



# Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church  
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone  
Week beginning Sunday 24 October 2021

## Pentecost 22

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.

**9am start Monday to Friday - You can pray with the Renfrewshire Region using the Zoom/Telephone details call 01314601196 Meeting ID: 832 4184 0407# Participant ID: # Passcode: 076546#** Press \*6 on the phone to unmute yourself so that others can hear you joining in or clicking this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83241840407?pwd=YnBqWkxEeW5NMlBuTDRmbDc0cFZhUT09>

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 (October) – The Environment**

You may wish to try the following:

- Pray for the good stewardship of the world and all its riches.
- Undertake an energy audit using the Eco-Congregation Carbon Footprint Calculator from [www.ecocongregationscotland.org.uk](http://www.ecocongregationscotland.org.uk)
- Draw something from the natural world: a leaf, a feather, a pine-cone, a range of mountains. Draw it from life, not a photograph: look at it very carefully and draw it as well as you can. Use it as a prayer of adoration, confession, and supplication, without words.
- Eat mindfully, aware of the work of earth, rain, sun, wind and human endeavour which has brought the food to your table.
- Walk, cycle or use public transport rather than use your car (where possible and practical) to give something back to Creation. For many of us, the car is a necessity but not only is it the biggest killer of teenagers in the UK, it has decimated German and Scandinavian forests through acid rain, it makes our cities unhealthy and noisy, and is one of the biggest contributors to climate change. Car travel is a costly luxury, and every time we choose to walk, cycle or take the bus instead, we have helped reduce our carbon footprint.

- Bank ethically. Do you know what your money is doing? Are your savings or pension funds paying for arms, oppression, or environmental destruction? Banks are keen to publicise their good investment returns, but they know that most people will not ask how the interest is earned. Various ethical investment policies are available: a good starting point is the Co-operative Bank, all of whose investments conform to ethical criteria. You could provide information and help at your church to make it easy for others to put their money where their faith is.
- Use your LOAF when you buy food : try to ensure it's Locally produced, Organically farmed, Animal friendly, Fairly traded. Your shopping bills may increase, and you may find it harder to eat any product at any time of year, but you will probably be eating better quality food, and your money will be doing more good than if you'd given it to charity.
- Enjoy the harvest- celebrate it.

## Litany for Creation

For our cars which kill trees and make children ill: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our packaged meat hiding lives of suffering: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our wheat which has eroded top soil: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our vegetables which have polluted rivers with agri-chemicals: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our light and warmth which cause floods and droughts: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our fast-food which turned rainforest into cattle ranches: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our money gaining high interest by exploiting the earth: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For our children who have never seen the Milky Way: **Christ have mercy upon us.** For our

cheap disposable products that squander the earth's riches: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For the food we eat without asking where it came from: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For the clothes we wear without asking who made them: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For the possessions we replaced but could have mended: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

For the budget flights when we didn't count the cost: **Christ have mercy upon us.** For the statistics in which money is the only measure of wealth: **Christ have mercy upon us.**

**AMEN**

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

**Sunday 24 October intentions, Pentecost 22**

**In the Anglican Communion pray for**

The Extra-Provincial Churches

**In the SEC we pray for**

- 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 (Transitional Minister: Audrey Stewart, Robert Chambers, Gerard McKeown).
- In the SEI: Diocesan Ambassadors

We give thanks for the success of the Diocesan Clergy Pilgrimage and renewal of links with the Galloway Region.

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 the preparations of the COP26 gathering at the end of the month and 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.

We pray for all who are acting as COP26 Chaplains in their training and preparation to offer pastoral support to the international meeting.

## **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.

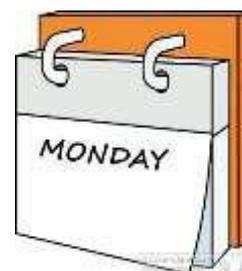
We pray for community groups that are trying to address the issues facing our 21<sup>st</sup> century life.

At Renfrew we pray for the Alcoholics Anonymous groups and the Cocaine Anonymous Group as they work to support people facing addictions in and around Renfrew.

## **Monday 25 October intentions – *feria***

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

The Diocese of Guildford – The Church of England  
(Canterbury 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 the gift of the Holy Spirit and a desire to see our churches grow and develop: may we have eyes to see how to use our buildings more effectively in outreach and mission to change the lives of the vulnerable and needy.

We pray for Renfrew Vestry as they consider which community groups to support by allowing them to hire the hall in the coming months.

We pray for Johnstone Vestry as they organize the Christmas meal to try and reach out to people as we look to the arrival of booster jags and more social mixing.

## **In our communities**

We pray parents getting ready for the baptism of their young ones.

We pray for all our local political leaders and our elected councillors.

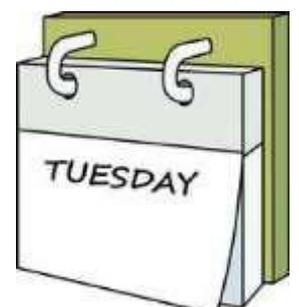
We pray for all who are working to plan and distribute the Flu and COVID vaccine boosters.

