



Weekly Intercessions



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

Easter Octave

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

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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 17 April 2022 intentions – Easter Day

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Church of Pakistan (United)
Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem

In the SEC we pray for

- 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).
- St Michael & All Angels, Helensburgh (Dominic Ind, Pat Smith, Kevin Boak).
- In the SEI: Janet Spence, Diocese of Edinburgh, ordinand

We pray for the international leaders working for a peaceful outcome in the Ukraine situation.

In our local Charges

We pray for the immigration process here in the UK for the people fleeing as refugees and seeking a new home here in Great Britain.

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.

On this Easter Sunday we pray for one another as we meet for worship today both in person and online – may we share something of the joy of the first disciples and encounter the Risen Christ beside us on our journey through life.

In our communities

We pray for transformation and new life in community groups emerging from the pandemic experience. May new life and hope come to the communities in which we live.

We pray for people preparing to receive refugees and offer them a new life here in Scotland, and we pray for the work of Christian Aid in seeking to support those fleeing Ukraine.

We pray for the people of the Philipines as they live through the consequences of the recent flooding devastations. We pray for the AID Agencies helping that place.

We pray for gift of Easter joy and peace in all the households of Renfrew, Inchinnan, Bishopton, Erskine, Johnstone, Elderslie, Kilbarchan

and Lochwinnoch facing financial worries because of our current national fuel and food rises in costs.

We pray for people who are grappling with their own trials and traumas, like Mary as she went to the tomb, may they recognise the risen Christ in all seeking to help them.

Monday 18 April intentions-Easter Monday

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kwara – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
(Kwara Province)

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 those support groups using St Margaret's Hall – may their work bring new-life and hope to those seeking help and support.

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 one another as we celebrate Eastertide – may we join our praises and prayers with each other throughout the season, and find peace and joy in our lives.

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 grandparents caring for children on behalf of parent buys working to maintain family life.

We pray that as we contemplate Resurrection appearances of Jesus we may be drawn into a closer relationship with Jesus with us now. We pray for Scotland's 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 19 April intentions - Easter Tuesday

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kwoi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
(Abuja Province)

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, Mary Bowden).
- In the SEI: Laura Symon, Moray, Ross and Caithness, ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for the spiritual growth of all our Charge members as we celebrate Eastertide.

We pray for our Vestry members, and we pray for St Margearet's vestry as they seek a new member to serve in the Charge and help develop a way ahead in ministry and mission.

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 “Children in Distress” as the Bishop’s Lent Appeal this year and the work that they are engaged with in supporting and caring for Children overseas.

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

We give thanks for those who decorated our Church buildings for the Easter celebrations this year.

Wednesday 20 April intentions – Easter Wednesday

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kyoto – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

In the SEC

- 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).
- St Ninian’s, Pollokshields (Vacant, Eamonn Rodgers, Kenneth Roach).
- In the SEI: Rachael Wright, Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, Mixed Mode ordinand

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In our local Charges

We pray for each other as we celebrate Eastertide.

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 work of 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 too for journalists who are bringing us news of all that is happening across the world – may they be kept safe and help us to understand the truth.

We pray for new pensioners in our Charge lives that they may find a new way of living and develop new interests and pastimes and may we 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 teenagers in Renfrew and Johnstone and the youth groups and community groups who provide support and encouragement for them in their developing into young adults.

We pray for St Johns Vestry as we try and work out how we might serve the community in which we are set and help to grow the life of our Charge.

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 21 April intentions - Easter Thursday

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Kyushu – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

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 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 and we pray for St Margarets as we look to a Vestry away day in July.

We pray for the young people in the diocese who are preparing to join the Provincial Youth Camp this year.

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

We pray for those who feel they can no longer come to church, for all who struggle with the life of faith, and for people who persistently feel they are doubting.

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 looking for a job and gainful employment.

We give thanks for people volunteer in our communities.



Friday 22 April intentions – Easter Friday

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Lafia – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
(Abuja Province)

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).
In the SEI: Revd Canon Ian Barcroft, Provincial Director of Ordinands

In our local Charges

We pray for the life of our Region of Renfrewshire and the Clergy Chapter as they work more closely together in the coming months.

We pray for our Regional Curate, Lisa Curtice as she begins to prepare for the priestly ordination in August.

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 a Resurrection Eastertide faith in 2022.

We pray for people living with psychological/mental distress in their bodies and the mental health and support staff who help them manage it to try and function well day by day.

We pray for the local District Nurses in their work of looking after our community health and aiding people in their homes.

We pray for our giving to the SEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal and give thanks for the generosity of people who have given already.

Saturday 23 April 2022 intentions – Easter Saturday

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Lagos – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lagos Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- St Bartholomew's, Gourock (Vacant and have asked Diocesan Synod for permission to close the Charge which will happen later this year).
- St John the Evangelist, Greenock (Wilhelmina Nesbitt, Lisa Curtice).
- In the SEI: Diocesan Advisors

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 the Charges of Stranraer & Portpatrick and Challoch and New Galloway on this last day of advertising for new priests. May good applications be received.

We pray for the growth of our Charges: may St Johns renovation works beginning next Monday 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 locally elected Councillors 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:

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,

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.**

Mother of Jesus, pray.

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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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