



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 30 January 2022

Epiphany 4

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 (February) – Well-Being

- Do you provide the Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC) Liturgy in Braille?
- Is there a hearing loop?
- Is there space for a wheelchair or buggy in the body of the church?
- Are the toilets accessible?
- Is the language you use inclusive?

Help and advice can be had from the SEC's Church For All Group: contact churchrelations@scotland.anglican.org

You may wish to try the following:

- pray for the well-being of others
- undertake an accessibility audit for your church premises
- enrol on a first-aid course with the St Andrew's Ambulance Association or the Red Cross
- give blood regularly

- volunteer in the local hospital or hospice
- volunteer as an advocate for one of the local advocacy charities
- become a DJ on hospital radio
- become a reader for Talking Newspapers
- fundraise
- become a puppy walker for charities who train assistance dogs

A Prayer for people with disabilities

Lord, we give thanks for the glorious diversity of ability within your children,
 Open us up to see you in the differing abilities of the different people we meet,
 Let us recognise the insight of the blind,
 Let us hear your voice in the deaf,
 Let us encounter your Wisdom in those with learning difficulties.
 For although different, together in our great diversity of gifts and abilities we reflect the inexhaustible richness of your love, and the beauty of your holy name. Amen

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

Sunday 30 January 2022 intentions – Epiphany 4 – Presentation of Christ in the Temple (trans)

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

In the SEC we pray for

- 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

We pray for the Nations of the UK as the pandemic effects still affect our daily living.

We pray for an end to the coronavirus pandemic throughout the world.

We pray for those named on our pewsheet – for health, healing, and wholeness in their lives - body, mind and spirit.

We pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church as we engage with the *10 Points of Guidance on the Climate Crisis*.

We give thanks for the gift of our Church buildings handed down to us from previous generations – may we cherish and share them and invite others to enjoy them and discover God's presence with them.

In our communities

As we remember Simeon and Anna today we give thanks for all who are old and faithful in our communities: may we all cherish their contribution to our common life.

We pray for all those involved in the increased vaccination against COVID across the entire world: may their work bring hope and freedom to the world.

We pray for new people to join our Charges in 2022.

We pray for new vocations to all types of ministry in our Charges.

We pray for people facing difficulties in coping: financially, emotionally and spiritually.

We pray for people who need assistance in living independently and we pray for all groups and organizations who offer support and friendship to people living with life limiting conditions.

Monday 31 January intentions - commemoration - Charles Mackenzie of Central Africa, Bishop, Missionary, Martyr, 1862

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

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

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- The Anglican Communion.

- The Primates' Meeting.
- The Anglican Consultative Council (Alistair Dinnie).
- In the SEI: SEI staff

In our local Charges

We pray for each other that we may recognise the gifts that we have to share with the life of Christ's church

We continue to pray for St Johns as the preparations begin for the building works to start at the end of February – for the builder Garry Flemming and the architect Rebecca Cadie.

We pray for St Margarets installation of broadband in the coming days – may it take place successfully.

We pray for our members who are having difficulty walking and getting around, and also our wheelchair using members.

In our communities

We pray for families worried about the increasing costs of living.

We pray for the work of the food banks and those we support.

We pray for the work of the Hospices locally: their work in caring for those preparing to die.

We pray for an end to homelessness: for aid groups dealing with immediate need and leaders making decisions for the future.

As we commemorate Charles Mackenzie today we pray for all whose faith bring them physical violence meted out against them: may they have courage and the consolation of the Lord Jesus.

Tuesday 1 February intentions - *commemoration - Bride of Kildare, Abbess, c.525*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kansas – The Episcopal Church (VII (7) 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 the Compassion children sponsored by St Margarets and we pray for Jane Turner in her role of Project link, and Doreen as she collects the monthly funding to sustain them in their learning and development.

We pray for people learning to live with a new physical disability 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 domestic settings.

We pray for Emergency Services staff at in the Fire Service, and those working on the phones of 999 desks.

In our communities

We pray for all people who are unemployed at the moment and seeking a new job.

We pray at the start of this new month for our Ecumenical Partners in Johnstone and Renfrew.

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

We pray for charities helping people with disabilities to live independently.

Wednesday 2 February intentions – *festival* – **Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Western Kansas – The Episcopal Church (VII (7) 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 spiritual lead given in our Charges by older people following the example of Simeon and Anna.

We pray for our worship today in our Charges and all who will gather in our buildings and online to mark the end of our '40 days of unremitting joy' over the Christmastide season.

We pray for our Vestry members in leading our Charges in the year ahead.

In our communities

We pray for people in Scotland living with physical and mental disabilities that inhibit their lives and their carers and helpers.

We pray for people who have recently moved to Scotland to seek a new life – that like Anna and Simeon they may have a new vision for their remaining days.

We pray for people facing court proceeding this week with all the stress and worry it brings.

We pray for our governments in these times of political tension and acrimony – that good honest and clear leadership may evolve.

Thursday 3 February intentions - commemoration - Saints and Martyrs of Europe

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kanyakumari – The (united) Church of South India

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 communities who live in areas threatened by rising sea levels or in fear of forest fires.

We pray for wildlife groups dealing the distress caused by the climate changes to animals across the world.

We pray for St Margarets as we consider accessibility to our building to try and provide the same experience for all people coming to St Margarets.

We pray for the people from Church that we have not seen for a long time, and we miss.

We pray for parents looking after children with challenging behaviours.

In our communities

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

We pray for all the local authority planners – especially in the consideration of resuming full services in our libraries and sports & social venues.

We pray for people living with physical pain in their bodies and those who live or care for them.



Friday 4 February intentions – *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kapoeta – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Eastern Equatoria 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 one another that we have grace in our dealings with other people – that our lives may shine with the love, peace and hope of Christ Jesus.

We pray for people exploring the Christian faith at this time and those preparing for baptism, confirmation and reception into the SEC.

We give thanks for the life of our Charges.

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

We pray for the Well-Being of our clergy and Lay Readers in the Diocese.

In our communities

We pray for a growth in the sense of community in Renfrew and Johnstone.

We pray for people facing personal trauma due to recent disabilities.

We pray for new families to come and join the lives of our Charges.

We pray for countries where people are facing the consequences of natural disaster and those who face military engagements from neighbouring states – may peace and negotiation prevail.

Saturday 5 February 2022 intentions – *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kapsabet – The Anglican Church of Kenya

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 a renewed prayer life in our Charges as we look to Lent beginning at the start of March, and we pray for those who will be leading Lent Groups in their preparations.

We pray for the Vestries as they plan for the Recovery and Renewal activities.

We pray for the year ahead in our Charges that we may be able to engage with the communities we serve in mission and outreach.

In our communities

We pray for the local YMCA projects helping young men take up a responsible part in society.

We pray for people who are seeking to deepen their faith at this time.

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

We pray for people thinking about their Wills at this time and their Bequest Giving to our Charges for the generations to come.

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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