



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 10 April 2022

Lent 6 – Holy Week

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>

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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.

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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 10 April 2022 intentions – Palm Sunday

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Church of North India (United)

In the SEC we pray for

- 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, Ann Shukman, Steven Ballard, Gordon Warwick, Richard Starkey).
- St Ninian's, Portpatrick; St John the Evangelist, Stranraer (Vacant and currently advertising).
- In the SEI: Ross Jesmont, Diocese of Edinburgh, 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 and seeking a new home here in the United Kingdom.

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 Holy Week this year for each other as we look towards the events of Holy Week and Easter and as we share the commemoration on Zoom and in person.

In our communities

We pray for people who are judged unjustly at this time – whether at work or at home – may they find strength and encouragement in Christ Jesus and walk in the way of peace.

We pray for the successful preparations for the Renfrew Ecumenical Good Friday service at Holy Trinity Church.

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 "home helps" as they aid people in continuing to live in their own homes.

Monday 11 April intentions - Monday of Holy Week

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kuching – The Church of the Province of South East Asia

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 preparing to advertise, Lucy Ireland).
- In the SEI: Blayne Peacock, Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for our ecumenical partners as preparations are made for observing Good Friday together on Friday evening at Trinity Church. We pray for St Johns as it looks ahead to the start of the renovation works on 25 April and we pray for Garry Flemming's continued recovery. We pray for each other as we observe Holy Week 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 the Family Courts as they care for and support some of the most vulnerable in our communities – especially the care of children in society.

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 the nations response to the Climate Crisis and one another as we try to reuse, recycle and cut down on our consumption of the world's resources.

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 12 April intentions - Tuesday in Holy Week

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kumasi – The Church of the Province of West Africa
(Ghana Province)

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 the spiritual growth of all our Charge members as we observe Holy Week this year.

We pray for our Sunday School as they begin to meet again and that relationship may grow again and we pray for new people coming to church – may they find a spiritual home here.

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 Aberlour in their work to offer help and support to people in need in the street projects in Govan.

We pray for nursery aged children in their learning and development and their sharing in play as they develop their motor skills and self awareness.

We pray for the Lent groups taking place this week.

Wednesday 13 April intentions – Wednesday in Holy Week

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kumi – 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: 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

In our local Charges

We pray for each other as we travel through Holy Week and the 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 middle-aged in our Charge lives that we may delight in the gifts and talents they bring to our Churches lives and that they may contribute to our life together and grow in depth of faith.

In our communities

We pray for all negotiators who seek to gain support for workers in their workplaces that they may feel secure in their employment.

We pray for the community project supporting people through addictions: the AA, SA and CA groups meeting in St Margaret's Hall.

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 14 April intentions - Maundy Thursday

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kurunegala – Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of

Canterbury (The Church of Ceylon)

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 Vestries as they think about how to discern God's call to use our buildings and sites more effectively to live out the Gospel in 2022 and beyond.

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 mark Holy Week this year.

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

We pray for those who haven't been to Church for a long time that they may feel connected in their lives to the life of God in Christ Jesus.

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 trying to get back into work after periods of sickness or long term unemployment. We give thanks for people who staff 'help lines' to offer support to people in the community.



Friday 15 April intentions – Good Friday

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kushtia – The (united) Church of Bangladesh

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 our Ecumenical Services and events this Good Friday and we pray for the Renfrew gathering at Trinity Church tonight.

We pray for the life of our Region of Renfrewshire and the Clergy Chapter as we begin to plan for the future ministry of the region.

We pray for our UK response to the fleeing Ukrainian refugees and Scotland in being a leading light in providing support and help and for those planning to come and live in Renfrew.

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 or psychological pain in their bodies and the health and support staff who help them manage it to function well day by day.

We pray for the local Pharmacies in their work of looking after our community health.

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

Saturday 16 April 2022 intentions – Holy Saturday

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kutigi – 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 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 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 and for the gifts of wisdom as he seeks to manage the vacancies we currently have in this diocese.

We pray for all members of the Scottish Episcopal Church on this Holy Saturday, that in our preparations for tomorrow we may dwell with the God who brings new life out of that which seems lost and hopeless.

We pray for the growth of our Charges: may St Johns renovation works beginning on 25 April come to safe completion and may St Margarets reach out in fresh ways to the people of Renfrew.

In our communities

We pray for our MSPs in their work and support for the local communities, and we pray for their staff enabling them to work effectively for the common good.

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:	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, Saint Benedict, Father of monks, 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.	Know the power of your prayer. Pray for us and all children.



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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