



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 23 May 2021

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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

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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JOINT CALL TO PRAYER

each SUNDAY 7pm



Light a candle in your window at 7pm on Sunday, along with Christians of all denominations. You can say the prayer below as you do so.

We pray:

*God and Father
Of our Lord Jesus Christ,
We thank you for all that we have received from your hand.
We thank you for the life you have given to us
And your presence with us in all we face.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*God and Father
Of our Lord Jesus Christ,
We thank you for all that we have received from your Son.
We thank you that he has prayed for us
And that he continues to uphold us in all we face.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*God and Father
Of our Lord Jesus Christ,
We thank you that you watch over us and protect us.
Watch over us as we continue the journey we have taken in past months
And protect us in days to come.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*God and Father
Of our Lord Jesus Christ,
We thank you that you watch over and protect this world.
Watch over us as we give thanks for the gift of Creation
And enable us to better care for the world you have entrusted to us.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*God and Father
Of our Lord Jesus Christ,
We thank you that your Son is Risen and Ascended.
We join with the community of all your people
And anticipate the outpouring of your Holy Spirit.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*God and Father
Of our Lord Jesus Christ,
We thank you that your Risen and Ascended Son prays for us once more.
We join with all your people in every place
And ask that you might renew us by your Holy Spirit.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

In a joint message, church leaders in Scotland said:
"Jesus prays for those who follow him. It can be put no more simply or profoundly:
Jesus prays for those who follow him. In the Gospel of John, we see that Jesus
prays for those who have been his followers and disciples and he does so as he
comes to the end of his earthly ministry. Jesus has given to his followers all that he
has received from the Father and now he must leave them to live in the world as
witnesses to the truth. In the light of this, Jesus prays for them and asks for their
protection: 'And now I am no longer in the world...Holy Father, protect them in
your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.' (John
17: 6-19)

"We pray, in the light of the Ascension of our Lord and in anticipation of the gift of
the Holy Spirit, with the assurance that as we do so; Jesus prays for us. As we
come nearer, we trust, to the end of the restrictions that have characterised these
past months, we pray in the knowledge that Jesus continues to pray for those who
follow him in this world."

Signed by:

Most Rev. Mark Strange, Primus, on behalf of the College of Bishops, Scottish
Episcopal Church

Rt. Rev. Dr Martin Fair, Moderator of the General Assembly, Church of Scotland

Most Rev. Leo Cushley, Archbishop of St. Andrews and Edinburgh, Roman Catholic
Church

Rev. John Fulton, Moderator, United Free Church of Scotland

Rev. Donnie G. MacDonald, Moderator, Free Church of Scotland

Rev. Paul Whittle, Moderator, United Reformed Church (Scotland)

Rev. Martin Hodson, General Director, Baptist Union of Scotland

Rev. Mark Slaney, District Chair, Methodist Church (Scotland)

Rev. May-Kane Logan, Chair, Congregational Federation in Scotland

Lt. Col. Carol Bailey, Secretary for Scotland, Salvation Army

Adwoa Bittle, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

Rev. Claire Fender, District Superintendent, British Isles North District, Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Chris Gbenle, Provincial Pastor, Province of Scotland, Redeemed Christian Church of God

Bishop Francis Alao, Church of God (Scotland)/Minority Ethnic Churches Together in Scotland (MECTIS)

Rev Fred Drummond, Director, Evangelical Alliance (Scotland).

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 – Aid Agencies

During May we pray for national and international aid agencies. Christian Aid Week is 10-16 May 2021.

Lord,

You come to us in neighbours we do not know and are unlikely to meet.
You come to us when people's needs are measured in statistics, argued
about in political programmes, or estimated in development plans.
Give us the grace to see past numbers to the real lives behind them.
So that we might, with you, build your Kingdom. AMEN

O God, pour out on us

the water of life that we may quench our thirst and draw our strength
from you.

Help us to stand alongside those who struggle daily for clean water
So that all may be refreshed and renewed by your love. AMEN

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

Sunday 23rd May intentions Pentecost,
Thy Kingdom Come, Anglican Communion Sunday

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

In the SEC we pray for

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- St Bartholomew's, Gourock (Vacant).
- St John the Evangelist, Greenock (Wilhelmina Nesbitt).

In our local Charges

We pray for hope for an end to the coronavirus pandemic throughout the world and 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 as we worship together by telephone or online and for our Zoom evensong this evening.

We pray that we may continue to keep each other safe as we enter a gradual easing of the lockdown.

We pray for growth in 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 by telephone, on Zoom or online.

Help us to tread lightly on the earth, praying for others that we may all find for ourselves the way of being human that God shows us in Jesus.



In our communities

We pray for anyone for whom the easing of lockdown causes anxiety, whose business will not be reopening or who has lost loved over the past year.

We pray for those who are homeless and any at risk of losing their homes and for those seeking to put an end to homelessness.

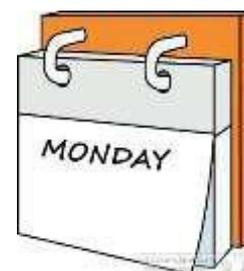
We pray for all those involved in the vaccination programme against COVID, that all those most at risk throughout the world, especially the people of India and Brazil, will have access to the vaccine soon.

We pray for parts of the world suffering because of war, terrorism, or natural disasters and that we may share in responsibility for our brothers and sisters across the world.

Monday 24 April intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Caledonia – The Anglican Church of Canada (BC and Yukon Province)



In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- 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 (Vacant, Robert Chambers, Gerard McKeown)

In our local Charges

We pray for our efforts to be an inclusive church, for our Zoom, online and telephone worship and that we can support more people to access these.

