



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 23 August 2020

Pentecost 12

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 23 August intentions – Pentecost 12

In the Anglican Communion

Pray for the Church of the
Province of South East Asia the Most Revd Melter Tais
- Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of Sabah

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.
- St Bartholomew's, Gourock (Vacant).
- 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

We pray for an end to the coronavirus pandemic throughout the world & healing for all who are suffering from covid-19 at home and in hospital. 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 and get used to wearing masks during worship and the lack of singing and chance to blether over coffee afterwards. We pray for all those who work to keep our places of worship clean and safe.

We pray for the growth of the lives of our Charges, we pray that we may each take part in inviting new people to become part of the life of our churches.

In our communities

We pray for those responsible for managing our Public Health response to COVID-19 in the community including the systems for contact tracing and testing.

We pray for the schools as they are starting a new year at this time. We pray for youngsters getting used to going to a new school or joining a new class. And for universities and colleges as they struggle to be fair to potential students in the wake of unprecedented confusion over assessments.

We pray for parts of the world struggling with disasters – especially praying for the people of Belarus and political prisoners there.

We continue to pray with the people of Lebanon, for the thousands displaced from their homes. We pray also for health workers in Beirut as they attempt to deal with a rise in COVID -19 cases and a shattered health system.

Monday 24 August intentions

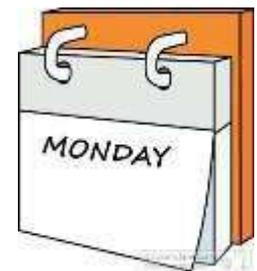
In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Dioceses of

Kibondo (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Sospeter Ndenza

Kigali (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Nathan Amooti Rusengo

Kigeme (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Assiel Musabyimana



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 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 Social Services departments.

We pray for Charges in the Renfrewshire Region as our church buildings are being reopened for services in the coming weeks: Heartlands Group, Holy Trinity Paisley & St Johns Greenock,

We pray for our online worship on Wednesdays and our Study Group Faithful Followers on Thursdays as we look at the book of the Psalms.

In our communities

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

We pray for the areas of the UK facing further restrictions due to local outbreaks especially remembering the impact on the BAEM communities.

We pray for all those with responsibilities for migrants and asylum seekers and for just and compassionate responses to those risking their lives to escape violence and find safety for themselves and their families.

Tuesday 25 August intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Dioceses of

Olo (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Tandema Obede

Busan (Korea) The Most Revd Onesimus Dongsin Park

Kigezi (Uganda) The Rt Revd George Bagamuhunda



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

We pray for all students studying online at this time and coping with receiving the grades awarded to them during this strange assessment season. We also pray for the academic staff facing these challenges over the summer season and helping students prepare for the approaching University year beginning.

We pray for the work of the Students Union in supporting students and helping our young people make decisions for their futures.

We pray for our local schools and the staff working in them.

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 anxious or scared to go out. We pray for people who have to continue to shield, especially those protecting vulnerable family members.

Wednesday 26 August Intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Dioceses of

Olympia (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Gregory Rickel

Busoga (Uganda) The Rt Revd Paul Moses Samson Naimanhye

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: 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 people continuing to be working from home and all those looking after children at home too

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

We pray for our online service this evening: that it may be a time of gracefulness to us.

We pray for the students of the Scottish Episcopal Institute, both ordinands and lay reader candidates from the SEC and the URC as they come together online for their Orientation sessions throughout 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 in the UK as our governments deal with local outbreaks of COVID19 and providing regional responses.

Thursday 27 August intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Dioceses of

Omu-Aran (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Philip Adeyemo

Butare (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Nathan Gasatura

Butere (Kenya) The Rt Revd Timothy Wambunya



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 Mary the Virgin, Hamilton; St Andrew's, Uddingston (Matthew Little).
- 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 ourselves in our worries, anxieties and fears for the future as we look at a new way of living and being church.

We pray for ourselves as we learn to worship together again in our buildings with masks and social distancing.

We pray for those who are finding the new situation difficult to cope with and for disabled people and people with long-term conditions who find themselves especially restricted.

We pray for our Faithful Followers group learning about the Psalms.

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 and keep our eyes looking out to God's work in the world.

In our communities

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

We pray for a renewed sense of neighbourliness in our streets

We pray for people feeling frustrated and anxious and those worried about exam grades or jobs, and those seeking work and employment

We pray for any adults or children who have suffered abuse or who fear violence at home or in other places where they should be safe

We give thanks 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 28 August intentions



In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Dioceses of

On the Lake (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Chijioke Oti
Buye (Burundi) The Rt Revd Sixbert Macum

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 Lutheran Church in Great Britain.
- Interfaith Relations (Maggie McTernan).
- Christ Church, Lanark (Drew Sheridan, Lee Johnston, Robert Burgon, Richard Evans).
- St Paul and St John the Evangelist, Monklands (PJ O'Maoil Mheana).
- Episcopalians on the Isles of Uist, Barra and Harris: Chapel of the Holy Cross and Chapel of St Brendan the Navigator (Diocese of Argyll and The Isles).
- Episcopalians in isolated parts of the country.

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 in our communities. 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 especially all that is happening in the North of England.

We pray for those preparing for worship on Sunday.

In our communities

We pray for all who teach the faith in churches, schools, colleges and communities

We pray that we may find an end to homelessness in our society once and for all and for the Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Action Group as they seek to find ways forward.

We pray for all those who bring their talents to the arts. We give thanks for the creativity of different forms of online expression over the last few months and we pray for all those who cannot act, sing or play at present or who are missing the experience of attending live events.

We pray for the success of researchers and scientists looking for a cure and vaccine for COVID-19 and for the volunteers who are offering themselves to test potential vaccines.



Saturday 29 August intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Dioceses of

On the Niger (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Owen Chidozie Nwokolo

Byumba (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Ngendahayo

Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh (Ireland) The Rt Revd Ferran Glenfield

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: General Synod Office (John Stuart, Secretary General).
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Provincial Standing Committee & Provincial Boards.
- Chaplaincy in Hospitals, Education and Commerce.
- Anglican Chaplaincy, University of Glasgow (Kevin Francis).

In our local Charges

as Sunday and for all who are preparing to lead worship in our churches tomorrow, that words of God's challenge and grace may be delivered to us all.

We pray for one another as we get used to worshipping together in a new way – coping with social distancing and face coverings.

In our communities

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

We pray for our First Minister Nicola as she leads Scotland
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

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, Saint Benedict, Father of monks,	Know the power of your prayer. 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.**

or Diocesan Litany

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 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.



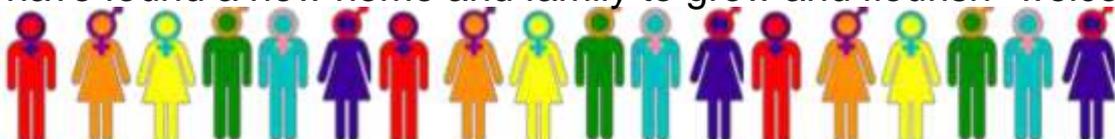
Leading your Church
into Growth

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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