



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 6 February 2022

Epiphany 5

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>

Tel: 0131 460 1196 Meeting ID: 832 4184 0407 Passcode: 076546
and *6 to unmute on the 'phone

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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 6 February 2022 intentions – Epiphany 5

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Church of Ireland

In the SEC we pray for

- 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

We pray for the people of Scotland as we learn to live with COVID in our midst and as we learn to negotiate our daily lives and activities with the virus every present.

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 issues of the Climate Crisis and as our Vestries consider the actions that can be taken in each Charge to help the world situation.

In our communities

As we begin to look towards the start of Lent today, we pray for all who are preparing Lent courses and activities: may we support all that is being done to nurture our souls and spirits this year.

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

We pray for those looking after our Church and Hall buildings this year.

We pray for people facing despair and hopelessness in their lives today - that somehow and through someone the light of Christ may shine forth.

We pray for the local authorities in the planning of public services over the coming year.

Monday 7 February intentions - commemoration - Paul Miki, Priest, and the Martyrs of Japan, 1597 [6] Red (translated from 6 February)

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Karachi – The (united) Church of Pakistan

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 (Vacant).
- St Margaret of Scotland, New Galloway (Vacant).
- In the SEI: Jackie Fenton, Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, diaconal ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for each other that we may grow a deepening desire to seek God's Spirit in our lives.

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 after the frustrating attempts so far.

We pray for our members who need to use wheel chairs to help them in their daily living.

In our communities

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

We pray for more volunteers to help with the local food banks.

We pray for the work of outreach workers seeking to support people with gambling and debt problems

We pray for new priests to come and join our Diocese and forge a new way ahead for being the Episcopal Church in the coming years.

Tuesday 8 February intentions - feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Karamoja – The Church of the Province of Uganda

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 children at this time in our national history:- for their teachers and those who care for them at home.

We pray for people going to prison this week: for the shock and worry and anxiety it brings to them and their loved ones.

We pray for our Charge engagement with the "10 Points of Guidance" on the Climate Crisis as we actively consider how we can implement them on our Church sites.

We pray for the local Doctors Surgeries and the staff who work at them.

In our communities

We pray for all people who are feeling alone at this time:- especially this week we pray for single people in their different situations.

We pray for the Ecumenical Chapters in Renfrew and Johnstone as we begin to start meeting again.

We pray for people facing the consequences of natural disaster overseas and here in the UK: those clearing up and sorting out storm damage from last week's storms.

We pray for charities helping young adult men in their mental health.

Wednesday 9 February intentions – *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of North Karamoja – The Church of the Province of Uganda

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Argyll and the Isles (Bishop Keith Riglin).
- St Ninian's, Castle Douglas (Christopher Ketley, Alan Rumble).
- Christ Church, Dalbeattie (Christopher Ketley, John Simmons, Helen Evans).
- In the SEI: Camayo Hyde, Diocese of Edinburgh, Lay Reader Candidate

In our local Charges

We pray for ourselves as members of the Charges – that we might choose to join in the Lent events actively in 2022.

We pray for our midweek Wednesday services and for those who come to join in on Zoom/telephone as well.

We pray for our Renfrewshire Regional Council as it considers the *10 Points of Guidance* in the coming meeting.

In our communities

We pray for neighbourhood watch schemes and we pray for our neighbours in our streets.

We pray for refugees and asylum seekers living in our neighbourhoods as they wait to hear about the stages of their applications.

We pray for families in court custody hearings this week – may parents be honest and fair in their words and deeds.

We pray for our governments in dealing with the strife and tension in the Ukraine and Afghanistan.

Thursday 10 February intentions - commemoration - Scholastica, Religious, 543

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

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

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Church of England.
- St John the Evangelist, Dumfries (Janice Aiton, James Clark-Maxwell, Andrew MacKenzie, Paul Burbridge, Ann Shukman, Steven Ballard, Gordon Warwick, Richard Starkey).
- St Ninian's, Portpatrick; St John the Evangelist, Stranraer (Vacant).
- In the SEI: Ross Jesmont, Diocese of Edinburgh, Mixed Mode Ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for St Margarets as we plan and explore the renovation of the lighting and paintwork of the hall and church.

We pray for local dogs and cats rescue centres and those who give generously to support them.

We pray for St Johns as we begin to get cleared out ready for the building work to commence.

We pray that people may return to church in the coming days and weeks and months.

We pray for children who are planning and looking for a Care Home for their parent(s).

In our communities

We pray for Parking Attendants and local Police Officers and support staff.

We pray for local authority leaders – our Councillors, MPs and MSPs

We pray for people living mental trauma causing them to not be able to sleep, and all who are trying to help remedy their situation.



Friday 11 February intentions – feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Karnataka Central – The (united) Church of South India

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Diocesan Secretary (John Mitchell).
- East End Team Ministry: St John the Evangelist, Baillieston; St Kentigern's, Dennistoun; St Serf's, Shettleston (Vacant, Lucy Ireland).
- In the SEI: Blayne Peacock, Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for the desire to have the desire to engage with the coming season of Lent.

We pray for the work going on to plan for the Season of Faith across the SEC, and our local Charges in planning for outreach in our areas.

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.

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

In our communities

We pray for all the community groups in our area: clubs, societies and social venues.

We pray for people living with depression

We pray for people with family members in the troubles areas of the world: Afghanistan, Ukraine, Tonga.

We pray for countries where people are trying to recover from natural disasters.

Saturday 12 February 2022 intentions – *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Karnataka North – The (united) Church of South India

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland.
- Diocesan Treasurer (Robert Burgon); Diocesan Auditors (John R. Park, Jacqui McCarrell, Andrew Littlejohn).
- St James-the-Less, Bishopbriggs (Paul Watson, Kennedy Fraser).
- St Cyprian's, Lenzie (Les Ireland).
- In the SEI: Ferdinand von Prondzynski, Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, ordinand

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 and apply themselves to active outreach into our communities. We pray for the year ahead that church life may return and we may engage in social and community activities.

In our communities

We pray for Charity Shops and the volunteers who staff them.

We pray for people who are desperately seeking meaning in their lives at this time.

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

We give thanks for Benefactors of previous generations as we look to the future years may we remember our churches in our Wills as we plan for handing on our assets.

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

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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