We pray for the work on the new Diocesan Office in Glasgow, that it may be an accessible and useful facility for all across the diocese.

We pray for those areas where restrictions cannot be eased at present because of the numbers of coronavirus infections

We pray for Charges in the Renfrewshire Region as they continue to serve their congregations and communities with in-person and online worship.

In our communities

We pray for families experiencing food poverty and pray that all children have access to wholesome food.

We pray for our Government Ministers and the Scientific advisors as they continue to bear heavy responsibilities in managing the risks posed by COVID-19.

We pray for all who work in the NHS, for social care workers in care homes and in the community, that they may have the strength to continue caring for the sick and the dying.

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. We pray especially for children separated from their families.

Tuesday 25 May intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Calgary – The Anglican Church of Canada (Rupert's Land Province)



In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- 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).

In our local Charges

We pray for the youngsters in our families at church and in our extended families who are away from us as we hope to meet again soon.

We pray for any whose lives are restricted because of long-term conditions or disabilities, that they continue to feel safe as restrictions are lifted.

We pray for trans young people that they are accepted for who they are and receive the support they need and for all young people that are free to discover and live out their identities.

We pray for the rights of native peoples and give thanks for the diversity of cultures and expressions of faith.

Holy Spirit, help us to pray for others, that they may come to know Christ for themselves.

In our communities

We pray for all mothers and fathers and for foster carers and especially any who are stressed by the demands of providing for their families at this time.

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

We pray for people who must shield or self-isolate, especially those protecting and supporting vulnerable family members.

We pray for homeless people and for those in unsuitable or unsafe accommodation, including those living in buildings with cladding that is not fully fireproof.

Wednesday 26 May intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of California – The Episcopal Church



In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad.
- Mothers' Union (Jill Cameron).
- St Cuthbert's, Cambuslang; St Mark's, East Kilbride (Paul Fletcher).

In our local Charges

We pray for our telephone church service this afternoon that it may help us to be an inclusive church.

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

We pray for Christian unity, for strong ecumenical relationships and for a shared Christian witness to the people of Scotland.

We pray for teachers of the faith and all who help us to understand the faith and inspire us to live it.

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 people of our region and for all those community initiatives that are helping to feed those in need, among them members of the Interfaith Food Justice Network.

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.

We pray for the people of Northern Ireland and that the Good Friday Agreement will continue to be upheld.

We pray for the people of Israel and Palestine that peace and justice may be brought out of conflict.

Thursday 27 May intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Northern California – The Episcopal Church



In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Lutheran Church in Great Britain.
- St Mary the Virgin, Hamilton; St Andrew's, Uddingston (Matthew Little).
- Episcopalians in isolated parts of the country.

In our local Charges

We pray for all those who have lost a loved one and find this a difficult time, that they will be consoled.

We pray for a spirit of mission within the Church that ways may be found to draw others towards the hope we have in Christ.

We give thanks for those with a calling to the religious life and pray that their ministry may reach out to others.

We give thanks for the comfort of the Holy Spirit and pray that we will be inspired to share our faith with others.

In our communities

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

We pray for those who fear their jobs may be at risk, that they may find suitable employment.

We pray for those living in care homes and their families who hope to be able to visit them safely soon.

We pray for those in poverty and those worried about money that they may have sufficient income and security for themselves and their families.

We pray for the groups which were users of our hall in Renfrew – AA & CA, and the Brownies and Dance classes - that they may find ways to meet safely again.

We give thanks for all volunteers continuing to sustain the most vulnerable in our community.

Friday 28 May intentions



In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Cameroon – The Church of the Province of West Africa

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Interfaith Relations (Maggie McTernan).
- Christ Church, Lanark (Drew Sheridan, Lee Johnston, Robert Burgon, Richard Evans).

- St Paul and St John the Evangelist, Monklands (Vacant).

In our local Charges

We pray for those struggling financially, those without homes, those who are depressed, may God's mercy bring them consolation & resilience.

We pray for the BAME communities as they face the pains and challenges of the ongoing COVID19 situation in Britain and the impact it is having on them, along with the issues raised by the BLMs campaigns in the UK and abroad, especially considering the real issues of racism which affect people's lives, hope, health and aspirations.

We pray for all those persecuted for their Christian faith and for those who stand up for their beliefs without regard to the consequences.

We pray to be saved from wanting more than our share. There are so many people who are hungry for love and thirsting for peace. Help us to help others find their place at God's table.

In our communities

We pray for the work of the Alliance to end homelessness that it will bring about real change.

We pray for children living in refugee camps that homes may be found for them in safe places.

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.

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.

We pray for peace and justice in the Middle East and for reconciliation and dialogue across religious, ethnic and political divides.

Saturday 29 May intentions

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of El Camino Real – The Episcopal Church



In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- 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

We pray for all those who are joining our services online that they feel a full part of our community of worship.

We pray that we will always see the face of Christ in those who are vulnerable and in trouble and my respond to them as our neighbours.

We pray for all those who will join in our worship tomorrow, the online congregations in the morning and our Zoom congregation in the evening.

We pray for Canon Audrey in her role as Transitions Minister in Renfrewshire.

We pray for grace to allow the resurrection life to be born in us afresh this year.

Let us pray that the people we know, and the whole world, may find the way of Christ.

In our communities

We pray for any struggling with relationships at this time and any at risk of abuse, that their homes may become places of safety.

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.

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

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.**



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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