



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 22 August 2021

Pentecost 13

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.

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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 (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 22 August intentions, Pentecost 13

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Anglican Church of South America

In the SEC we pray for

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Spanish Episcopal Reformed Church.



- Diocesan Protection of Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator (Anne Jones).
- St John's, Johnstone; St Margaret's, Renfrew (Reuben Preston).
- In the SEI: Revd Canon Ian Barcroft, Provincial Director of Ordinands

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 all Charges engaging in online worship as well as building based worship.

We pray for our engagement with the Climate Crisis Action Plan 10 Points of Guidance to play our part in addressing the issues that face us.

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.

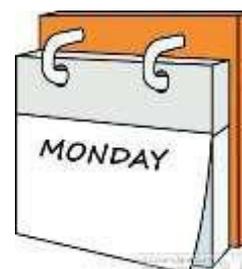
We pray for the engagement of the Diocese in the COP26 conference issues at the local and domestic levels as well as changing the way our governments work.

We pray for places offering a home and welcome to those people fleeing from Afghanistan & we pray for Great Britain's welcome to those seeking safety.

Monday 23 August intentions – feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Egba – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lagos Province)



In the SEC

- 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 the SEI: Diocesan Advisors

In our local Charges

We pray for our efforts to become more inclusive churches, 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 children finding the transition to school difficult & parents getting used to the new school routines.

We pray for our Vestries as they get used to meeting regularly again and we pray for Renfrew vestry as it prepares to consider parish management and website software packages to help engage our mission.

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 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 especially remembering those fleeing from Afghanistan.

We pray for social integration as we are emerging into a "new world" after the restrictions of the pandemic, especially we pray for all social and community groups which are supporting members of the community.

Tuesday 24 August intentions -Festival- Bartholomew, Apostle

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Egba West – The Church of Nigeria
(Anglican Communion) (Lagos 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, Audrey Stewart, Robert Chambers, Gerard McKeown).
- In the SEI: Diocesan Ambassadors

In our local Charges

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

We pray for Johnstone's participation in Olive's bottle Raffle for Harvest charities.

We pray for Gill as she heads up the renovation works at St Johns.

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 families dealing with a loved one being taken into custody at this time.

We pray for people unhappy in their lives at the moment, and those who are feeling lost.

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



Wednesday 25 August intentions – comm- Ebba of Coldingham, Abbess, 683

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Egbu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Owerri 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 the SEI: Families of candidates

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 other Charges in the diocese and for good Priests to respond to the adverts for the Vacancies in the Diocese at this time.

We pray for our Ecumenical Partners in Johnstone & Renfrew

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 26 August intentions - feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

Thursday 26 August 2021 The Diocese of Egypt – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

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 the SEI: Bishop Anne, Convenor of Institute Council and Institute Council members

In our local Charges

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 and seek new opportunities to use their skills and talents in life.

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 all housebound members who are looked after by carers and family members or friends.

We pray for our Pastoral Assistants as they keep in touch with folk.

In our communities

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

We pray for the businesses of Johnstone and Renfew as we emerge from the pandemic time.

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.

We pray for individuals and families recently moved into the area.



Friday 27 August intentions -comm – Monnica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Missionary Diocese of Eha - Amufu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province)

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 the SEI: The Associate Tutors
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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 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.

We pray for Lisa as she begins to prepare for her Diaconal Ordination and ministry in Renfrewshire Region.

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 people in their 20s. May their hopes and energy, skills and aspirations be encouraged and developed by the Charges of the Diocese. We pray for Mental Health Services in the NHS and the voluntary sector. We pray for all working on Telephone helplines.

We pray for those who sit with the dying.

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



Saturday 28 August intentions – comm - Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 430

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Ekiti – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ondo Province)

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 (Kirstin Freeman – Rector elect).
- In the SEI: Members of the Management Committee

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 continue to enjoy 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.

We pray for Charges in the last weeks of their priest's presence with them before they leave for a new job.

In our communities

We pray for world leaders in their response to the situation in Afghanistan, especially in relation to those trying to flee having worked for the western nations.

We pray for women and minorities in Afghanistan - may liberation and freedom come to them soon.

We pray for our First Minister Nicola as she leads Scotland.

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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