



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 3 April 2022

Lent 5

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 (April) – Prisoners

Many prisoners spend long sentences and do not receive visits from family or friends. Often, families have deliberately cut themselves off from the offender. It is hard for prisoners who do not receive visits to see others going off to the Visits Hall.

You may wish to try the following:

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- Pray for those in prison
- Visit a prisoner. There are several volunteer visiting schemes. If you are interested in visiting prisoners contact one of the organisations or the Chaplaincy at your local prison.
- Welcome ex-offenders. Many prisoners experience isolation and discrimination on release. Is your Congregation welcoming to ex-offenders? Can you offer support? Families of prisoners experience difficulties too. They serve the sentence as well, often experiencing hardship and hostility in their local community. Are there families of offenders living in your parish? Can you offer them support?
- Make contact with your local Victim Support Group. Crime occurs anywhere and everywhere. There are many victims of crime, sometimes vulnerable people, the elderly, those living alone. It is certain that people in your area have been victims. What can you do to support them? Help the elderly and those living alone to minimise the likelihood of crime by ensuring their homes are as secure as possible. Keep an eye on them.
- Keep up-to-date with the Scottish Parliament and Criminal Justice. Does the Scottish Government get it right? Prison is not the answer for many

offenders whose sentences are too short to do any good. They are sent to prison for relatively minor offences. The Courts do have alternatives available but seem reluctant to use them.

For the Victims of Crime

Lord, your Son was a victim.
We pray for the victims of crime;
For those whose lives are changed for ever.
For those who live in fear.
For those who have lost their faith and trust
in their fellow human beings.
Restore them by your grace and move them
to forgiveness;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

For Prisoners and Their Families

Lord, you know that prison life is hard, and
that many find it difficult to cope.
We pray for vulnerable prisoners.
For those beginning long sentences.
For those preparing for release.
For those seeking to change their lives.
We pray for the families of prisoners who
often suffer discrimination and hardship.
Strengthen them and help them with your love;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
AMEN

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

Sunday 3 April 2022 intentions – Lent 5

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

In the SEC we pray for

- 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

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 escaping 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 at the beginning of Passiontide for each other as we look towards Holy Week and Easter.

In our communities

We pray for people who are suffering unjustly at this time – whether at work or at home – may they find strength and encouragement in Christ Jesus.

We pray for the successful preparations for the Renfrew Gala

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 Police Officers and Community Support Officers.

Monday 4 April intentions - *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kontagora – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lokoja Province)

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 our ecumenical partners as preparations are made for observing Good Friday together.

We pray for St Johns as it looks ahead to the start of the renovation works after Easter and we pray for Garry Flemming's continued recovery. We pray for each other as we observe Passiontide together – may it be a time of blessing to us all and we pray for the Lent Groups meeting this year.

We pray for the success of the Bishop's Lent Appeal "Children in Crisis" and the SEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

In our communities

We pray for Social Workers as they care for and support some of the most vulnerable in our communities.

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 we contemplate the sufferings of Jesus we may have eyes to recognize injustice in our communities and fight to resolve them.

We pray for new priests to apply for the posts being advertised across the diocese at this time that our diocese may receive new skilled and gifted priests to help lead us in ministry.

Tuesday 5 April intentions - feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kootenay – The Anglican Church of Canada
(BC and Yukon Province)

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
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In our local Charges

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

We pray for our Sunday School as they begin to meet again and that relationship may grow again.

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 Community workers of the Glasgow City Mission in their work to offer help and support to people in need in our region.

We pray for researchers at our universities in their learning and development and their sharing of the research findings.

We pray for the Lent groups taking place tomorrow at St Johns and St Margarets.

Wednesday 6 April intentions – *feria*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Eastern Kowloon – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

In the SEC

- 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

In our local Charges

We pray for each other that we may keep a good LENT in 2022 and for 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 killed, or 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 couples in our Charge lives that we may delight in the gifts and talents they bring to our Churches lives and that we may support their relationships.

In our communities

We pray for the resolution of the P&O workforce situation. May workers and job be supported and protected that people feel secure in their employment.

We pray for people living in fear of Domestic Violence and we pray for agencies helping to support men facing mental distress such as Andys Men

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 7 April intentions - feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Western Kowloon – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hu

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

In our local Charges

We pray for St Johns Vestry as they think about how to discern God's call to use the renovated building after Easter – may we develop good plans for social engagement with the wider community.

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 Ecumenical Partners in Renfrew and Johnstone as we look towards gatherings to mark Holy Week this year.

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

We pray for a vision for the future of our Charges, and an understanding of God's call to us in the coming years.

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 seeking a job at this time especially those who have been unemployed for a long time.

We give thanks for people who staff 'help lines' to offer support to people in the community.

We pray for the work of the LGBT Health and Wellbeing Project across Scotland



Friday 8 April intentions – feria

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Krishna-Godavari – The (united) Church of South India

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).
- In the SEI: Tim Hatton, Church Army/ Diocese of Edinburgh, Church Army Evangelist in Training

In our local Charges

We pray for our engagement with the season of Lent in 2022 and all who are fasting on this Friday in Lent

We pray for people on our congregations living with health issues that worry them, and those who are waiting for hospital treatments.

We pray for the life of our Region of Renfrewshire and the Clergy Chapter as we contemplate the use of Pastoral Supervision in our work together

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 the gift of renewed faith here in Scotland and the role of the SEC in developing and helping people find faith in 2022.

We pray for people living with physical pain in their bodies and the health staff who help them manage it function well day by day.

We pray for the local GP surgeries and their staff.

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

Saturday 9 April 2022 intentions – *comm - Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Theologian and Martyr, 1945 [*

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kubwa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

(Abuja Province)

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 Bishop Kevin in his ministry across our Diocese and as he leads us through the coming weeks and months – we pray for his safety in travelling around to visit the Charges of our Regions

We pray for all members of the Scottish Episcopal Church, that we may keep a good Passiontide as we look towards Holy Week

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 Councinty Councils in their work of helping to support the community engagement and develop the areas where we live.

We pray for Scotland in welcoming Ukrainian Refugees – may we offer a sense of security and hope to them as they settle into life here.

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 Ukraine and for our World Leaders as they seek to negotiate a way forward and offer a home to those who are fleeing – may we be generous with our homes, our space, our time and our money as we seek to offer support to those whose lives have been devastated.



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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Mother of Jesus, pray.

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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