



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 28 November

Advent 1

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 Charges of St John's Johnstone & St Margaret's Renfrew

Sunday 28 November intentions, Advent Sunday

In the Anglican Communion pray for

Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

In the SEC we pray for

- 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



We pray for the working out of the COP26 conclusions and challenges in the nations of the world and in local policy and implementation here in the UK

We pray for the plans to move the Diocesan Office goods and chattles to the new Diocesan Centre.

We pray for all the Charges of our Diocese as we start this new year of St Luke on this Advent Sunday.

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 Diocesan, Charges' and our individual engagement with the *10 Points of Guidance on the Climate Crisis*

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 as they are starting up again and beginning to support people.

Monday 29 November intentions – feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Idoani – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ondo 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 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 our Vestry members – may they have eyes and ears to discern your call to us in the coming months.

We pray for St Johns as they prepare for the building works beginning in 2022.

In our communities

We pray for one another that we might be deal with the changes in the fire-safety regulation come into effect next spring: especially we pray for all landlords in their care of their tenants.

We pray for Counsellors and Support workers as they help people cope with their situations.

We pray for our local Police and PCSOs



Tuesday 30 November intentions - *festival– St Andrew Apostle*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Ife – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
(Ibadan Province)

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 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 our Advent Group meeting on Wednesday evenings – may we draw closer to Christ

We pray for the preparations for the Christmas meals at St Johns and St Margarets

In our communities

We pray for the Mental Health services of the NHS and all who work for them.

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 struggles and inclinations.

We pray for our Nation on this St Andrew's Day

Wednesday 1 December intentions – *commemoration - Charles de Foucauld, Priest and Hermit, 1916*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Ife East – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ibadan 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 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 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 SEC's online ministry as we think of our virtual ministry.

In our communities

We pray for people remembering the death of friends and family due to HIV/AIDS.

We pray for people in Scotland living with HIV/AIDS and the services helping people live well.

We pray for those who work with the homeless, refugees and asylum seekers in our country, especially the various community projects offering help and support in Glasgow.

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 2 December intentions - *comm* -
Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

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

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The 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 (Lee Johnston, Linda Whitby, Margaret Williams).
- In the SEI: Val Cameron, Diocese of Edinburgh, diaconal ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for the people in the world who challenge us to look after the planet better – all protest groups seeking to establish fairer use of resources for the good of all nations

We pray for mother living with HIV/AIDS who are pregnant at this time.

We pray for our Renfrewshire Region Clergy Chapter – for blessing on ministry offered in the name of the SEC.

In our communities

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

We pray ecumenical relationships in Renfrew and Johnstone as we travel through this Advent season.

Friday 3 December intentions – *comm - Francis Xavier, Priest and Missionary, 1552*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Igbomina – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kwara Province)



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 all those engaged with the mediation taking place in Aberdeen and Orkney Diocese.

We pray for the NHS as it roles out the Flu vaccinations.

We pray for the Charges of our Region: St Margarets Renfrew, St Johns Johnstone, Holy Trinity Paisley, St Marys Port Glasgow, St Fillans Kilmacolm, St Marys Bridge of Weir, St Johns Greenock and St Bartholemhews Gourock.

In our communities

We pray for staff at our Universities who use their knowledge and skills to help our students learn and prepare for the next stages of their lives. We pray for Youth Clubs and all groups working to raise the aspirations of young people



Saturday 4 December intentions – *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Igbomina - West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kwara Province)

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 for each other as we engage with aspects of Climate Crisis in our own homes and lives and as we think about the Christmas gifts we select for our friends and families.

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

We pray for the sacristans and vergers as they make our churches run smoothly.

In our communities

We pray for world leaders in all the difficult decisions needed around the world to help protect the environment for our children and children's-children.

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

We give thanks for young adults in the life of our Charges. May we always have eyes to discern and use each others giftings and wisdom for the common good as well as support them in these challenging times.

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

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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