



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 21 June 2020

Pentecost 3

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/
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.

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)

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)

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 21 June intentions – Pentecost 3

In the Anglican Communion

Pray for the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) The Most Revd Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba - Metropolitan & Primate of all Nigeria & Bishop of Abuja *There is no longer a diocesan profile from the Anglican Communion News pages due to COVID19*

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: 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

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

We pray as the secular world celebrates 'Fathers Day' for all men who are dads & step-dads.

We pray too for men who want to be dads and cannot because of fertility issues

We pray too for all estranged fathers, and fathers in custody at this time.

We pray for those named on our pewsheet – for health, healing and wholeness

We pray for people worrying about their work, jobs and income

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

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

In our communities

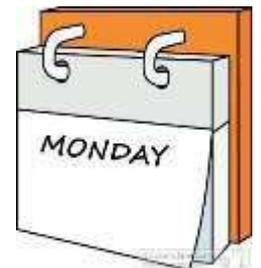
We pray for those who are working in the shops and supply chains as the lockdown is being released and new ways of working are introduced

We pray in this PRIDE season for all LGBTQIA+ projects seeking to promote good mental health amongst us

We pray for clubs and organizations struggling with financial hardship

We pray for our community as we engage with the 'Black Lives Matter' issues for us all

Monday 22 June intentions



In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Dioceses of

Nimule Area (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Martin Abuni

Arkansas (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Larry Benfield

Jerusalem (Jerusalem & Middle East) The Most Revd Suheil Dawani

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 we pray for delivery workers and drivers as well as warehouse workers, and our local Renfrewshire Councillors in their work as local services are opening up again, we pray for local businesses trying to get going again in this Phase 2 of release from Lockdown We pray for Charges in the Region who are opening their buildings for private prayer this week

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

We pray for BAME people living in our area.

We pray for all Fathers facing separation from their children due to relationship breakdown



Tuesday 23 June intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of

Nnewi (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Godwin Izundu Nmezinwa Okpala

Armagh (Ireland) Vacant

Johannesburg (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Stephen Mosimanegape Moreo

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 Luìng meeting at Kilbrandon, Isle of Seil (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.

We pray for the work of the Students Union in supporting students

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 families and for good family relationships in our community, and couples facing relationship difficulties

We pray for the local Police in their dealing with abuse cases at this time.

We pray for the people of the Mosques and Temples in our towns

Wednesday 24 June Intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of

Nord Kivu (Congo) The Rt Revd Muhindo Isesomo

Armidale (Australia) The Rt Revd Richard Lewers

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 people working from home and all those trying to educate their children at home too.

We pray for the households – couple and families, and friends - in our congregations.

We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us see where we are being led to develop the lives of our Charges as we think about public opening in the coming phases of release from lockdown – what, O Lord, is sensible and feasible?

In our communities

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

We pray for Outreach Workers of Glasgow City Mission

Thursday 25 June intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of

North Ankole (Uganda) The Rt Revd Stephen

NamanyaArochukwu/Ohafia (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Johnson Onuoha

Aru (Congo) The Rt Revd Georges Titre Ande



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 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

We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to discern how God is calling us to be Church in this new environment

In our communities

We pray for manual workers, street repair workers, and open-spaces maintenance workers

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 all sporting facilities reopening for us all

We pray for people who want to find faith but don't know how – that our churches may be avenues of grace

Friday 26 June intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of

North Carolina (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Samuel Rodman

Asaba (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Justus Moge kwu

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 Cowal (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 stages of release of the lockdown. We pray for the BAME communities as they face the pains and challenges of the COVID19 situation and as the issues of systemic racism are being opened up across the nations of the UK
We give thanks for people of colour in our communities here in Scotland

In our communities

We pray for Glasgow City Mission in their work with the most vulnerable and homeless 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 independent businesses as they consider their future and the help available to them in planning the way ahead

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



Saturday 27 June intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of

North Central Philippines (Philippines) Most Revd Joel Atiwag Pachao

North Central Philippines (Philippines) The Rt Revd Nestor D Poltic

Asante-Mampong (West Africa) The Rt Revd Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith

Jos (Nigeria) The Most Revd Benjamin Kwash

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 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 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 in this season of Pentecost & Trinity as we look to new ways of living together at a distance during the coming phases of lockdown release

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.

We give thanks for the lives and work of BAME people in our areas and pray for hearts and minds to understand, appreciate and address the issues of systemic racism we inhabit

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 fresh 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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