



# Weekly Intercessions



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

## Pentecost 7

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.

# **Diocesan Litany** for the arrival of Bp Kevin

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.*

## 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 19 July intentions – Pentecost 7**

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

Pray for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines

The Most Revd Joel Atiwag Pachao - Prime Bishop of the Philippines

*There is no longer a diocesan profile from the Anglican Communion News pages due to COVID19*

#### **In the SEC we pray for**

Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway; Bishop Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church; the people of Scotland.

- Diocesan Property Committee (Gordon Fyfe).
- St Aidan's, Clarkston (Nicholas Taylor).
- St Margaret of Scotland, Newlands (Vacant, 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 those named on our pewsheets – for health, healing and wholeness in their lives.

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

We pray for our vestries as we get ready to open our buildings again soon for worship services.

We pray for each other that we may work to keep our church community together using the telephone and internet.

We pray for Bp Kevin as he gets to meet people and learn about the diocese.

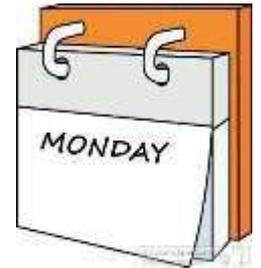
## **In our communities**

We pray for those who are working in the shops and supply chains as the phase 3 release continues and new ways of working are introduced at all sections of industry and commerce.

We pray in this season of cancelled festivals, for all musicians and performers who are trying to work from home and online.

We pray for parents helping children to learn at home.

## **Monday 20 July intentions**



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

Dioceses of

Northern Uganda (Uganda) The Rt Revd Johnson

Gakumba Bauchi (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Musa Tula

Kansas (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Cathleen Bascom

## **In the SEC**

Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway; Bishop Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church; the people of Scotland.

- Porvoo Link: The Lusitanian Church of Portugal.
- Diocesan Centre Staff (Christine Hughes, Iolanthe Stack, Marion Noble).
- St Oswald's, King's Park (Vacant).
- 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 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.

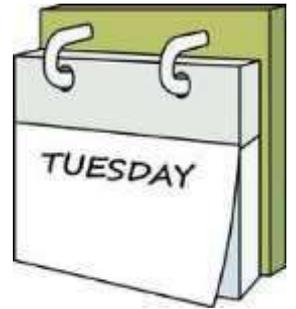
We pray for Charges in the Renfrewshire Region who are planning for the reopening of their church buildings in the coming weeks..

We pray for our Vestries as they begin to engage with thinking about how we are to be church in this post lockdown era.

## **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 months

We pray for BAEM people living in our area and those who are Asylum seekers and Refugees



## **Tuesday 21 July intentions**

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

Diocese of

Northern Zambia(Central Africa) The Most Revd Albert Chama(Primate)

Belize(West Indies) The Rt Revd Philip Wright

Kanyakumari(South India) The Rt Revd Dr A R Chelliah

### **In the SEC**

Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway; Bishop Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church; the people of Scotland.

- 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 the youngsters in our families at church and in our extended families: and for people caring for children, and those living with life-limiting disabilities.

We pray for all students trying to study online at this time and the academic staff facing these challenges over the summer season

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

We pray for our local schools as they are preparing for the reopening in the coming weeks of August

### **In our communities**

We pray for people living completely alone and feeling isolated

We pray for people continuing to wait in pain for elective hospital & dental treatments they need to resume

We pray for families, and for good family relationships in our community, and couples facing relationship difficulties, especially same-sex couples who face local prejudice.

We pray for people who are struggling with feeling fed up of the current situation including ourselves.

## **Wednesday 22 July Intentions**

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

Diocese of

Northwest Ankole(Uganda) The Rt Revd Amos Magezi

Bendigo (Australia) The Rt Revd Matt Brain

### **In the SEC**

Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway; Bishop Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church; the people of Scotland.

- 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 people working from home and all those looking after children at home too

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

We pray for our Zoom social event as we think about what we have valued in lockdown and what we are looking forward to.

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.

We give thanks for the arrival of Bp Kevin and pray for him in his work this week.

## **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 and their support to the homeless and the vulnerable children of our region.

We pray for our nations as we consider the place that statues have in our common spaces.



## **Thursday 23 July intentions**

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

Diocese of

Northwest Texas (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Scott Mayer

Benin (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Peter Imasuen (Diocesan Bishop)

Bermuda(Bermuda) The Rt Revd Nicholas Dill

### **In the SEC**

Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway; Bishop Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church; the people of Scotland.

- St Bartholomew's, Gourock (Vacant).
- 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 for ourselves in our worries and fears for the future as we look at a new way of living and being church.

We pray that our Churches as they open up again as places of gathered prayer for us all, and we pray for the Vestries as they consider the Health and Safety Regulations and Guidance for the reopening of our church buildings in the coming weeks.

We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to discern how God is calling us to be Church in this new environment, especially in regard to our online presence.

## **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 and those seeking work and employment

We pray for all volunteers helping to sustain the most vulnerable in our community

We pray for the Mental Health NHS services as they contend with the issues created by the COVID19 pandemic

We pray for our churches' witness as people of faith and hope in the months ahead



## **Friday 24 July intentions**

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

Diocese of

Northwestern Pennsylvania(Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Sean Rowe

Bethlehem(The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Kevin Nichols

### **In the SEC**

Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway;  
Bishop Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church; the people of Scotland.

- 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 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 BAEM communities as they face the pains and challenges of the ongoing COVID19 situation in Britain and as the issues of systemic racism are being opened up across the nations of the UK during the recent protests, debates and action groups.

We give thanks for people of *colour* in our communities here in Scotland as we have welcomed BAEM people for many decades to find a home and future here.

We pray for peace on our streets and in our neighbourhoods

### **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 opening up again and determining their viability and also the government as it considers the financial support it can provide to keep our economy going

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

### **Saturday 25 July intentions**



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

Diocese of

Norwich (England) The Rt Revd Graham James

Bhopal(North India) The Rt Revd Manoj Charan

Kapoeta (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Isaac Deu Chol(Diocesan Bishop)

### **In the SEC**

Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway; Bishop Mark Strange, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church; the people of Scotland.

- 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 all who are preparing online services for tomorrow, and also churches reopening for worship 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 this phase 3 release from lockdown.

We pray for our Vestries as they consider the guidance for opening our buildings once again in the coming weeks.

We pray for Bishop Kevin as he begins to settle into his new role in the diocese and we pray for him as he waits for the repair works being done on the Bishop's House to be started and completed – in the obvious frustration may be have peace of heart and consolation.

## **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 as we learn more about looking out for each other in our streets

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 BAEM 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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