



Weekly Intercessions



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

Lent 1

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
and *6 to unmute on the 'phone

www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk

Prayer for Ukraine



PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

O God, the divine seeker, you are light to the lost,
bread to the hungry, deliverance to the captive, healing
to the sick, eternal vision to the dying, and harbour to
every soul in peril.

Gather all those who are facing fear, hunger,
oppression, death and injury through war and violence
into the community of your mercy and grace.
We lift up to you those in Ukraine and throughout the
world who cry for justice, peace and renewed hope.

Grant us the strength and will that with grace and
compassion we may respond with your love.

Amen.

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 (March) – Asylum Seekers

Before presenting some possible suggestions about how to help the plight of asylum seekers it is important to consider several popular myths found in the printed media. Many newspapers place particular rhetorical emphasis on the 'hordes' of people attempting to seek asylum in the 'soft touch' UK. However, the actual proportion of people applying for asylum to the UK is actually a minute percentage of the overall worldwide number of asylum seekers and the UNHCR calculates that the UK receives less than 0.5% of the total world population of refugees.

Another common view in the press is that asylum seekers drain the resources of local authorities which could have been spent on tax-paying citizens. However, this is again fallacious, since funding for asylum seekers comes from central Government, not local authorities' budgets. Finally it is vital to emphasise that despite media attempts to demonise asylum seekers, the vast majority of people seeking asylum are genuine, scared and desperate people who are seeking refuge often from countries where their basic human rights are not respected. Of the thousands of people who apply for asylum, only a thousand or so come to Scotland each year. However, due to government re-organising, this number is set to rise over the next few years.

So, what can we do? It is important to keep yourself informed and up to date with accurate statistics and information about asylum seekers. You can do this very easily by contacting and/or applying for a free e-mail newsletter from the Scottish Asylum Seekers Consortium which will give you accurate coverage of the state of affairs in Scotland.

You may wish to try the following:

- pray for asylum seekers
- become a member and support the work of the Scottish Refugee Council
- if a student get in touch with Student Action for Refugees
- donate clothes, blankets, baby clothes, toys and non-perishable foods to charities caring for refugees
- join the Scottish Detainee Visitors' Scheme and visit Dungavel detention centre and support those living there
- write to your MP and MSP regarding the plight of refugees in our country
- become a mentor to an approved refugee as he/she seeks employment

A Prayer

Almighty God,
through your Son, Jesus Christ we are called to
serve the marginalised and vulnerable within
our society.

Give us Your gift of Grace that we might share in
the plight of all asylum seekers and refugees
and open our hearts to them, that Your love
may be known:
through Christ our Lord.

AMEN

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

Sunday 6 March 2022 intentions – Lent 1

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Anglican Church of Korea

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 a peaceful outcome in the Ukraine situation.

We pray for people fleeing the warring and international aid efforts and our own welcome here in the UK to people trying to reach their family members.

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 international world leaders and government and financial leaders in the decisions they have to face at this time – may wisdom and fortitude be a gift to them in their deliberations.

In our communities

In Renfrew we pray for the groups which use our hall – may their work in helping people obtain a better life be blessed.

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

We pray for those who clean our church buildings.

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 in their help and support to people in most need.

Monday 7 March intentions - *comm - Perpetua and her Companions, Martyrs, 203*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kigeme – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

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

In our local Charges

We pray for our ecumenical partners as preparations are made for observing the days of Holy Week together

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 one another that we may keep Lent well.

We pray for our members who living with fear because of the warrin in the Ukraine and the potential impacts that will have ouin our lives in the UK.

In our communities

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

We pray for Ukrainian people living in the diocese and those trying to get their family members here safely.

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

We pray that as Charges we may use our buildings courageously for the mission of Christ Jesus in our midst.

We pray for opticians and audiologists helping people to see and hear in the world well.

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

Tuesday 8 March intentions - comm - Duthac, Bishop, 1068

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kigezi – 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)
- Tim Hatton, Church Army/ Diocese of Edinburgh, Church Army Evangelist in Training

In our local Charges

We pray for the spiritual growth of all our Charge members as we observe Lent this year

We pray for musicians: organists and those who operate our electronic music making systems.

We pray for our Charge engagement with the "10 Points of Guidance" on the Climate Crisis as we begin to think about our buildings

We pray for a peaceful outcome to the ongoing warring in the Ukraine

In our communities

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

We pray for primary school children in their learning and development at this time.

We pray for Tosh as he get's ready to lead the Lent group tomorrow evening at St Margarets

Wednesday 9 March intentions – *comm – Baldred, Bishop, 608 (translated from 6 March)*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of North Kigezi – 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 each other – that we may keep a good LENT in 2022
We pray for our Lent Course beginning today and for leaders – especially we pray for the ISC Glasgow online Lent course we have been invited to join in with and the 100 groups they have running this years across the world

We pray for peace in the Ukraine and for all those people who have loved ones who have been injured in the warring.

We pray for the world leaders in the sanctions and decisions they are making to try and bring a resolution to the events that have been taking place.

We pray for our vulnerable elderly congregation members and pray that we may find ways of supporting them appropriately.

In our communities

We pray for people facing a prison sentence beginning this week, and we pray for all who are held in pri

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 10 March intentions - comm - Kessog, Bishop, c.700

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

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 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 peace to be worked out un Ukraine and for the International leaders as they try and work towards bringing an end to the warring.

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

We pray for the gifts of God's grace during this season of Lent

In our communities

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

We pray for managers in our local Care Homes as they try to find the staff they need.

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



Friday 11 March intentions – *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh – The Church of Ireland (Armagh Province)

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 and working with the Bishop to consider the way forward, Lucy Ireland).
- In the SEI: Blayne Peacock, Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for our engagement with the season of Lent in 2022

We pray for parents with challenging children, and the professionals who support them

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 Bartholemew Gourock.

We pray for our Nation response to the fleeing Ukrainian refugees

In our communities

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

We pray for people facing tests and procedures this week – may they be sustained in their times of worry or anxiety

We pray laboratory staff in our hospitals and testing centres.

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

Saturday 12 March 2022 intentions – *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kimberley & Kuruman – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

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 our College of Bishops in their work of trying to resolve the current problems they are facing

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

We pray for the new people and families that have 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 and business owners in our towns.

We pray for older people looking for a job 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.

We pray for a peaceful end to the warring in the Ukraine and for our World Leaders as they seek to negotiate a way forward.

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,

Mother of Jesus, pray.

Saint Benedict, Father of monks,

Know the power of your prayer.

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.**



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

Leading your Church
into Growth

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!



www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk