



Weekly Intercessions

in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 4 July 2021

Pentecost 6

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

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:

Living God

And Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Pour out your Spirit upon us

And fill the hearts of your faithful people.

May your Spirit come as the One who speaks for us

And advocates on our behalf.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Living God

And Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Pour out your Spirit upon us

And kindle in us the fire of your love.

May your Spirit comfort us in our sorrow

And strengthen us in our weakness

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Living God

And Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Pour out your Spirit upon us

And create your people anew.

May your Spirit come to counsel and direct us

And grant to us wisdom in all we face.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Living God

And Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Pour out your Spirit upon us

And renew the face of all the earth.

May your Spirit help us to care for Creation

And to live as those who cherish the gifts you have given.

*Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

*Living God
And Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Pour out your Spirit upon us
And set us free to worship and glorify your name.
Come, Holy Spirit,
And fill our hearts with love for you.
Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

In a joint message, church leaders in Scotland said:
"The Gospel of John speaks of the One who is to come and of the One who is go. Jesus is the One who is to go and he must do so first. On hearing this, the disciples of Jesus are filled with sorrow and he explains to them that 'if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you'. The disciples fear that they will be left bereft and Jesus reassures them that his absence will be filled by the outpouring of 'the Spirit of truth'. The Spirit is the One who is to come and Jesus is the One who is to go. (John 15: 26-27; 16: 4b-15)

"Who is the Spirit who is to come? In the Gospel of John, the word used to describe the Spirit is variously translated as 'Advocate', 'Comforter', 'Counsellor', 'Helper' or simply transliterated as 'Paraclete'. (John 15: 26) The word used is found in only one other place in the New Testament outwith the Gospel and here it is used to describe Jesus. Jesus is the One who stands before the Father and pleads for us. (1 John 2: 1)

"[On this Pentecost Sunday], we give thanks to God for the Spirit outpoured on the people of God. The Spirit comes to be the abiding presence of God in our lives and in the life of the people of God. We give thanks that the Spirit is the One who has come."

Signed by:

Most Rev. Mark Strange, Primus, on behalf of the College of Bishops, Scottish Episcopal Church
Rt. Rev. Dr Martin Fair, (then) 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 (June) – Peace and Justice

Give us, Lord God, a vision of our world as your love would make it:
a world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;
a world where the benefits of civilised life are shared, and everyone can enjoy
them; a world where different ethnic groups, nations and cultures live in tolerance
and mutual respect;
a world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love;
And give us the inspiration and courage to build it,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN
From a prayer by Trevor Williams

You continue to call us to work for peace.
Our world is broken and wounded by injustice, violence and indifference.
Alone, we would be overwhelmed by the challenges that face us.
But together, supported by your Spirit, we can do more than any one of us can
dream or imagine.

AMEN

Written for the 50th anniversary of the Pax Christi International Movement

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

Sunday 4 July intentions, Pentecost 6

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea



In the SEC we pray for

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway
- Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania
- St Columba's, Largs (Vacant and currently advertising)
- St Ninian's, Prestwick (Jane Ross).
- In the SEI: Pat Ellison. Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, Lay Reader candidate

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, and we pray for those looking after them and caring for them.

We pray for each other as we worship together in person or online, especially for people joining in the Provincial Worship.

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.

Lord God help us to engage with each other to build your Kingdom on earth amongst the peoples we serve.

In our communities

We pray for people seeking the next steps in their work life: for those who are seeking work and those seeking a new direction.

We pray for people who are living with mental conditions which inhibit their lives.

We pray for all those involved in the vaccination programme against COVID across the entire world.

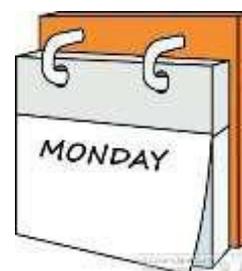
We pray for all involved in the preparations for reopening arts and culture venues across the UK

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 5 July intentions – feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Connor – The Church of Ireland (Armagh Province)



In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Aberdeen & Orkney (Bishop Anne Dyer).
- Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock (Vacant).
- St Ninian's, Troon (Vacant).
- In the SEI: Ross Jesmont. Diocese of Edinburgh, Mixed Mode ordinand

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 and take part in church life together.

We pray for the work on the new Diocesan Centre in Glasgow that these final days of snagging may be completed smoothly and the move of the contents from the old office to the new will go smoothly.

We pray for Charges in the Renfrewshire Region as they meet with Bishop Kevin online tomorrow evening – that the time may be one of blessing for all.

In our communities

We pray for our loved ones and those who give us love and security. 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 as we look to the vaccination of all age groups.

