



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 31 October 2021

All Saints week

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.

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=YnBqWkxEeW5NMIBuTDRmbDc0cFZhUT09>

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 (November) – Domestic Abuse

You may wish to try the following:

- pray for the victims of domestic violence and the perpetrators
- include prayers for perpetrators and victims of violence, and for agencies that assist abused women in services
- hold a special service for women victims of violence and abuse, giving them a space to tell their story in the context of the liturgy
- preach/invite a guest preacher on this topic
- use the Mothers' Union worship drama entitled The Empty Chair
- observe the 16 Days: 25 Nov - 10 Dec

The 16 Days movement is an international campaign which began in 1991. Every year, all around the world, imaginative action by grassroots organisations and women's networks raises awareness, and inspires change, to overcome different forms of violence against women.

November 25 is the anniversary of the brutal murders of three sisters in the Dominican Republic in 1960 and has been designated UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. December 10 is International Human Rights Day, a sign of the

fact that violence against women is a violation of human rights. The 16 Day period also includes World AIDS Day (1 December) and the anniversary of the Montreal Massacre (6 December), when a man gunned down 14 female engineering students.

From Scotland to the World

Lord, be with the homeless on the streets of Scotland.

And lest we forget the extent of your love,

We ask that you might be not only with all the people sleeping rough on Scottish streets, but also with those sleeping in the dusty highways and shanty towns of your creation.

In the loneliness of a thousand cardboard boxes,

And in the squalid darkness of a thousand doorways,

Homeless Saviour, be with your homeless children wherever they may be. AMEN

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

Sunday 31 October intentions, Pentecost 23

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

In the SEC we pray for

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- The Anglican Communion.
- The Primates' Meeting.
- The Anglican Consultative Council (Alistair Dinnie, Jenny Wright).
- In the SEI: SEI Staff



We pray for the move into the new Diocesan Centre in Cochrane Street, especially we pray for a project manager to help organise the move smoothly.

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 COP26 gathering beginning at this time 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 especially for Rev Dr Lisa Curtice our SEC Chaplain for Glasgow

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 people struggling with the big issues of our age as we are coming out of the pandemic lockdown experience and all support groups seeking to make support and help available.

Monday 1 November intentions – festival - All Saints Day

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Gwagwalada – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Abuja Province)



In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Those in training for ordained and lay ministries.
- Bishop Gregor Duncan, Bishop Idris Jones, Bishop John Taylor, Bishop Gordon Mursell, all retired clergy and those in Post-Retiral Ministry.
- The Church of Scotland.
- The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland.
- In the SEI: Niccolò Aliano, Diocese of Edinburgh, Mixed Mode ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for the work of the COP26 gathering today.

We pray for those offering spiritual input to the discussions especially the

world faith leaders.

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 addressing the issues of global climate crisis.

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 for people getting ready for their wedding celebrations in the coming weeks.

We pray for our neighbours in our streets – may we be mindful of the needs of others and keep an eye out for each other.

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

We pray for our MPs and SMPs in their work in their constituencies.



Tuesday 2 November intentions - Commemoration – *All Souls Day*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Haiti – The Episcopal Church (II (2) Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- Pastoral Assistants, Eucharistic Assistants, Worship Leaders and Spiritual Companions in the Diocese.
- North Ayrshire Team: St Andrew's, Ardrossan; St Peter's, Dalry; St Andrew's, Irvine (Lee Johnston, Linda Whitby, Margaret Williams).
- In the SEI: Val Cameron, Diocese of Edinburgh, diaconal ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for the work of the COP26 gathering today.

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 new people to come and join the lives of our Charges, and we pray for children to come and become part of our Charge lives as well.

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

In our communities

We pray for all grand-parents, especially those a long way away from their grandchildren, and for all who seek to support family life.

We pray for the work of St Vincent's Hospice 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.

We pray for all who remember loved ones on this ALL SOULS DAY.

Wednesday 3 November intentions – commemoration - Richard Hooker, Priest and Teacher of the Faith, 1660

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Hanuato'o – The Anglican Church of Melanesi

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- The Dean (Reuben Preston).
- Lay Representatives, Alternate Lay Representatives and members of Regional Councils.
- Holy Trinity, Ayr (Martyn Trembath).
- St Oswald's, Maybole (Jim Geen, Liz Crumlish).
- In the SEI: Godwin Chimara, Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, Ordinand



In our local Charges

We pray for the work of COP26 gathering today.

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 the Church's outreach to people working on Sundays – may we not forget their spiritual needs.

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 for new people to come and join the lives of our Charges.

In our communities

We pray for those who work for the Glasgow City Mission and all engaged in supporting the homeless and vulnerable of our society.

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 4 November intentions - *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Harare – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania.
- St Columba's, Largs (Vacant).
- St Ninian's, Prestwick (Jane Ross).
- In the SEI: Tony Clapham, Diocese of Argyll and the Isles, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray the work of the COP26 gathering and for the Chaplains on duty from the Christian Ecumenical group in Glasgow and for Lisa our Curate as she engages in the work of COP26.

We pray for all businesses seeking to find new staff in these challenging times.

We pray for people moving house this week: that they may cope with all the stresses and strains of being in a new place, and that they find and receive a welcome in their new homes.

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 museums and art galleries: especially at this time praying for the renovation works taking place in Paisley.

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 5 November intentions – feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Hawaii – The Episcopal Church (VIII (8) Province

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Aberdeen & Orkney (Bishop Anne Dyer).
- Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock (Harriett Johnston – priest-designate).
- St Ninian's, Troon (Keith Thomasson).
- In the SEI: Patricia Ellison, Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, Lay Reader candidate

In our local Charges

We pray for the work of the COP26 gathering today.

We pray for each other as we are called to be thinking afresh about our 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 Spiritual Growth in our Charges – that we may look outward to the needs of our communities.

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 Council and our Regional Clergy: Rev's Debbie, Willi, Audrey, Lisa and Reuben.

In our communities

We pray for high-school aged children, especially those beginning to study for examinations and all the preparations that are necessary throughout the year. May they receive the support and encouragement they need from teachers and their families.

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, and we pray for all engaged in fundraising for charities in new ways appropriate to 2021 and beyond.



Saturday 6 November intentions – feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Saint Helena – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

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 the work of the COP26 gathering and all Christians working to bring a Christ-filled voice to the proceedings.

We pray for our own cathedral and all the endeavours being made to engage in the Christian reflection on the Climate Crisis issues.

We pray for all those who will join in our worship tomorrow, including the online congregational members.

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 debates and decisions needed to help protect the environment for our children and childrens-children.

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

We give thanks for the work and contribution of single people to the life of our Charges. May we always spend time with people living alone and be mindful of their needs in all aspects of our church life.

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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