



# Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church  
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone  
Week beginning Sunday 15 August 2021

## Pentecost 12

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/](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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# **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.

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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)*

## **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**

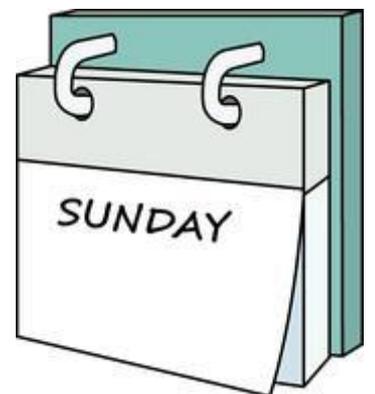
**Sunday 15 August intentions, Pentecost 12**

**In the Anglican Communion pray for**

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

**In the SEC we pray for**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Warden of Lay Readers (Ray Gascoigne)



- Cathedral Chapter.
- Cathedral Church of St Mary, Glasgow (Kelvin Holdsworth, Oliver Brewer-Lennon, John Riches, Ellen Barrett).
- In the SEI: Roberta Ritson, Northern Synod United Reformed Church, 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 - body, mind and spirit.

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 and have discussions at home with family members about how we can change the way we choose to live.

### **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 our engagement with the “10 Points of Guidance” in addressing the Climate Crisis in our own lives – at home, at work, at church, and how we choose to live.

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 and may we have courage to follow in the way that Christ calls us to walk.

**Monday 16 August intentions** – festival - Mary the Virgin (translated from 15 August)

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

The Diocese of Easton – The Episcopal Church  
(III (3) Province)



## **In the SEC**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland.
- St Mungo's, Alexandria as they get ready for their closing service on 29 August.
- St Augustine's, Dumbarton (Heller González).
- In the SEI: Louise Sanders, Northern Synod United Reformed Church, ordinand

## **In our local Charges**

We pray for our efforts to become more inclusive churches, may we continue to have a mind that of 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 school starting back this week: for pupils and staff at the start of this new academic year.

We pray for those people processing the Recovery and Renewal Grant applications – and we pray for a successful outcome to our application to help lead us in outreach in the months ahead.

## **In our communities**

We pray for people who find it difficult to relate to the world after shattered dreams and hope that the COVID pandemic brought. We pray for healing in our church communities, that hurts of the past may be forgiven and forgotten and we pray for the gift of grace to encounter all people as cherished children of God.

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 for openness to difference in our lives. We pray for people who feel cut off from, and apart from, society and the current

direction of travel. O God, help us to work with and for all members of society in building your Kingdom on earth.

## **Tuesday 17 August intentions** -feria



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

The Diocese of Eau Claire – The Episcopal Church  
(V (5) Province)

### **In the SEC**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Edinburgh (Bishop John Armes).
- Diocesan Architect (Rebecca Cadie); Diocesan Surveyor (Elliott Glenesk).
- All Saints, Bearsden; (Kirstin Freeman).
- St Michael & All Angels, Helensburgh (Dominic Ind, Pat Smith, Kevin Boak).
- In the SEI: Janet Spence, Diocese of Edinburgh, ordinand
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### **In our local Charges**

We pray for our Vestries as they are meeting again regularly – we pray for wisdom to discern how many of our meeting could be virtual and how many physical to consider the impact we are having on the climate by travelling to meet together.

We pray for our Charge engagement with the “10 Points of Guidance” on the Climate Crisis.

We pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in our Charges, and we pray for the challenge to grow in number and depth of faith.

### **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 young people starting period in Remand Centres this week– that renewal and transformation of heart and mind may come as they face their crimes to society.

We pray for people unhappy in their lives at the moment and all who are clinically depressed.

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



## **Wednesday 11 August intentions** – feria

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

The Diocese of Central Ecuador – The Episcopal Church  
(IX (9) Province)

### **In the SEC**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Church in Wales.
- Drumchapel Ecumenical Partnership.
- All Saints, Jordanhill (Sydney Maitland).
- In the SEI: Ross Stirling-Young, Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, 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 congregational members who find it hard to come to worship because of work commitments – may they feel a part of the whole life of our Charges.

We pray for people living with anxiety and fear.

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

We pray for the school starting a new year this week, esp we pray for children starting school for the first time ever.

### **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 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 19 August intentions** - feria

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

The Diocese of Edinburgh – The Scottish Episcopal Church

### **In the SEC**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Diocesan Property Committee (Reuben Preston).
- St Aidan's, Clarkston (Nicholas Taylor).
- St Margaret of Scotland, Newlands (Gordon Fyfe, Maggie McTernan, Charlotte Methuen).
- In the SEI: Laura Symon, Moray, Ross and Caithness, ordinand

### **In our local Charges**

We pray for all those who are mourning and grieving, 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 this week.

We pray for people learning to live alone for the first time or who haven't lived by themselves for a long time.

We pray for people living with unemployment in our Charges, that they may grow 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 the work of Trades Unions in helping to look after their members interests. Especially today we pray for the Faith Workers Branch of UNITE as they support Ministers of religion.

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 20 August intentions** -comm – Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot and Teacher of the Faith, 1153

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

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

### **In the SEC**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- 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 (Vacant, Eamonn Rodgers, Kenneth Roach).
- In the SEI: Rachael Wright, Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, Mixed Mode ordinand
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### **In our local Charges**

We pray for people experiencing confusion and bewilderment 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 across our diocese: may they work closely with the Bishop as they explore where God may be calling them bear witness to Christ in the coming years.

Lord Jesus, we pray that you will send good priests to work in the diocese to build your kingdom on earth.

### **In our communities**

We pray for teenagers. May the adults who look after them may help them to feel wanted and cherished in all aspects of their lives and develop their skills and gifts.

We pray for Mental Health Services in the NHS and the voluntary sector. We pray for all art therapists.

We pray for all hospices as they care for the dying and those who love them.

We pray for the preparations of the COP26 conference in Glasgow later in the year.

## **Saturday 21 August intentions** – feria

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

The Diocese of Saint Edmundsbury & Ipswich – The Church of England (Canterbury Province)



### **In the SEC**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Moray, Ross and Caithness (Bishop Mark Strange).
- Good Shepherd & Ascension, Hillington; Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley (Deborah Davison).
- In the SEI: Revd Canon Graham Taylor, Chaplain to SEI

### **In our local Charges**

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 as we begin to remember the joy of sharing tea and coffee together now that the restrictions on numbers are gone. 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 the people of Scotland as we get used to the new releases in restrictions.

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.

We give thanks for the past generations who have continued the lives of our Churches.

**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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