



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 19 September 2021

Pentecost 17

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 19 September intentions, Pentecost 17
Season of Creation

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Diocese of South Dakota – The Episcopal Church
(VI (6) Province)

In the SEC we pray for

- 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: Laura Symon, Moray, Ross and Caithness, ordinan



We pray for Lisa being Ordained Deacon next Sunday, and for Reuben as he is Installed as Dean of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.

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 Bishop Kevin as he enjoys his last week of leave.

We pray for our individual engagement with the *Climate Crisis Action Plan "10 Points of Guidance"* to play our part in addressing the issues that face each one of us and we pray for the preparations for the COP26 gathering in November.

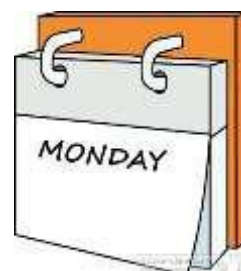
In our communities

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 community members who find the idea of vaccination difficult – especially for those who will lose their jobs because of the decisions they choose to take.

We pray for our careful and thoughtful consumption of the world's resources in all our shopping and living.

We pray for people living chaotic lives and in a state of crisis due to drugs or addiction.



Monday 20 September intentions – commemoration - *John*

Coleridge Patteson, Bishop and Martyr, 1871 *Season of Creation*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Parish of the Falkland Islands – Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury

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

In our local Charges

We pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit and a desire to see our churches grow and develop, may we look at our buildings with eyes 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 more people to come and use our hall at Renfrew to support our outreach into the community.

We pray for our return to the new 'normal' as we get back into weekly worship again

In our communities

We pray young couples who are preparing to live together or get married.

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 all who work in the NHS departments.

Tuesday 21 September intentions - festival - Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist *Season of Creation*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of False Bay – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

In the SEC

- 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

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 changes to the way we are choosing to live.

We pray for the ongoing work on the renewal of the St Johns Church site as we look for builders who will price for the contract.

We pray for numerical growth in our Charges at Renfrew and Johnstone and the part each one of us can play in inviting people to come and be part of the church's lives.

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 children living in care homes, that they might receive the love and care they need to thrive.

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



Wednesday 22 September intentions - *Season of Creation*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Fianarantsoa – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

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 Ambassadors

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 people who have to work to earn a living and cannot get to services in church. That our vestries may be mindful of mission to these people.

We pray for numerical growth in our Charges at Renfrew and Johnstone and the part each one of us can play in inviting people to come and be part of the church's lives.

In our communities

We pray for those who are working 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 23 September intentions - commemoration- Adamnan of Iona, Abbot, 704 - *Season of Creation*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Florida – The Episcopal Church (IV (4)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 people who are unable to work due to ill health

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

We pray for spiritual resilience for our church leaders.

In our communities

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

We pray for the staff in the local Authorities in Johnstone & Renfrew as they content with challenges which the pandemic has brought to their working at home and trying to keep services going smoothly.

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



Friday 24 September intentions - *Season of Creation*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Central Florida – The Episcopal Church
(IV (4) 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- Transitional Minister, Robert Chambers, Gerard McKeown).
- In the SEI: Diocesan Ambassadors

In our local Charges

We pray for people thinking afresh about their values as we emerge from the pandemic situation – we pray for a growth in spiritual engagement with the life of the Episcopal Church.

We pray for people feeling lost or bewildered – may they receive hope for the future.

We pray for Lisa as she prepares for her ministry in Renfrewshire Region and we pray for Rev Willi and Rev Debbie and Dean Reuben as they learn to work and care for her.

In our communities

We pray for people in their 70s. May their hopes and fading energy, skills and aspirations be encouraged and developed by the Charges of the Diocese.

We pray for all volunteers that we may grow together in the care of our community.

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 25 September intentions - commemoration -- Finnbar of Caithness, Bishop, c.610 - *Season of Creation*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Southeast Florida – The Episcopal Church
(IV (4) 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 all those who will join in our worship tomorrow, including the online congregational members.

We pray for our numerical and spiritual growth at St Johns and St Margarets.

We pray for the growth of the Diocese and we pray for priests thinking about applying for the vacancies being advertised at this time – O God send us holy people to serve you.

In our communities

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

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 in number 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 and we pray for the grace to change and adapt to the world as it is now.

We pray for those Vestry members who feel too frail or weak to continue serving, that they may enjoy and participate in Charge life as they are physically able to.

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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