



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 16 January 2022

Epiphany 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.

Zoom Morning Prayer is on the link below

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

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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 16 January 2022 intentions – Epiphany 2

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Church of England

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 Iceland.
- Diocesan Makar (Kirstin Freeman).

- St Augustine's, Dumbarton (Heller González).
- In the SEI: Louise Sanders, Northern Synod United Reformed Church, Ordinand

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

We pray 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 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 Diocese and Charges' as well as our individual engagement with the *10 Points of Guidance on the Climate Crisis* as we plan for change during 2022

We give thanks for the gift of life in our Church community and we pray for everyone who joins in the services online at home.

In our communities

We pray for all those involved in the increased vaccination against COVID across the entire world and for leaders who have the opportunity to make this happen in the months of 2022.

We pray all suffering from the 'blues' in the month of January and those who are looking for new opportunities in the lives.

We pray for everyone trying to live out their new-year's resolutions, and all who are struggling to make themselves more physically active.

We pray for the growth of our churches' lives in 2022 and we pray for grace to welcome new people with joy into our Charges.

We pray for people seeking employment and a new purpose in their lives.

Monday 17 January intentions - commemoration - Antony of Egypt,
Abbot, 356

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Johannesburg – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Edinburgh (Bishop John Armes).
- Diocesan Architect (Rebecca Cadie); Diocesan Surveyor (Elliott Glenesk).
- All Saints, Bearsden; (Vacant).
- St Michael & All Angels, Helensburgh (Dominic Ind, Pat Smith, Kevin Boak).
- In the SEI: Janet Spence, Diocese of Edinburgh, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for the children of our Charges and those who used to be able to come to Sunday School.

We pray for St Johns as the preparations begin for the building works to start at the end of February; all the preparations that are necessary to get ready for the works to begin and the organizing and clearing out of old stuff.

We pray for our digital outreach through the website and our facebook interactions.

In our communities

We pray for people facing financial difficulties.

We pray for couples going through difficult periods in their relationships.

We pray for leaders of Community Clubs and Groups which we belong to.

We pray for the work of the Secondary Schools in our Charges as they cope with the beginning of this new year and new term.

We pray for the work of the Episcopal Church's engagement with Homelessness across Scotland especially the work of the Aberlour groups in Govan.

Tuesday 18 January intentions - *commemoration - The Confession of Peter*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Jos – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Jos Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Church in Wales.
- Drumchapel Ecumenical Partnership.
- All Saints, Jordanhill (Sydney Maitland).
- In the SEI: Ross Stirling-Young, Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for all grand-parents who help to look after their grand children day to day.

We pray for families facing testing times: financially, emotionally or with cases of addiction.

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 domestic settings.

We pray for the local authority staff working in recreation and health and those who are outreach workers in Renfrewshire.

In our communities

We pray for all people who have moved home this week: that they may get to know their neighbours and settle into their new dwellings quickly.

We pray for people facing the consequences of natural disaster over the week gone by: for people who are now homeless, those who have lost their possessions and who mourn for loved ones and friends.

We pray for people who are grieving this week.

We pray for new people to come and join our Charges that we might grow numerically in size as Church congregations.

Wednesday 19 January intentions – *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Juba – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Diocesan Property Committee (Reuben Preston).
- St Aidan's, Clarkston (Nicholas Taylor).
- St Margaret of Scotland, Newlands (Gordon Fyfe, David Jasper, Charlotte Methuen).
- In the SEI: Laura Symon, Moray, Ross and Caithness, ordinand

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 Lent courses this year and we pray for the Ignatian Spirituality Centre as they prepare for the Lent course

We pray for our Vestry Secretaries: Kay & Moira.

In our communities

We pray for people in Scotland living homeslessly, we pray for the national 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 people having to make difficult decisions about caring for others – especially those putting loved ones into residential care this week.

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 20 January intentions - feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kabba – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lokoja Province)

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 world leaders as they tackle the Climate Crisis.

We pray for the communities who live in areas threatened by rising sea levels.

We pray for wildlife groups dealing with solution in the sea and our waterways.

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

We pray for our Renfrewshire Region Clergy and Vestries as they plan and look to the year ahead.

In our communities

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

We pray for Trades Unions as they seek to support their members.

We pray for people living with long term health conditions and physical pain and the support groups which offer support and encouragement.



Friday 21 January intentions – *commemoration - Agnes, Martyr, c.304*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kadugli & Nuba Mountains – Province of the

Episcopal Church of Sudan

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Moray, Ross and Caithness (Bishop Mark Strange).
- Good Shepherd & Ascension, Hillington; Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley (Deborah Davison).
- In the SEI: Revd Canon Graham Taylor, Chaplain to SEI

In our local Charges

We pray for growth in the lives of our Charges in the year ahead as we actively reach out to offer the invitation to faith in Christ Jesus to others
We pray for people who are struggling with their faith in Christ at this time.

We pray for a desire to pray and join in with God's mission in the world.
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 in 2022.

In our communities

We pray for a greater sense of community in Renfrew and Johnstone and we pray for the Community Councils and their voice in building a better community in which to live.

We pray for LGBTQIA+ people in the challenges they face at home, at work and in society. We pray for the support projects offering help and friendship in times of difficulty.

We pray for more families to come and join the lives of our Charges.
We pray for countries filled with strife and warring – that our leaders and aid agencies may do all they can to bring harmony and peace.

Saturday 22 January 2022 intentions – *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

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

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, Lisa Curtice).
- In the SEI: Revd Canon Ian Barcroft, Provincial Director of Ordinands

In our local Charges

We pray for a sense of friendship in our Churches especially as we cannot yet enjoy tea/coffee after the services yet.

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

We pray for Chrities who help the forgotten of the world: children, orphans, widows and the homeless.

We pray for the local Salvation Army outreach work in Paisley.

We pray for the support groups meeting in St Margarets Hall

We pray for St Johns that is may – after the renovations – become a hub of care and concern to the people of Johnstone.

In our communities

We pray for world civic leaders, and those responsible for helping young people learn to become good members of society.

We pray for the people of Scotland.

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

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

We pray for financial giving in our Charges to enable us to reach out in mission.

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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