We pray for all those with responsibilities for refugees, 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 6 July intentions - commemoration - Palladius, Bishop, c.450

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Cork, Cloyne & Ross – The Church of Ireland (Dublin Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Church of Norway.
- St John the Evangelist, Annan; St John the Evangelist, Eastriggs; All Saints, Gretna; (Martin Callaghan, Melvyn Redgers).
- All Saints, Lockerbie; St John the Evangelist, Moffat (Paul Singh, John Stevenson).
- In the SEI: Tim Hatton. Church Army/ Diocese of Edinburgh, adjunct member

In our local Charges

We pray for the youngsters in our families at church and for our Sunday school groups that they may restart soon as our buildings start to be able to be used again by community groups.

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 and they see other mingling again when they do not feel secure in doing that.

Holy Spirit, help us to pray for others, that they may come to know Christ for themselves and cherish the lives we all have to share with each other.

In our communities

We pray for all parents, 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 who are lonely.

We pray for all struggling to find hope in their lives and a reason to get up in the morning.

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 7 July intentions – comm - Boisil, Prior of Melrose, c.642

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Costa Rica – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Bishop's Staff Group.
- All Saints, Challoch, with the Whithorn Fellowship; St Ninian's, Portpatrick; St John the Evangelist, Stranraer (Vacant).
- In the SEI: Claire Nicholson. Diocese of Edinburgh, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for our telephone church service this afternoon that it may help us to be an inclusive church and be a blessing to us as we pause to reflect on the scriptures together in the middle of the week.

We pray for our online service this evening: that it may be a time of deep spiritual communion together.

We pray for all Charges currently in vacancy in the diocese as they work with the Bishop and try to discern where God is calling them to serve their people.

We pray for widows and widowers in our Charges, and people who live alone that the Church may never be a place where they feel excluded. We pray for Spiritual Renewal in the Diocese and that we may discern who the right candidates are for vacancies during interview processes.

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 and all world leaders be wise in the discharge of their duties for the Nations and we pray for all world leaders.



Thursday 8 July intentions - feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Coventry – The Church of England(Canterbury Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Church of Sweden.
- Diocesan Council.
- St Mary's, Gatehouse of Fleet; St Francis of Assisi (Greyfriars), Kirkcudbright (Stephen Hazlett).
- In the SEI: Blayne Peacock. Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for all those whose lives are filled with sadness at this time: those who mourn and grieve, who are trying to build a life with a loved one no longer with them & for all who have an anniversary of a loved one falling today.

We pray for a spirit of mission within the Church that ways may be found to offer the hope we have in Christ in ways that are appropriate as lockdowns are released in the coming weeks.

We give thanks for the comfort of the Holy Spirit and pray that we will be inspired to share our faith with others and invite them to become part of the life of our Charges.

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



Friday 9 July intentions – feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Cuba – The Episcopal Church (II (2) Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Argyll and the Isles (Bishop-elect Keith Riglin)

- St Ninian's, Castle Douglas (Christopher Ketley, Douglas Allison, Alan Rumble)
- Christ Church, Dalbeattie (Christopher Ketley, John Simmons, Helen Evans)
- In the SEI: Lesley Penny. Diocese of Edinburgh, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for those people who are struggling financially, those without homes, those who are depressed or just fed up with life: may God's mercy bring them consolation & resilience, and may they receive the help and encouragement that they need.

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

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 the 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 engage in acts of kindness in facing Social Injustice.

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



Saturday 10 July intentions – feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Cueibet – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Eastern Bahr el Ghazal Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Church of England.
- St John the Evangelist, Dumfries (Janice Aiton, James Clark-Maxwell, Andrew MacKenzie, Paul Burbridge, Ann Shukman, Steven Ballard, Gordon Warwick, Richard Starkey).
- St Margaret of Scotland, New Galloway (Vacant)
- In the SEI: Ferdinand von Prondzynski. Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for all those who are joining our services online that they feel a full part of a 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, including the online congregations, and we pray for Gill, Pat and David getting ready to lead the worship in our Churches.

We pray for grace to allow the Holy Spirit to inspire us in our prayer, thoughts and actions and draw us into deeper faith and trust in God.

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

In our communities

We pray for the Prison Service and all who are both serving time and those working in our custodial centres.

We pray for people 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,

Know the power of your prayer.

Saint Benedict, Father of monks,

Pray for us and all children.

Lord, arouse in your Church

the spirit which guided our holy father Benedict.

Fill us with that spirit and grant that we may love what he loved
and put into practice what he taught.

Help us to be steadfast in the service of your will,

that we may grow in number and holiness.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Leading your Church
into Growth

God of Mission
Who alone brings growth to your
Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Everybody is invited and welcome
but household by household and online
at this time of COVID-19 sadly!



The SEC is dedicated to becoming a welcoming, open and inclusive spiritual environment for all people- irrespective of gender, sexual and sexuality identities. We seek to offer a place for you to connect with the true self that we believe God has made you. If you feel different – welcome! We are different because we believe that as we walk with Jesus Christ together our lives are transformed and find fresh meaning and purpose, sharing in the gift of life as we know it now. You have found a new home and family to grow and flourish- welcome!



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