasting to everlasting art our God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, world without end.

*(Supplement to the Indian Book of Common Prayer)*

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*The doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked (John 20. 19)*

Ever-present God,  
be with us in our isolation,  
be close to us in our distancing,  
be healing in our sickness, be joy in our sadness,  
be light in our darkness, be wisdom in our confusion,  
be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar,  
that when the doors reopen we may with the zeal of Pentecost

inhabit our communities and speak of your goodness  
to an emerging world.  
For Jesus' sake.

(A prayer by Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark)

## **Daily Intercessions in the United Charges of St John's Johnstone & St Margaret's Renfrew**

### **Sunday 31 May intentions – Pentecost Sunday**

#### **In the Anglican Communion**

Pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia The Most Revd Leonard Dawea  
- Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Melanesia and Bishop of Temotu

*There is no profile from the Anglican Communion News pages this week for some unknown reason.*

#### **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.

- The Anglican Communion.
- The Primates' Meeting.
- The Anglican Consultative Council (Alistair Dinnie).

#### **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 our Pastoral Assistants – John & Wilma as they keep in touch with folk

We pray for those named on our pewsheets – for health and healing

We pray for people struggling financially at this time and the work of our Foodbanks

We pray that our building will be kept safe from harm.

We pray for people mourning the loss of loved ones during this time of isolation.

#### **In our communities**

We pray for those who are working in the shops and supply chains  
We pray for those running helplines and chat-lines to keep us connected  
and provide a place to share worries  
We pray for people who are struggling with financial hardship

## **Monday 1 June intentions**



### **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

Dioceses of

Nebraska (The Episcopal Church) The Revd Scott Barker  
Akot (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Isaac Dhieu Ater  
Irele - Eseodo (Nigeria) 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.

- Scottish Episcopal Church: Those in training for ordained and lay ministries.
- Bishop Gregor Duncan, Bishop Idris Jones, Bishop John Taylor, Bishop Gordon Mursell, all retired clergy and those in Post-Retiral Ministry.
- The Church of Scotland.
- The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland.

### **In our local Charges**

as Sunday and we pray for delivery workers and drivers and warehouse workers, and our local Councillors in their work, we pray for local businesses trying to get going again after lockdown

### **In our communities**

We pray for our Government Ministers and the Scientific advisors as they make plans for our future as a nation as they plan for the appropriate release of lockdown phases in the coming weeks and months.

## **Tuesday 2 June intentions**

### **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

Diocese of

Nelson (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) The Rt Revd Steve Maina

Akure (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Simeon Borokini

Isial-Ngwa South (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Isaac Nwaobi



### **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 Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- Pastoral Assistants, Eucharistic Assistants, Worship Leaders and Spiritual Companions in the Diocese.
- North Ayrshire Team: St Andrew's, Ardrossan; St Peter's, Dalry; St Andrew's, Irvine (Sandy Montgomerie, Linda Whitby, Margaret Williams).
- St James, Ardbrecknish (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

### **In our local Charges**

as Sunday and for the youngsters in our families at church and in our extended families. And for people caring for children living with life-limiting disabilities. We pray for all students trying to study online at this time and the academic staff facing these challenges.

### **In our communities**

We pray for people living completely alone,

We pray for people waiting in pain for hospital treatments they need to resume

We pray for couples going through rough times and the work of Relate's phone services

We pray for Ecumenical partners in mission in Renfrew and Johnstone.

## **Wednesday 3 June Intentions**

### **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

Diocese of Nevada (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Dan Edwards  
Alabama (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John McKee Sloan

### **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.

- Lay Representatives, Alternate Lay Representatives and members of Regional Councils.
- Holy Trinity, Ayr (Martyn Trembath).
- St Oswald's, Maybole (Jim Geen).
- St Margaret's, Whiting Bay, Isle of Arran (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

### **In our local Charges**

as Sunday and for people working from home and all those trying to educate their children at home too. We pray for the families in our congregations.

### **In our communities**

We pray for Key workers and those who are working as child-minders and carers in the residential care settings

We pray for Outreach Workers working in the area of Domestic Abuse as they try to support their clients

## **Thursday 4 June intentions**

### **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

Diocese of  
New Busa (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Israel Amoo  
Alaska (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Mark Lattime  
Albany (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd William Love



## **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 Lithuania.
- St Columba's, Largs (Gordon Fyfe).
- St Ninian's, Prestwick (Jane Ross).
- St John's, Ballachulish (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).

## **In our local Charges**

as Sunday and for ourselves in our worries and fears for the future  
We pray that our Churches may be able to open again as places of gathered prayer for us all

## **In our communities**

We pray for our streets and roads

We pray for a sense of neighbourliness in our streets.

We pray for people feeling frustrated and those worried about work and their jobs, We pray for people whose work [uts them in greater danger.

## **Friday 5 June intentions**

### **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

Diocese of

New Guinea Islands, The (Papua New Guinea) Dennis Kabekabe

Algoma (Canada) The Rt Revd Anne Germon

## **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: 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**

as Sunday and for ourselves, that we may embody the two great commandments of Jesus in all of our living, at home, at work and in the community as we get used to the slight release of the lockdown. We pray for the BAME communities as they face the pains and challenges of the COVID19 situation

## **In our communities**

We pray for Glasgow City Mission in their work with the most vulnerable people & children in our local communities

We pray that we may find an end to homelessness in our society once and for all

We pray for the sporting groups opening up again – for the diligence of players in helping keep each other safe

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

## **Saturday 6 June intentions**



## **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

Diocese of

New Hampshire (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Robert Hirschfeld

All Saints Cathedral Diocese (Kenya) The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit (Primate)

Isikwuato (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Manasses Chijiokem Okere

## **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 all who are preparing online services for tomorrow  
We pray that lives and hearts and minds may be turned afresh to the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives as we look to new ways of living together at a distance

### **In our communities**

We pray for world leaders in their work of helping the poorest areas and regions during this pandemic time.

We pray for our First Minister Nicola in her work

We pray for people who are lonely or desolate

We pray for spiritual renewal in our towns and villages

We pray that the life of Faith may thrive in each one of us in new ways.

**From Alton Abbey Hampshire** – Benedictine Foundation

## **Prayers of Union**

For those in pain or sorrow: **Mother of Jesus, pray.**

For those in doubt or fear: **Mother of Jesus, pray.**

For all bishops, priests and deacons: **Mother of Jesus, pray.**

For all monks and nuns: **Mother of Jesus, pray.**

For all members of our Confraternity: **Mother of Jesus, pray.**

For the unity of all Christians: **Mother of Jesus, pray.**

May all who honour you, **Know the power of your prayer.**

Saint Benedict, Father of monks, **Pray for us and all children.**

Lord, arouse in your Church

the spirit which guided our holy father Benedict.

Fill us with that spirit and grant that we may love what he loved  
and put into practice what he taught.

Help us to be steadfast in the service of your will,

that we may grow in number and holiness.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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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