



Weekly Intercessions



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

Lent 2

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>

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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 13 March 2022 intentions – Lent 2

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

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 a peaceful outcome in the Ukraine situation and for the people fleeing as refugees.

We pray for all nations welcoming the fleeing refugees as they seek safety, rest and recuperation.

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 in the decisions being made to face up to the Ukraine situation and its impacts on the rest of the world.

In our communities

In Renfrew we pray for the local shop keepers and business owners as they seek to establish a future for their work and workers.

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

We pray for those who administer our Charges as we pray for Moira and Kay as our Vestry Secretaries.

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 continue to pray for the local Food Banks in their help and support to people in most need.

As the world faces up to the impact of fuel challenges we pray for our locally elected leaders in their work in supporting the people of our local boroughs.

Monday 14 March intentions - *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kindu – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

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

We continue to pray for St Johns as the renovation works are delayed to after Easter.

We pray for one another as we observe the season of Lent – may it be a time of blessing to us all.

We pray for people seeking to provide help and support to the Ukraine situation to local Ukrainian people as they watch what is happening in their home country.

We pray for our generous giving to the Lent Appeal "Children in Distress" and the Provincial Appeal Ukrainian Humanitarian Appeal.

In our communities

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

We pray for those who provide support to the homeless and those who are asylum seekers and refugees at a time of individual trauma and fear.

We pray that as Charges we look out actively for ways in which we can support God's care in our areas.

We pray for the local Doctors and nurses caring for the people in our Charges.

We pray for the Charges of the Diocese seeking new priests.

Tuesday 15 March intentions - *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

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

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 the spiritual growth of all our Charge members as we observe Lent this year in this second week of the season

We pray for those who put together intercessions for our services – may they help us to draw closer into the presence of Christ during our times of gathering.

We pray for the up and coming Diocesan Zoom meetings to help us engage with the 10 Points of Guidance on the Climate Crisis.

In our communities

We pray for local Charities supporting people in need of help at this time. We pray for school children in their learning and development and their teachers and support staff.

We pray for the Lent groups taking place tomorrow.

Wednesday 16 March intentions – *comm* – *Boniface of Ross, Bishop, 8th century*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kinshasa – Province de L’Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

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

In our local Charges

We pray for each other that we may keep a good LENT in 2022 and our Lent groups taking place today.

We pray for peace in the Ukraine and for all those people who have loved ones who have been injured in the warring, and those fleeing to seek a place of safety.

We pray for the world leaders in the sanctions and decisions they are making to try and bring a resolution to the events that are happening. We pray for our loved ones who are struggling with the challenges of aging.

In our communities

We pray for families where a member is in custody this week, and for those helping them at this time of stress and anxiety.

We pray the work of the family courts and all social workers in their work to care for the vulnerable in society.

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

Thursday 17 March intentions - comm - Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, c.461

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kirinyaga – The Anglican Church of Kenya

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 and working with Bp Kevin to prepare for advertising for a new priest).
- 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 wisdom and grace in seeking new ways of using our Hall at Renfrew for the mission of God's church in Renferw

We pray for the young people who are part of our Charges' lives.

We pray for the local authorities as they transition back into the new ways of working as the pandemic restrictions are being reviewed.

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 that we may have a deeper experience of God love for us.

In our communities

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

We pray for young adults seeking work and the various training schemes providing opportunities for work in the future.

We pray for people living with Mental Health conditions and their carers and family members.



Friday 18 March intentions – *comm - Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 386*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kisangani – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

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 our engagement with the season of Lent in 2022

We pray for youth groups & clubs and childrens organizations helping our youngsters grow together and learn to interact with others.

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 our National 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 living with long COVID and the challenges it brings.

We pray for the local hospitals and their recruitment for new staff.

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

Saturday 19 March 2022 intentions – *festival - Joseph of Nazareth*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kita-Kanto – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

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 Bishop Kevin in his ministry within our Diocese and as he leads us through the coming weeks and months, and in his work with the vacant Charges.

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

We pray for the growth of our Charges: may St Johns renovation works come to safe completion and may St Margarets reach out in fresh ways to the people of Renfrew.

In our communities

We pray for all projects seeking to help us become more healthy in our lives: especially we pray for our Leisure Centres and the classes they are running.

We pray for those who have been long term unemployed and the people who support them in their plight for a useful purpose in the world.

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

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.

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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