



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 2 January 2022

Christmas 2

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.

**There is no zoom Morning Prayer
until 10 January 2022**

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 (January) – Homelessness

You may wish to try the following:

- pray for homeless people
- give money to charities working with the homeless
- give meal tokens to homeless people
- give a chocolate bar or a cup of coffee to a homeless person you meet on the street
- Buy the Big Issue regularly (more than half of the cost goes directly to the vendor) and get to know each of the different vendors on your way round Town
- give your time to talk to people and try to establish a rapport
- make those who are homeless feel wanted, loved and included
- see what your Church can do for Scotland's homeless by applying for an information pack for the annual 'Homelessness Sunday'; Church Action on Poverty Week is at the end of January to the beginning of February

- volunteer for the Bethany Care Van which operates 365 days per year
- become a Friend of the SCHA and receive a monthly newsletter giving you regular updates on the Scottish Churches' collective endeavour to help the homeless on our streets
- buy a Caring Christmas Tree from Bethany Christian Trust
- save money as well as supporting a variety of homelessness charities through the ethical banking firm 'Triodos', a plethora of different saving policies allows you to save money and contribute differing proportions of the interest made to support various homeless charities

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 2 January 2022 intentions - 2nd Sunday after
Christmas**

In the Anglican Communion pray for

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

In the SEC we pray for

- 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

We pray for our UK response to the current pandemic situation – for our leaders in politics, science, health care and social policy

We pray for hope, and an end to the coronavirus pandemic throughout the world and healing for all who are suffering from Covid-19 at home and in hospital especially as we deal with the omicron variant.

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* as we begin living in 2022

We give thanks for the opportunity to share in worship over the festive period

In our communities

We pray for all those involved in the increased vaccination programme in the UK and against COVID across the entire world, for those who have the responsibility for making this happen here in the UK and overseas.

We pray all working and volunteering with the NHS at this time

We pray for the fundraising of St Johns as they buy Birth Certificates for the street children of Latin America this Christmas-tide

We pray for our friends who we haven't seen for a while.

Monday 3 January intentions - feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Isiala-Ngwa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Aba 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 Reuben as he celebrates his birthday today

We pray for St Johns as the preparations begin for the building works to start at the end of February.

We pray for the work of the Salvation Army in Paisley as they support homeless people in the area.

In our communities

We pray for all our ecumenical partners in our communities and our ecumenical groups and support networks.

We pray for the work of the pre-school age carers and also extended family members who offer help and support in our families.

We pray for the work of the Episcopal Church's engagement with Homelessness across Scotland.

Tuesday 4 January intentions - feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Isial-Ngwa South – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Aba 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 (Rev Mark Goodman – Rector-elect).
- 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 all pregnant women who are looking to the birth of their babies.

We pray for midwives and those supporting pregnant women and their partners at this time.

We pray for our Charge engagement with the "10 Points of Guidance" on the Climate Crisis as we consider how we can implement them in 2022 in our home settings.

We pray for the Emergency Services staff in their work at the start of this new year.

In our communities

We pray for all staff in our schools and nurseries that they get ready for a new school term to begin.

We especially pray for those groups we raise our awareness of the modern-slave trade and the police who are working to bring liberation to people whose lives are caught up in modern-slavery.

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 the engagement of our Charges in the lives of Johnstone & Renfrew.

Wednesday 5 January intentions – *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Isikwuato – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Aba 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 (Harriet Johnston).
- 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 spiritual renewal in our Charges, and a desire for our individual and corporate spiritual growth.

We pray for growth in the lives of our Charges – and we pray for the preparations for the Lent Course in March

We pray for our Lay Worship Leaders: Pat, John, David and Gill

In our communities

We pray for people in Scotland living homeslessly, we pray for the nation efforts to bring an end to homelessness.

We pray for those who work with 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 6 January intentions - Festival - **Epiphany**

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Northern Izo – 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 Norway.
- St John the Evangelist, Annan; St John the Evangelist, Easttriggs; 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 future of the earth as we all work towards the challenges of the COP26 outcomes and adapt the way we live and use energy in our lives and homes especially as we plan in 2022.

We pray for the Eco-Congregations movement and our Charges as we consider a relationship with them in 2022.

We pray for our Renfrewshire Region Clergy and for the Heartlands Group as they consider their future working together.

In our communities

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

We pray for people living with special needs and the support groups which offer support and encouragement.



Friday 7 January intentions – *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

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

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Bishop's Core Group.
- All Saints, Challoch, with the Whithorn Fellowship & St Margaret of Scotland, New Galloway (Vacant and advertizing)
- In the SEI: Jackie Fenton, Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, diaconal ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for growth in the lives of our Charges I the year ahead

We pray for the NHS as it roles out the increased vaccination programme and the decision makers who are determining how we shall be living over the coming months.

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 as we look to our mission and ministry in 2022.

In our communities

We pray for the Local Council's as they deal with the increased vacant shops in our high streets: especially the town planners and researchers. We pray for widows and widowers: especially those living through their first year with a loved one no longer beside them.

We pray for the families and young people who are part of the lives of our Charges.

Saturday 8 January 2022 intentions – *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

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

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 our family members, especially those living with long term health issues.

We pray for St John's support of the ToyBox Birth Certificate giving collection over the festive period until Candlemas.

We pray for our engagement with the Homeless Charities working around about.

We pray for the support groups meeting in St Margarets Hall

In our communities

We pray for world leaders in the national work which has to be done to live out the COP26 resolutions

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

We pray for all locally elected Counsellors and the MPs and MSPs

We pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit to inspire us into faithful and sacrificial living as we look to 2022.

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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