



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 1 August 2021

Pentecost 10

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.

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.

www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

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 (August) – The Elderly

You may wish to try the following:

- Pray for the elderly
- Adopt a Granny which allows you to sponsor an elderly person in the third world to ensure that they receive vital support in the way of food, clothing and medical care.
- Join the RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Programme) provides quality opportunities for people aged 50+ to volunteer their skills and experience within their local community. It has 8,500 active volunteers across Scotland, England and Wales, providing valuable services in health, education and the environment. RSVP operates under the umbrella of CSV, Community Service Volunteers.
- Consider becoming a member of Age Scotland. This will provide you with up-to-date news about the welfare of the elderly in Scotland, news of campaigns and volunteering opportunities. They provide a range of factsheets on topics from Community Care to Crime Prevention T: 0845 125 9732
- Set up fundraising projects either by yourself or in your congregation to help organisations in this field carry out their vital work.

- Volunteer with Age Scotland which runs a range of voluntary projects for the elderly including their Handyperson project which enables DIY enthusiasts to help the elderly in their area with minor household repairs.
- Volunteer to work in one of the many charity shops Age Scotland has which always need new staff and goods, as well as a post called Church Friends who liaise between the charity and the elderly people in Church congregations.
- Volunteer with Contact the Elderly which is a national organisation which seeks to combat isolation amongst the elderly by organising weekly tea-parties for small groups of elderly people.
- Volunteer with Alzheimer Scotland which is the leading, national organisation to help both those who care for and those who suffer from dementia by helping out in their local drop in centres or being a telephone operator on their 24 hour Dementia hotline.

Lord,

**We thank you for the gifts of Age,
the wealth of memories;**

the peace of prayer;

**the wisdom that has grown beyond all striving to rest in
your grace alone.**

**When increasing frailty of mind or body threaten,
be with us as living water in the desert, a rock
to give shelter.**

In word and sacrament,

**in the fellowship of your people give us the assurance of your
everlasting care.**

And to us give the grace to receive all that your love brings to us. AMEN

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

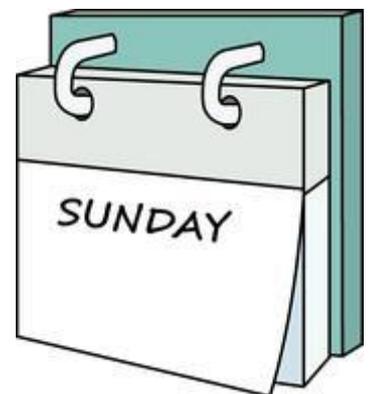
Sunday 1 August intentions, Pentecost 10

In the Anglican Communion pray for

Church of the Province of South East Asia

In the SEC we pray for

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



- 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 the SEI: Niccolò Aliano, Diocese of Edinburgh, Mixed Mode ordinand

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 the Healing Ministry of the Church and our engagement with the healing message of Christ for all of our Souls, We pray for each other as we worship together in person or online, especially for people joining in the Provincial Worship in the more cut off areas of the SEC.

We pray for each other that we engage with the Climate Crisis resources in our Newsletter for this month.

In our communities

We pray for all those involved in the vaccination programme against COVID across the entire world, for the political and social will to make it happen fully.

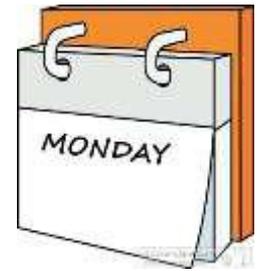
We pray for the engagement of the Diocese in the COP26 conference issues at the local and domestic levels as well as changing the way our governments work.

We pray for the gift of spiritual renewal as we engage with the call of Christ in our generation across the Diocese. May spiritual renewal come to all of our Charges.

Monday 2 August intentions – feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Dogura – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea



In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- 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 (Vacant, Linda Whitby, Margaret Williams).
- In the SEI: Val Cameron, Diocese of Edinburgh, diaconal ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for our efforts to be an inclusive church, may we continue to have a mind that looks to the needs of others above our own, as well as enabling us to ask for what we need to thrive in life.

