



# Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church  
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone  
Week beginning Sunday 30 August 2020

## Pentecost 13

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.



## 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 30 August intentions – Pentecost 13

### In the Anglican Communion

Pray for the united Church of South India

The Most Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam

- Moderator of CSI & Bishop of South Kerala

### 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.
- The Methodist Church in Scotland (Mark Slaney).
- The United Reformed Church (David Pickering).
- EMU Partnership Agreement.

### 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 each other during the new style of services we have to use. We pray for those who come to church alone, and those who used to sit together who are separated in church because of social distancing – may we learn how it feels for others all of the time.

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 Johnstone & Renfrew.

### 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 Colleges and Universities as they prepare for the new year and for students making tough decisions that may affect their future lives and aspiration.

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.

We pray for wisdom and integrity and a worldwide vision for our Nations leaders – may they help us to work together for the common good of all.

## **Monday 31 August intentions**

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

Dioceses of

Kimberley & Kuruman(Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Oswald Swartz  
Kindu(Congo) The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda (Primate)  
Kinkiizi(Uganda) The Rt Revd Dan Zoreka

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



### **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 Leisure Services as we look towards venues being reopened in September.

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, & St Bartholemehws Gourock  
We pray for our online worship on Wednesdays and our Study Group Faithful Followers on Thursdays as we learn about 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, persecution and exclusion to find safety for themselves and their families.

## **Tuesday 1 September intentions**

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

Dioceses of

Ondo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Stephen Oni

Calabar(Nigeria) The Rt Revd Tunde Adeleye

Kinshasa (Congo) The Rt Revd Achille Mutshindu



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

### **In our local Charges**

as Sunday and 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 for overseas

students still 'stuck' here in the UK away from their families.

We also pray for the academic staff facing these challenges over the summer period 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 especially as they face so many weekly changes in guidance.

### **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 and supporting vulnerable family members.

We pray for all disturbed by the issues of the Black Lives Matters protests here and abroad.

### **Wednesday 2 September intentions**

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

Dioceses of

Ontario(Canada) The Rt Revd Michael Oulton

Calcutta(North India) The Rt Revd Probal Kanto Dutta

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

## **In our local Charges**

as Sunday and for 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 blessing to us all.

We pray for the work of the Ignatian Spirituality Centre as they transition to online gatherings and pray that we may engage in spiritual growth individually and corporately.

## **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 Prime Minister – Boris and First Minister – Nicola in their work for the common good. May they be wise in the discharge of their duties for the Nation.

## **Thursday 3 September intentions**

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

Dioceses of

Ogbomoso(Nigeria) The Rt Revd Titus Babtunde Olayinka

Caledonia(Canada) The Rt Revd David TJ Lehmann

Calgary(Canada) The Most Revd Gregory Kerr-Wilson



### **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 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, may we reflect creatively on how we can be a blessing to one another as we gather.

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

We pray for Bishop Kevin as he gets to know people around the Diocese on the phone and virtually.

## **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 anxious, those worried about jobs, and those seeking work and employment

We pray for the groups which used to use our hall in Renfrew – AA & CA, and the Brownies and Dance classes, may they find new ways of working.

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, especially this week we pray for the Health & Wellbeing Project supporting LGBTQIA+ people across Scotland

## **Friday 4 September intentions**

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

Dioceses of

Oregon(The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Michael Hanley

California (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Marc Andrus



### **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 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 along with the impact of the issues raised by the BLMs campaigns in the UK and abroad. 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 for school and college Chaplains

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, today we pray for all working in broadcasting.

We pray for the success of researchers and scientists looking for a cure and vaccine for COVID-19 and for the preparations being made for potential vaccines roll-out as they are produced.

## **Saturday 5 September intentions**



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

Dioceses of

Orlu(Nigeria) The Most Revd Bennett Okoro

Cameroon (West Africa) The Rt Revd Dibo Thomas-Babyngton Elango

Kirinyaga (Kenya) The Rt Revd Joseph Kibichwa

## **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 all who are preparing to lead worship in our churches tomorrow, that words of God's challenge and grace may be delivered received by us all.

We pray for one another as we get used to worshipping together in a new way – we pray for the return of singing soon.

## **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 that new people will join the lives of St Johns & St Margarets and that we may all support each other through our midweek online services and groups.

## **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.**

### **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.**



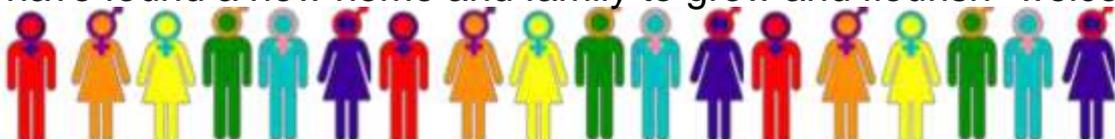
Leading your Church  
into Growth

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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