We pray for the British Government and our Scottish Government as they respond to the rising fuel costs for industry and commerce as well as in the domestic setting.

## **Tuesday 26 October intentions - feria**

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

The Diocese of Guinea – The Church of the Province of West Africa (West Africa Province)



## **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 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 Gill Reynolds and Rebecca Cadie as they sift the tender applications for St Johns and we pray for the successful delivery of the Building Warrant from the Renfeshire Authority.

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 churches' lives.

We pray for people in our Charges to offer themselves for election in our forth coming AGMs.

## **In our communities**

We pray for all parents, mothers and fathers, and for foster carers and especially at this time we pray for adults going through the vetting processes to become foster or adoptive parents.

We pray for the work of The Samaritans supported by St Johns through their Harvest fundraising this year.

We pray for people facing addictions: drugs, sex, money, alcohol, prestige, internet.... For the groups running 12 step programmes to help people find new freedom and a management of their inclinations.

## Wednesday 27 October intentions – *feria*

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

The Diocese of Gujarat – The (united) Church of North India



### **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

### **In our local Charges**

We pray for spiritual renewal in our Charges and a sense of pride in our community life together that enables us to invite others to come and join us.

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, outreach and support to these people often working difficult shift patterns that don't fit our outdated Sunday services times.

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

We pray gifted and enthusiastic people to come and join our Charges lives and for people who are looking for meaning in their lives.

### **In our communities**

We pray for those who are working carers in the residential care settings of our Charges. We pray for all sheltered housing projects. 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 28 October intentions** - *festival - Simon and Jude, Apostles*

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

The Diocese of Central Gulf Coast – The Episcopal Church (IV (4) 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, Robert Burgon, Richard Evans).
- St Paul and St John the Evangelist, Monklands (Kirstin Freeman).
- In the SEI: Members of the Management Committee

### **In our local Charges**

We pray for people who are worried about their jobs and their ability to heat their homes in the coming months.

We pray for the government's engagement with the issues of sovereignty across our nations and of border controls in Northern Ireland.

We pray for people who realise it is time to move into residential or sheltered housing care settings.

We pray for our Renfrewshire Region as the Clergy Chapter begin to consider the use of Pastoral Supervision as a toll to aid their Well-Being.

### **In our communities**

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

We pray all the staff of the Planning Departments as they consider the backlog of building associated applications.

We give thanks for all volunteers continuing to sustain the most vulnerable in our community and this week we pray for our Ecumenical Partners at the North Parish of Renfrew as they seek new volunteers to help staff their Coffee Bar.

**Friday 29 October intentions** – *commemoration - James Hannington, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs, 1885*

**In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

The Diocese of Gusau – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kaduna Province)



**In the SEC**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: General Synod Office (John Stuart, Secretary General).
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Provincial Standing Committee & Provincial Boards.
- Chaplaincy in Hospitals, Education and Commerce.
- Anglican Chaplaincy, University of Glasgow (Kelvin Holdsworth, Oliver Brewer-Lennon).
- In the SEI: Revd Dr John McNeil Scott and the staff of the Scottish URC College

**In our local Charges**

We pray for people thinking afresh about their personal values as we emerge from the pandemic situation into a different future with the Climate Crisis at the heart of all that we do in the future – we pray for a growth in spiritual engagement with the life of the Episcopal Church. We pray for the work of our Spiritual Growth Group & our Friday night telephone Compline.

We pray for each other as we re-connect with the community again and start to join in activities across the towns and villages: especially we pray for our Charges in helping to address the contemporary issues facing people's lives.

We pray for our Regional Clergy: Rev's Debbie, Willi, Audrey, Lisa and Reuben.

**In our communities**

We pray for primary aged children, especially those new to school this year, and those who are bringing toddlers and youngsters to our

Churches. May they receive a welcome and come to find a place and a home in the life of our Charges.

We pray for all volunteers that we may grow together in the care of our community and never to cease to give of our gifts and talents for the common good.

We pray for the preparations of the COP26 conference in Glasgow amidst the difficulty of keeping everyone safe.



## **Saturday 30 October intentions** – *feria*

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

The Diocese of Guyana – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

### **In the SEC**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- The Methodist Church in Scotland (Mark Slaney).
- The United Reformed Church (Paul Whittle).
- EMU Partnership Agreement.
- In the SEI: Mixed Mode Supervisors and Placement Supervisors

### **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 the effective working of the newly installed internet at St Margarets.

We pray for the Charges of our diocese seeking new priests, and we pray for all engaged in writing applications for the advertised posts.

We pray for Bishop Kevin as he discerns who to invite to apply for posts across the Diocese.

### **In our communities**

We pray for world leaders in all the difficult situations that they face right now, including our relationship with Afghanistan and the high carbon production Nations.

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

We give thanks for widowers and widows who are part of our Church lives we pray that they may grow to full maturity of faith and know they have a valued place within the life of Christ's Church.

We pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit to reach out in new ways to the world in the communities we serve.

We pray for our vestries as we look towards the 2021 AGMs in November.

**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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