We pray for courage to seek out people to invite into the lives of our Charges. Holy Spirit graft into our hearts a passion for the people you are calling to become part of the SEC in the areas we serve.

We pray for Lisa as she continues to study through these summer weeks and get ready to join us again in September.

In our communities

We pray for people seeking someone to love and share their life with.

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 elderly 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 people fleeing LGBT harassment in their home communities and families.

Tuesday 3 August intentions -feria



In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Doko – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lokoja Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- The Dean (Reuben Preston).
- Lay Representatives, Alternate Lay Representatives and members of Regional Councils.
- Holy Trinity, Ayr (Martyn Trembath).
- St Oswald's, Maybole (Jim Geen, Liz Crumlish).
- In the SEI: Godwin Chimara, Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, ordinand

•

In our local Charges

We pray for the restarting of our Sunday School 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.

We pray for people facing traumas in life at this time: may they receive the resilience to live through these difficult times.

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 caught up in themselves and fearful and rejecting of others.

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

We pray for people facing addictions: drugs, sex, money, alcohol, prestige....



Wednesday 4 August intentions – feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Dominican Republic – The Episcopal Church
(IX (9) Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania.
- St Columba's, Largs (advertising and shortlisting this week).
- St Ninian's, Prestwick (Jane Ross).
- In the SEI: Tony Clapham, Diocese of Argyll and the Isles, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for growth in the ministry of our Wednesday services at 2pm and 7pm on the telephone and on Zoom

We pray for all Lay Reps and Vestries in vacancy across the diocese at this time – may they work well with the Vestry members to craft a way ahead.

We pray for people living with panic attacks as part of their daily existence.

We pray for good Priests to respond to the adverts for the Vacancies in the Diocese at this time.

In our communities

We pray for those who are working as child-minders and carers in the residential care settings of our Charges.

We pray for the Olympians who are competing for their nations and all the preparations for the para-olympics.

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 5 August intentions - comm-Oswald of Northumbria, Martyr, 642

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Dornakal – The (united) Church of South India

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 (Keith Thomasson).
- In the SEI: Patricia Ellison, Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, Lay Reader candidate

In our local Charges

We pray for all those whose lives are filled with stress and anxiety 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 restrictions are released in the coming weeks.

We pray for people living with unemployment in our Charges, that they may growth in spiritual depth of faith and understanding as they walk with Christ.

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 living in care homes and their families as they start to visit them regularly again.

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 6 August intentions – Festival-Transfiguration of the Lord

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Down & Dromore – The Church of Ireland
(Armagh 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: Maureen Farquhar, Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for people experiencing confusion and bewilderment at the changes happening around them, especially as their hopes were dashed by the last year and they look to rebuild new hopes.

We pray for all those struggling to see their way in life at the moment.

We especially pray for Charges in vacancy: may they begin to work closely with the Bishop as they explore where God may be calling them bear witness to Christ in the coming years.

In our communities

We pray for children being taken into foster care this week. That the adults who look after them may help them to feel wanted and cherished in all aspects of their lives.

We pray for Mental Health Services in the NHS and the voluntary sector. We pray for all Counsellors and Therapists.

May they have the resources and capacity to respond to the great needs at this time.

We continue to pray for all the rescue work taking place across Europe after the flooding.

Saturday 7 August intentions – feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Dublin & Glendalough – The Church of Ireland (Dublin Province)



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: Jackie Fenton, Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, diaconal ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for our online ministry. We ask for wisdom to plan the future for our online worship and how we help people grow in discipleship.

We pray for all those who will join in our worship tomorrow, including the online congregations, and we pray for people who organise the hospitality after our services.

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. We pray for the growth in the Spiritual life of the Diocese.

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 in the lives of St John's & St Margaret's that together we may grow as a community of piety, holiness and devotion to the Lord as we are called to deeper communion with God.

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!



www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk