



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 27 February 2022

Week of Sunday before Lent

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=YnBqWkxEeW5NMIBuTDRmbDc0cFZhUT09>

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 27 February 2022 intentions – Sunday before Lent

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Anglican Church of Kenya

In the SEC we pray for

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Lutheran Church in Great Britain.
- St Mary the Virgin, Hamilton; St Andrew's, Uddingston (Matthew Little).
- Episcopalians in isolated parts of the country.
- In the SEI: The Associate Tutors

We pray for the St Margaret's Vestry as it meets on Tuesday this week and considers the Well-Being of the people of St Margarets and how we can help encourage us all focussing on our Well Being during Lent. 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 a resolution to the difficulties in the Ukraine situation.

In our communities

In Renfrew we pray for the clubs and societies which offer friendship and engagement with one another.

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

We pray for those looking after our Church sites this year: flower arrangers and sacristans.

We pray for all the households of Renfrew, Inchinnan, Bishopton, Erskine, Johnstone, Kilbarchan and Lochwinnoch facing financial worries because of our current national fuel and food rises in costs.

We pray for the local Food Banks which seek to help support people in their living through challenging times.

Monday 28 February intentions - *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kericho – The Anglican Church of Kenya

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Interfaith Relations (Maggie McTernan).
- Christ Church, Lanark (Drew Sheridan, Robert Burgon, Richard Evans).
- St Paul and St John the Evangelist, Monklands (Kirstin Freeman).
- In the SEI: Members of the Management Committee

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 Vestry as it meets this evening – may they have courage in planning for mission and ministry in the year ahead.

We pray for our members who living with fear because of the pandemic, and those who need to isolate at home to remain safe.

In our communities

We pray for a peaceful outcome to the tensions in the Ukraine.

We pray for our Local Councillors in their work for the common good.

We pray for those who provide support to the homeless and those who are asylum seekers and refugees.

We pray for inspiration to see how we can use our buildings to build God's Kingdom on earth.

We pray for the staff in our doctors surgeries and in all of our local pharmacies.

We pray for new priests to come and join our diocese in responding to the adverts that are currently live.

Tuesday 1 March intentions - *comm - David, Bishop, Patron of Wales, c.601 & Ordination of the Rt Revd Anne Dyer as Bishop of Aberdeen and Orkney, 2018*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Khahlamba – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

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.
Niccolò Aliano, Diocese of Edinburgh, Mixed Mode ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for the spiritual growth of all our Charge members as we look to Lent beginning tomorrow.

We pray artists and writers who help us to understand our local context and how we inhabit it.

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 people seeking meaning in their lives as we emerge from the PANDEMIC experience.

In our communities

We pray for the Ecumenical partners as we begin to plan the year ahead and what we maybe able to do together.

We pray for local Charities supporting those most in need of food and housing and finding work.

We pray for teachers and support staff in our schools in the conurbations we serve.

We pray for our engagement with the communities we serve and for St Margaret's Vestry as it meets this evening.

Wednesday 2 March intentions – *Principal Holy Day* –

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In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Khartoum – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

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 each other – that we may keep a good LENT in 2022

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 worship today as we receive the Ashes on our foreheads – remember you are dust and to dust you shall return

We pray for our young families and pray that we may find ways of supporting families in our Charges.

In our communities

We pray for people facing homelessness this week – may they find somewhere to live in safety quickly.

We pray for people going to court this week – may justice be done for the good of society.

We pray for our governments in dealing with the international leaders in bringing a resolution to the Ukraine situation and in dealing with Afghanistan

Thursday 3 March intentions - comm - John and Charles Wesley, Priests, 1791 and 1788

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kibondo – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

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 more community groups to come and hire the Hall at Renfrew.

We pray for our Sunday School – may a new way ahead be found for the coming months.

We pray for LGQTQIA+ people in our Church life as they explore faith and find a spiritual home in the Scottish Episcopal Church

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 during this Lent season.

As we remember John and Charles Wesley today we pray for our Lay Worship Leaders in their ministry 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 – today praying for those in the planning departments.

We pray for people living with physical disabilities and those who enable them to have independent lives.



Friday 4 March intentions – *comm - Adrian of May Island, Abbot, and Companions, Martyrs, 875 & World Day of Prayer*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kibungo – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

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 the World Day of Prayer events taking place today.

We pray for a serious engagement with the season of Lent in 2022

We pray for new parents and those who are getting ready for a baby to be born in the coming weeks

We pray for growth in the lives 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 Kilmacolm, St Marys Bridge of Weir, St Johns Greenock and St Bartholemehews Gourock.

We pray for Assylum Seekers living in our Charges and pray that we may find ways of supporting them.

In our communities

We pray for all an increase in spiritual questioning in our communities during Lent.

We pray for people facing operations this week – may they be successful and recover quickly.

We pray for people waiting for test results and having to face a new way of looking at their health and future.

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

Saturday 5 March 2022 intentions – *comm - Chad of Lichfield, Bishop, 672 (translated from 2 March)*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kigali – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

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

We pray for all members of the Scottish Episcopal Church, that we may keep a good Lent.

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

We pray for our engagement with hospitality in our churches as we begin to reconnect with each other and begin to think about outreach again in new ways.

In our communities

We pray for shop keepers in our towns.

We pray for young people who are seeking work at this time.

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

We give thanks for all who give financially to support the lives of our Charges.

We pray for renewed vision for the future of our Charges as we look to serving Christ as we emerge from the pandemic restrictions.

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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