



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 20 September 2020

Pentecost 16

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.

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)

Faith in action – racial justice

In the Diocesan prayer cycle For September we pray for racial justice

Heavenly God, we praise your name and thank you for your glorious goodness and mercy.

Lord Jesus, we pray a blessing for all those actively engaged in the struggle for racial justice.

Holy Spirit, we beseech you to enter into the minds and hearts of all those in authority in the Church.

Grant that they may hear the voices crying out for justice, engage in developing a better understanding, act to bring about change, lead and inspire others by their good example. We ask this through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The love of God is greater than all evil.

We pray for racial justice: in our own lives; in our parishes; in our dioceses; in our land. AMEN

Daily Intercessions in the United Charges of St John's Johnstone & St Margaret's Renfrew

Sunday 20 September intentions – Pentecost 16

In the Anglican Communion

Pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
The Most Revd Justin Badi Arama – Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

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 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

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 all affected in their lives and businesses by the increased restrictions required for the safety of all and especially for those who cannot visit loved ones at home or in care homes.

We pray for Colleges and Universities as they welcome back students for the new year.

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

We pray for parts of the world suffering as a result of war, terrorism or natural disasters and that we may share in responsibility for our brothers and sisters across the world and for the wellbeing of all our fellow creatures on the planet.

Monday 21 September intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Dioceses of

Kiteto (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Isaiah Chambala

Kitgum (Uganda) The Rt Revd Wilson Kitara

Kitui (Kenya) The Rt Revd Josephat Mule.

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 we pray for our local Renfrewshire Councillors as they deal with the implications for local services of changes in the rates of COVID 19, we pray especially for those in the leisure and hospitality sectors as they balance the demands of economic survival and safety.

We pray for any who are anxious about what to do as restrictions are changed and give thanks for clear advice about how to stay as safe as possible.

We pray for Churches in the Renfrewshire Region as our church buildings are being reopened for services: Heartlands Group, Holy Trinity Paisley, St Johns Greenock, & St Bartholomews 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 face difficult decisions in the light of rises in the rates of COVID-19 in different areas.

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.

We pray that public revenues be used wisely for the common good and in such a way as to improve the life chances of the most disadvantaged.

We pray for international agencies that seek to bring peace and stability to our world and to encourage collaboration and especially today for the United Nations.

Tuesday 22 September intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Panama (Central America) The Rt Revd Julio Murray Thompson (Primate)

Central Pennsylvania (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Audrey Scanlan

Kivu (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Augustin Ahimana.



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 the youngsters in our families at church and in our extended families who are away from us

We pray for any whose lives are particularly restricted at this time because of long-term conditions or disabilities and that they may receive support and human contact to enhance their wellbeing.

We pray for all with caring responsibilities and those unable to visit loved ones at home or in hospital.

We pray for all students studying online at this time and for the academic staff working to create good learning experiences in difficult conditions.

We pray for our local schools and the staff working in them especially as they endeavour to make up for the learning and support that children have missed during lockdown.

We pray also for children having to learn at home because they need to self-isolate.

In our communities

We pray for all mothers and fathers and for foster carers.

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 the electoral process in the United States of America and for peaceful and informed debate within the democratic process.

Wednesday 23 September intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Dioceses of

Pankshin (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Dr Olumuyiwa Ajayi

Central Philippines (Philippines) The Rt Revd Dixie Copanut Taclobao.

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

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 those called to ordained ministry in the Scottish Episcopal Church who will be ordained as deacons and priests this month and next and for all lay readers, worship leaders and pastoral assistants. May they be blessed in the service their offer to God's people.

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 any who have had to cancel longed-for holidays, have not been able to go away or have found themselves having to isolate on their return.

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 24 September intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Dioceses of

Panyana (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Seme Nigo Abinda

Central Solomons (Melanesia) The Rt Revd Ben Seka

Central Tanganyika (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Dickson Chilongani.



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 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 and prepares to move to Bishop's House.

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, those worried about

jobs, those seeking work and employment and for any who face economic hardship.

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 Mental Health Services in the NHS and voluntary sector. May they have the resources and capacity to respond to the great needs at this time.



Friday 25 September intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Dioceses of

Central Zambia (Central Africa) The Rt Revd Derek Gary Kamukwamba (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 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 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 role-out as they are produced.

We pray for spiritual renewal in Johnstone and Renfrew and that we may all feel empowered by the Holy Spirit to share the Good News with those we meet.



Saturday 26 September intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Dioceses of

Paraguay (South America) The Rt Revd Peter John Henry Bartlett

Central Zimbabwe (Central Africa) The Revd Ignatius Makumbe

Kobe (Japan) The Rt Revd Augustine Naoaki Kobayashi

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 all who are preparing to lead worship in our churches tomorrow, that words of God's challenge and grace may be delivered and 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 for all those who work for the wellbeing of children and seek to prevent the lifelong impact of trauma and disadvantage.

We pray that new people will join the lives of St John's & St Margaret's 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

The Prayer Anima Christi (Soul of Christ) – Contemporary
Version, David Flemming, SJ

Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.

May your body and blood be my food and drink.

May your passion and death be my strength and life.

With you by my side, enough has been given me.

May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.

Let me not run from the love which you offer,

but hold me safe from the forces of evil.

On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.

Keep calling to me until that day comes

when, with your saints,

I may praise you for ever. **Amen.**

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



Leading your Church
into Growth

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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