



# Weekly Intercessions



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

## Lent 3

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>

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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.

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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 (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 20 March 2022 intentions – Lent 3**

**In the Anglican Communion pray for**

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

**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 (Vacant and working with Bp Kevin to discern the future in seeking a new priest).
- St Ninian's, Pollokshields (Vacant and working with Bp Kevin in seeking a new priest, Eamonn Rodgers, Kenneth Roach).
- In the SEI: Rachael Wright, Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, Mixed Mode ordinand

We pray for the international leaders working for a peaceful outcome in the Ukraine situation and for the people fleeing as refugees.

We pray for Great Britain in welcoming the fleeing refugees as they seek safety and hope.

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 Charges in the Diocese facing vacancies at this time – may good priests apply for the advertised posts.

### **In our communities**

We pray for new people to join our Charges in 2022 as we seek God together throughout the year.

We pray for ourselves as we get used to the relaxation of the COVID restrictions in the coming weeks.

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 all who volunteer in our Food Banks.

We pray for a sense of God in our towns and villages in these challenging times.

**Monday 21 March intentions** - *comm - Thomas Cranmer, Bishop, 1556*

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

The Diocese of Kitale – The Anglican Church of Kenya

## **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 observing the days of Holy Week together

We pray for St Johns as it looks ahead to the start of the renovation works 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 the Bishop's Lent Appeal and the SEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

## **In our communities**

We pray for the opening up of the Leisure and Community services of Renfrewshire Council.

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 consider how we can support the communities we seek to serve

We pray for the local Fire services looking after our areas.

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

**Tuesday 22 March intentions** - *comm - Thomas Ken, Bishop, 1711*

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

The Diocese of Kiteto – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

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

We pray for our Eucharistic Assistants as they begin to resume their work again and as we begin to get the opportunity to receive communion in both kinds – may they help us to draw closer into the presence of Christ during our times of gathering.

We pray for the outworking of the 10 Points of Guidance on the Climate Crisis as all our Charges consider their engagement with the changes we are called to consider in our buildings and our lives.

## **In our communities**

We pray for Support Workers and those who are reaching out to people in need and distress.

We pray for high school children in their learning and development and their teachers and support staff.

We pray for the Lent groups taking place tomorrow.

**Wednesday 23 March intentions** – *comm – Cuthbert, Bishop, 687 (translated from 20 March)*

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

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

## **In the SEC**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.



- St Bartholomew's, Gourock (preparing for closure later in the year).
- St John the Evangelist, Greenock (Wilhelmina Nesbitt, Lisa Curtice).
- In the SEI: Diocesan Advisors

## **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 the youngsters in our Charges and families going through difficult times.

## **In our communities**

We pray for people in prison – may it be a time of reflection and change.

We pray the work of the Justice System and all who staff the Courts of our area.

We pray for our governments in dealing with the international leaders in bringing a resolution to the Ukraine situation and helping those trying to flee for a new life.

## **Thursday 24 March intentions** - comm - Paul Couturier, Priest, 1953

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

The Diocese of Kitui – 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, Kilmacollm; St Mary the Virgin, Port Glasgow (Vacant and working

with Bp Kevin in seeking a renewed pattern of ministry, Audrey Stewart, Robert Chambers, Gerard McKeown).

- In the SEI: Diocesan Ambassadors

## **In our local Charges**

We pray for the AA, CA, SA, Guides, Dance Classes and casual users of the Hall in Renfrew.

We pray for the young people who are part of our Charges' lives may they be encouraged to join in the life of the Province in the Youth Camp.

We pray for our local Councillors in their work of supporting our community members.

We pray for a desire to see our Charges grow in numbers.

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 people who are unemployed by no choice of their own, and seeking work.

We pray for the work of the Mental Health service in seeking to support all who need help and treatment at this time.



**Friday 25 March intentions** – *festival - The Annunciation of the Lord*

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

The Diocese of Kivu – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

## **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 our engagement with the season of Lent in 2022

We pray for young people in our Charges – may they grow into maturity of faith in Christ Jesus

We pray for the Charges of our Region: St Margarets Renfrew, St Johns Johnstone, Holy Trinity Paisley, St Marys Port Glasgow, St Fillans Kilmacollm, St Marys Bridge of Weir, St Johns Greenock and St Bartholemehews Gourock.

We pray for our National response to the fleeing Ukrainian refugees and Scotland in being a leading light in providing support and help.

## **In our communities**

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

We pray for people suffering from the effect of COVID at this time and those looking after them.

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

We pray for our giving to the Bishop's Lent Appeal and the SEC Ukrain Humanitarian Appeal

## **Saturday 26 March 2022 intentions** – *feria*

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

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

### **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 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 and those considering closure.

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 social clubs and communities who are seeking to keep people happy and engaged with life.

We pray for Scotland in the preparations of welcoming Ukrainian Refugees.

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.

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 and offer a home to those who are fleeing.



We Pray for Alton Abbey as they consider the way ahead,  
and the future ministry offered there.

May the Abbot, Chapter and Governing Body have  
courage and wisdom in the decisions they face.

Lord in your mercy

**Hear our Prayer**

**From Alton Abbey Hampshire** – Benedictine Foundation

## **Prayers of Union**

For those in pain or sorrow:

For those in doubt or fear:

For all bishops, priests and deacons:

For all monks and nuns:

For all members of our Confraternity:

For the unity of all Christians:

May all who honour you,

Saint Benedict, Father of monks,

**Mother of Jesus, pray.**

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**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.**



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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