



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 20 February 2022

Epiphany 7

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
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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 20 February 2022 intentions – Epiphany 7

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

In the SEC we pray for

- 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 (working towards advertising with Bp Kevin)

- St Ninian's, Pollokshields (Vacant, Eamonn Rodgers, Kenneth Roach).
- In the SEI: Rachael Wright, Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, Mixed Mode ordinand

We pray for the Well-Being of the people of Scotland in our Charges and amongst the office holders in our Vestries.

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 peace in the world and the resolution of the tensions in the Ukraine.

In our communities

In this Platinum Jubilee Year of the Queen we pray for all responsible for planning community events.

In these days looking towards Ash Wednesday we pray for ourselves as we decide how to engage with Lent this year.

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

We pray for those looking after our Church sites this year: gardeners, cleaners and maintenance groups and volunteers.

We pray for people looking for work and those worrying about paying their bills in the current economic climate.

Monday 21 February intentions - *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kentucky – The Episcopal Church (IV (4) Province)

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 our ecumenical partners as preparations are made for the World Day of Prayer.

We continue to pray for St Johns and the recovery of the builder Garry Flemming – that he may get well soon and work may begin.

We pray for St Margarets and the Vestry's engagement with the 10 Points of Guidance as plans are drawn up for the installation of LED lighting throughout the building.

We pray for our members who struggle with the challenges of getting older.

In our communities

We pray for all charities which help the poorest in society.

We pray for those who provide food to the homeless in our districts.

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

We pray for the staff in our Care Homes as they face the challenges of recruiting good staff.

We pray for new priests to come and join our diocese.

Tuesday 22 February intentions - feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Mount Kenya Central – The Anglican Church of Kenya

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

In our local Charges

We pray for children and young people preparing for examinations considering their next steps in life.

We pray for people who champion the rights of animals in our community and those who work to rescue animals from neglect and abuse.

We pray for our Charge engagement with the "10 Points of Guidance" on the Climate Crisis as we consider how we might use our sites to encourage wildlife.

We pray for the work of pharmacists in our community.

In our communities

We pray for all people who help in the community Coffee Cae at the north CoS Parish.

We pray for the Ecumenical Chapters in Renfrew and Johnstone as we seek ways of working together in the name of the Gospel.

We pray for AID AGENCIES providing the most basic of needs to those caught up in the distresses of Afghanistan and the Middle East.

We pray for people who are learning to read – especially those supporting adults.

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

Wednesday 23 February intentions – *comm- Polycarp of Smyrna, Bishop and Martyr, c.156*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Mount Kenya South – The Anglican Church of Kenya

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- St Bartholomew's, Gourock (Vacant).
- St John the Evangelist, Greenock (Wilhelmina Nesbitt, Lisa Curtice).
- In the SEI: Diocesan Advisors

In our local Charges

We pray for those getting ready for Lent Courses and preparing to be groups leaders – especially we pray for the ISC Glasgow online Lent course we have been invited to join in with..

We pray for our midweek Wednesday services and for those who come to join in on Zoom/telephone as well and for Tosh as he gets ready to start leading the Wednesday evening Lent course in March.

We pray for our Renfrewshire Regional Chapter clergy as they consider how they can work together for the gospel and we pray for Lisa our Regional Curate.

In our communities

We pray for homeless people, those waiting for a council flat and those who are searching for a new place to live as notice has been served.

We pray for people coping with separation and divorces proceedings at this time.

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

Thursday 24 February intentions - feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Mount Kenya West – 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 Denmark.
- Heartland Group: St Mary's, Bridge of Weir; St Fillan's, Kilmacolm; St Mary the Virgin, Port Glasgow (Vacant, Audrey Stewart, Robert Chambers, Gerard McKeown).
- In the SEI: Diocesan Ambassadors

In our local Charges

We pray for the AA, CA and SA groups that use the hall at St Margarets – may their endeavours lead to lives renewed and revitalised.

We pray for youth groups, clubs and organizations in Renfrew and Johnstone area – may they help young people to grow in confidence and leadership.

We pray for widows and widowers.

We pray for a growth in numbers in our Churches' lives.

We pray for the gifts of grace to grow the desire to seek God's will in our Charges.

In our communities

We pray for labourers, trades-people, delivery drivers, postal deliverers and those who look after our open spaces.

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 25 February intentions – feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of East Kerala – The (united) Church of South India

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: St Andrew's, Dunkeld and Dunblane (Bishop Ian Paton).
- Canon Missioner (Audrey Stewart); Digital Missioner (Petko Marinov).
- Holy Trinity, Motherwell; St Andrew's, Wishaw (Richard Kilgour, Charles Sargent).
- In the SEI: Families of candidates

In our local Charges

We pray for a successful engagement with the Season of Lent this year. We pray for grandparents and also God-Parents – may they take seriously their task in nurturing new lives.

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 one another in our Charges – may we have eyes to see and recognise the needs of others.

In our communities

We pray for all an increase in spiritual questioning in our communities. We pray for people living with mental illness and for those who seek to look after them in domestic settings.

We pray for people with terminal conditions who are confronting their own mortality in a profound way this week.

We pray for the success of our Diocesan fund raising for the Bishop's Lent Appeal "Children in Distress"

Saturday 26 February 2022 intentions – *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

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

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad.
- Mothers' Union.
- St Cuthbert's, Cambuslang; St Mark's, East Kilbride (Paul Fletcher).
- In the SEI: Bishop Anne, Convenor of Institute Council and Institute Council members

In our local Charges

We pray for our College of Bishops as they manage and handle their current problems.

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

We pray for our Vestries as we seek to engage with the local communities in a new way.

In our communities

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

We pray for people who are depressed and struggling with the lives at this time.

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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