



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 2 August 2020

Pentecost 9

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 2 August intentions – Pentecost 9

In the Anglican Communion

Pray for the new Province of Alexandria- created from the former Diocese of Egypt with North Africa and the Horn of Africa in the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

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.

- 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

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

We pray for those named on our pewsheet – for health, healing and wholeness in their lives.

We pray for our churches as we reopen for new worship.

We pray for each other that we may work to keep our church community together using technology.

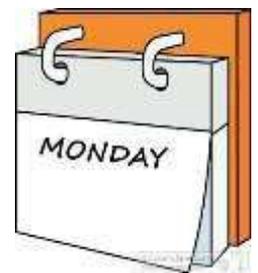
We pray for Bp Kevin as he meets more people virtually and gets to know more about the life of the diocese.

In our communities

We pray for those who are working in the shops and supply chains as we get used to this new way of living during Phase 3 of the Release from Lockdown.

We pray for our theatres and concert halls as they plan for reopening and negotiate with shows and musicians and performers.

We pray for the schools as they are preparing to reopen in the coming weeks.



Monday 3 August intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Dioceses of

Karnataka Central(South India) The Rt Revd Prasana Kumar

SamuelKarnataka North(South India) The Rt Revd Ravikumar J.

NiranjanKarnataka South(South India) The Rt Revd Mohan Manoraj

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.

- 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 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 in new ways, we pray especially for those working in our libraries and museums.

We pray for Charges in the Renfrewshire Region as our church buildings are being reopened for services 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 – Lord help us to see how you are calling us to be church.

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 areas of the UK facing further restrictions due to local outbreaks

We pray sports, music and performance venues in the region

Tuesday 4 August intentions

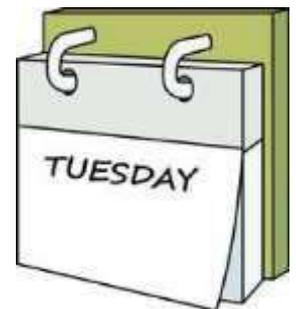
In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of

Ogbaru(Nigeria) The Rt Revd Dr Prosper Amah

Bondo (Kenya) The Rt Revd David Kodia

Kasai - Mbujimayi(Congo) Vacant



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 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 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 studying 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 especially overseas students.

We pray for our local schools as they are preparing for the reopening in the next weeks.

In our communities

We pray for people living completely alone and feeling isolated and cut off, we give thanks for people helping neighbours

We pray for those who feel vulnerable and frightened by all that is happening, and those who are scared to go out

Wednesday 5 August Intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of

Ogbia(Nigeria) The Rt Revd James Oruwori

Bor(South Sudan) The Most Revd Ruben Akurdid Ngong

Umzimvubu (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Sitembele Mzamane

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: Aberdeen & Orkney (Bishop Anne Dyer).
- Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock (Vacant).
- St Ninian's, Troon (Vacant).
- St Kieran's, Campbeltown (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 online presence and services which have helped us keep together and we pray for the continued streaming of our church services to keep people connected.

We pray for our SEI student Lisa Curtice as she prepares to come and join us later in August

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 in the UK as our governments deal with local outbreaks of COVID19 and providing regional responses.



Thursday 6 August intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of

Ogbomoso(Nigeria) Vacant

Botswana(Central Africa) The Rt Revd Metlhayotlhe Rawlings Beleme

Brandon (Canada) The Rt Revd William Cliff

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 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, John Stevenson).
- Holy Trinity, Dunoon (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 in the near future.

We pray that our Churches as they open up again as places of gathered prayer for us all, and we pray for each other as we learn to worship together again in our buildings.

We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to discern how God is calling us to be Church in this new environment and how we can do outreach in this new situation

In our communities

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

We pray for a renewed 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



Friday 7 August intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of

Ogoni(Nigeria) The Rt Revd Solomon Gberegbara

Brasilia (Brazil) The Rt Revd Maurício Jose Araujo De Andrade

Brazzaville(Congo) The Rt Revd Molanga Jean Botola

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.

- Bishop's Staff Group.
- All Saints, Challoch, with the Whithorn Fellowship; St Ninian's, Portpatrick; St John the Evangelist, Stranraer (Vacant).
- St Adamnan's, Duror (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 this new way of living.

We pray for the BAEM communities as they face the pains and challenges of the ongoing COVID19 situation in Britain and the impact it is having on BAEM communities.

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 businesses that are going bankrupt and closing down at this time. For those who own them and those who used to work for them.

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

Saturday 8 August intentions



In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Diocese of

Ogori-Magongo(Nigeria) The Rt Revd Festus Davies

Brechin(Scotland) The Rt Revd Andrew Swift

Katakwa (Kenya) The Rt Revd John Okude Omuse

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 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 all who are preparing online services for tomorrow, and also those preparing to lead worship in our churches tomorrow – especially at St Johns Johnstone

We pray for each other as we get used to worshipping together in a new way.

We pray for Bishop Kevin and Elspeth as they get to grips with the challenges that the new role bring them during this period of social distancing and very little ability to meet together.

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, isolated or desolate

We pray for spiritual renewal in Johnstone & Renfrew. We pray that new people will join the life of St Johns & St Margarets

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, and work for change to make our nation a more equitable place for everybody.

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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