



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 5 September 2021

Pentecost 15

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 (September) – Racial Justice

You may wish to try the following:

- pray for those involved in racial justice promote observance of Racial Justice Sunday every September in your church
- pray for victims of racist attacks and those who work with them
- help promote Racial Justice issues in your local church network
- discourage racist comments even in casual comments
- promote diversity as a fundamental divine principle
- organise ethnic food festivals
- encourage use of music and liturgy which expresses diversity in the Anglican Communion

Prayer for racial justice

Our heavenly Father,
You made us in your own image and likeness.
Help us to treat everyone with dignity and respect.
You sent your only Son to show us how to live.

Teach us to live like him, loving and caring for everyone.
Help us to remember that we are all members of
the same human family, your family.
Help us to remember that we all experience grief,
hunger, pain, joy and happiness in the same
way whatever our creed, the colour of our skins
or our status in life.
Help us not to judge and be prejudiced
but to be compassionate and kind.
Loving Father, in your mercy, hear our prayer. AMEN

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

**Sunday 5 September intentions, Pentecost
15 – Harvest Celebrations**
Season of Creation



In the Anglican Communion pray for

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

In the SEC we pray for

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Aberdeen & Orkney (Bishop Anne Dyer).
- Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock (Harriet Johnston – priest-elect).
- St Ninian's, Troon (Keith Thomasson).
- In the SEI: Patricia 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 pewsheets – for health, healing, and wholeness in their lives - body, mind and spirit.

We pray for all Charges praying for a successful outcome to their Recovery and Renewal Grant applications at this time: and we pray for those with the responsibility of making the decisions about the grants.

We pray for our engagement with the *Climate Crisis Action Plan 10 Points of Guidance* to play our individual part in addressing the issues that face each one of us and our engagement with the Charge website for this.

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.

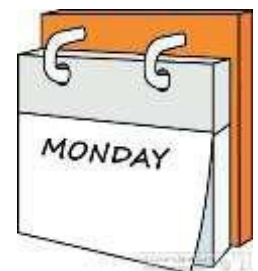
We pray today for people carrying hurt from years past. Those burdened by unresolved issues which cause pain now. May healing and wholeness come to them we pray.

We pray for places offering a home and welcome to those 1500 odd people having fled from Afghanistan to Great Britain. May they have good and peaceful lives here in the UK.

Monday 6 September intentions – *Season of Creation*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Embu – The Anglican Church of Kenya



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 a desire to become more inclusive churches, may we look at our buildings with eye's of help to people with a variety of special needs and make the physical changes that are necessary for us all to be included in all aspects of Church life.

We pray for all people working for the common good.

We pray for all outreach workers seeking to support and help people in need.

In our communities

We pray for people who are unhappy and unfulfilled in their lives.

We pray for all our elected members of the local Councils and our Governments: may they be people of integrity working for the good of all in society.

We pray for a solution to the problem of funding adult social care in the community.

We pray for all who work in the NHS as COVID infection numbers rise.

Tuesday 7 September intentions – *Season of Creation*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Enugu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu 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 and working with Bishop Kevin to plan a way forward for ministry).
- In the SEI: Jackie Fenton, Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, diaconal ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for our Charge engagement with the "10 Points of Guidance" on the Climate Crisis as we consider at home the points in our domestic settings and make our responses for our website.

We pray for the Charities being supported by Olive's Bottle Raffle from Sunday.

We pray for Gill and Rebecca as they continue to seek Tenders for the work at St Johns.

We pray for numerical growth in our Charges at Renfrew and Johnstone.

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 getting ready to marry each other in the coming weeks.

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



Wednesday 8 September intentions – Festival -Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary - *Season of Creation*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Enugu North – 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 Church of Sweden.
- Diocesan Council.
- St Mary's, Gatehouse of Fleet; St Francis of Assisi (Greyfriars), Kirkcudbright (Stephen Hazlett).
- In the SEI: Tim Hatton, Church Army/ Diocese of Edinburgh, Church Army Evangelist in Training

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 we who can attend not forget them and may they feel a part of the whole life of our Charges. We pray for good Priests to respond to the adverts for the Vacancies in the Diocese at this time, and we pray for the Charges managing vacancies.

