



# Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church  
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone  
Week beginning Sunday 13 February 2022

## Epiphany 6

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/](http://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.

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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)

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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)*

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*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](mailto: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 13 February 2022 intentions – Epiphany 6**

### **In the Anglican Communion pray for**

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (NSKK = the Anglican Church in Japan)

### **In the SEC we pray for**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Brechin (Bishop Andrew Swift).
- Companions of Our Lady & St Mungo (Ellen Barrett, Alison Joy Whybrow).
- Holy Name, Cumbernauld (Kirstin Freeman, Ray Gascoigne).
- St Matthew's, Possilpark (David Wostenholm, Stuart Wood).

- In the SEI: Eilidh Proudfoot, Diocese of Edinburgh, New College ordinand

We pray for the Well-Being of the people of Scotland as we learn to live with COVID in our midst.

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 issues of Well-Being in our Charges, Vestries and amongst our Clergy as we emerge from the pandemic situation.

### **In our communities**

In this Platinum Jubilee Year of the Queen we pray for our Vestry as we discuss and plan how to mark this occasion.

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 in need, distress and anxiety living in Renfrew, Inchinnan, Bishopton and Erskine.

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

**Monday 14 February intentions** - commemoration - Cyril, Monk, 869, and Methodius, Bishop, 885, 'Apostles of the Slavs'

### **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

The Diocese of Karnataka South – 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 Ireland.
- Diocesan Chancellor (Bruce Erroch); Diocesan Registrar (Ronald Inglis).
- St Bride's, Glasgow (Kevin Francis, Gregor Duncan).

- St Andrew's, Milngavie; (Andrea Hagenbuch, Fraser Gold).
- In the SEI: Helen Randall, Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, ordinand

## **In our local Charges**

We pray for all lovers on this Valentines Day – that they may cherish each other in love and affection

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 struggle with hearing impediments and use our loop systems to access our services.

## **In our communities**

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

We pray the volunteers at our food banks and those beginning their training.

We pray for home helps as they seek to support people to live in their own homes.

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 15 February intentions** - *comm- Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, 1730*

## **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

The Diocese of Kasai – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Cong

## **In the SEC**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Warden of Lay Readers (Ray Gascoigne).

- Cathedral Chapter.
- Cathedral Church of St Mary, Glasgow (Kelvin Holdsworth, Oliver Brewer-Lennon, John Riches, Ellen Barrett, Maggie McTernan).
- In the SEI: Roberta Ritson, Northern Synod United Reformed Church, ordinand

### **In our local Charges**

We pray for children preparing for examinations and those who are teaching and coaching them.

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

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 Hospices and the staff who work at them offering care and support to those in their last days of life with us.

### **In our communities**

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

We pray for the Ecumenical Chapters in Renfrew and Johnstone as we meet this week in Renfrew.

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 adults engage with improving their mental health.

We pray for the safety of the various National Platinum Jubilee celebrations this year.

### **Wednesday 16 February intentions – *feria***

### **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

The Diocese of Katakwa – The Anglican Church of Kenya

### **In the SEC**

- 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
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## **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 meeting tonight.

## **In our communities**

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 people living with Domestic Abuse – that they may seek the help and support they need.

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

**Thursday 17 February intentions** - commemoration - Finan of Lindisfarne, Bishop, 661

## **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

The Diocese of Katanga – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Cong

## **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 St Margarets as we plan and explore the renovation of the lighting and paintwork of the hall and church.

We pray for local animal rescue centres and the Vets who volunteer and help at them.

We pray for St Johns as plan for the renovations.

We pray for a growth in our Churches lives.

We pray for the residents of the local Care Homes – especially those living at Erskine who are known to St Margarets.

## **In our communities**

We pray for Civil Servants in their changing work patterns due to the pandemic and digital working practises.

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

We pray for people living with Special Needs and their carers and family members.



**Friday 18 February intentions** – *comm - Colman of Lindisfarne, Bishop, 676*

## **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

The Diocese of Katsina – 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 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 a successful engagement with the Season of Lent this year. We pray for our own Lent Groups and the ISG outreach programme and the possible 100 groups being run across the world.

We pray for the work going on to plan for the Season of Christian Living as we plan how to utilize the opportunity it offers us here in our Diocese. 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 mental illness.

We pray for people with family members in the troubles areas of the world who we haven't seen for a long time.

We pray for Aid Chairties agencies trying to help people in parts of the world suffering from natural disasters.

**Saturday 19 February 2022 intentions** – *comm - Martin Luther, 1546*

## **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

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

## **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 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 our financial situation: that we may give well to support outreach and mission in 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 in Renfrew and Johnstone and the volunteers who staff them.

We pray for people who are desperately seeking meaning in their lives at this time as they confront the challenges which the pandemic has brought us all.

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

We give thanks for Benefactors of previous generations who have supported the work of our Charges.

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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