We pray for our Ecumenical Partners in Johnstone & Renfrew as they meet together this week.

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 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 9 September intentions - *Season of Creation*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Esan – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
(Bendel Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Argyll and the Isles (Bishop 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: Camayo Hyde, Diocese of Edinburgh, Lay Reader
- candidate

In our local Charges

We pray for people living in unemployment at this time, that they may find new opportunities to use their skills and talents in life.

We pray for all who support the mourning and grieving.

We pray for the work of the local Hospices.

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

We pray for our Musicians and music controllers that they may help lead our worship in grace and holiness.

In our communities

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

We pray for the local Authorities in Johnstone & Renfrew as they content with the number of vacant business properties and all who are working for regeneration in the area.

We pray for all project working with children, seeking to give hope, care and a vision for the future.

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



Friday 10 September intentions - *Season of Creation*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Etche – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
(Niger Delta 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 and working with Bishop Kevin to establish a way forward for Ministry).

- In the SEI: Ross Jesmont, Diocese of Edinburgh, Mixed Mode Ordinand

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 our Charge Clergy in their Ministry, may they be faithful witnesses to Christ's call.

We pray for people living through depression at this time.

We pray for Lisa as she prepares for her Diaconal Ordination and ministry in Renfrewshire Region and we pray for Rev Willi and Rev Debbie and Dean Reuben as they plan for her training programme.

In our communities

We pray for people in their 40s. May their hopes and energy, skills and aspirations be encouraged and developed by the Charges of the Diocese.

We pray for "AndysMensClub" as they provide support to men struggling with their mental health.

We pray for all working on Telephone helplines.

We pray for the preparations of the COP26 conference in Glasgow later in the year and our Anglican presence being hosted at St Mary's Cathedral.



Saturday 11 September intentions - *Season of Creation*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Etsako – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
(Bendel Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Diocesan Secretary (John Mitchell).
- East End Team Ministry: St John the Evangelist, Baillieston; St Kentigern's, Dennistoun; St Serf's, Shettleston (Jim Benton-Evans, Lucy Ireland).

- In the SEI: Blayne Peacock, Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for all those who will join in our worship tomorrow, including the online congregational members, 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 and we pray for spiritual protection for Bishop Kevin as he leads us in the paths of righteousness and renewal.

We pray for Charges across the diocese preparing for vacancies and we pray for priests who are getting ready to move on.

In our communities

We pray for world leaders in their response to the situation in Afghanistan.

We pray for women and minorities in Afghanistan - may liberation and freedom come to them soon and may the progressive nations of the world work together to help bring the needed freedoms.

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 and relief of pains and hurts from the past.

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

This Years Ember list from the SEI



Please pray for those to be Ordained to the Diaconate and Licensed to Lay Readership, Michaelmas 2021

Lisa Curtice
Claire Nicholson
Lesley Penny
Philip Schonken
Sandra Wright

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, by your Holy Spirit you have appointed various orders of ministry in the Church: look with mercy on your servants now called to be deacons; maintain them in truth and renew them in holiness, that by word and good example they may faithfully serve you to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church; through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Lisa Curtice to be ordained by the Rt Revd Kevin Pearson in St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, Sunday 26 September, to serve as Regional Curate in the Renfrewshire Region, Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.

Claire Nicholson to be ordained by the Rt Revd Dr John Armes in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, Sunday 26 September, to serve as Assistant Curate at Holy Trinity, Melrose, Diocese of Edinburgh.

Lesley Penny to be ordained by the Rt Revd Dr John Armes in St Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, Sunday 26 September, to serve as Assistant Curate at St Cuthbert's, Colinton, Diocese of Edinburgh.

Philip Schonken to be ordained by the Most Revd Mark Strange in the Cathedral Church of Saint Andrew, Inverness, Saturday 2 October, to serve as Assistant Curate at Holy Trinity Elgin, St Margaret's Lossiemouth and Gordonstoun in the Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness.

Sandra Wright to be licensed by the Rt Revd Dr John Armes in Holy Trinity Haddington, Sunday 3 October, to serve as Lay Reader at Holy Trinity Haddington, Diocese of Edinburgh.

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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