



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 24 April 2022

2nd week of Easter

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.

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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 24 April 2022 intentions – Easter 2

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

In the SEC we pray for

- 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, Kilmacolm; St Mary the Virgin, Port Glasgow (Vacant, Audrey Stewart, Robert Chambers, Gerard McKeown).
- In the SEI: Diocesan Ambassadors

In our local Charges

We pray for the international leaders working for a peaceful outcome in the Ukraine situation and we pray for the Ukraine people existing in fear, cold, hunger and thirst.

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 those named on our pewsheet – for health, healing, and wholeness in their lives - body, mind and spirit.

We pray for our Lay Worship Leaders in their task of helping in keep the worship of our Charges happening and supporting each other in our pilgrimage of faith.

In the Eastertide 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 in our daily living.

In our communities

We pray for volunteers who offer their skills and talents to build up community life: our community centers, youth groups, sports clubs, coffee groups and drop in centres. May new life and hope come to the communities in which we live.

We pray for households receiving refugees and offering them a new life here in Scotland, and we pray for the work of Christian Aid working on the borders of Ukraine and seeking to support those fleeing.

We pray for the people of the Philippines and South Africa 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 peace & 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 caught up in trauma and fear as Mary did as she went to the tomb, may they have an experience of the risen Christ in their lives and troubles.

Monday 25 April intentions- Mark, Evangelist

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

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

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 Vestries as they consider the reintroduction of the Chalice at our Communion Services.

We pray for St Johns as it copes with the start of the buildings work on site today for the next 12 weeks or so.

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 Bishop Kevin in his ministry throughout the diocese.

In our communities

We pray for social clubs, helping people to have a sense of belonging and a place of friendship and support.

We pray the gift of support from and to each other as the first disciples supported each other in the first days of the Easter experience.

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. Lord send us good men and women to help lead your Church in this diocese..

Tuesday 26 April intentions *-comm-* **Albert Ernest Laurie,**
Priest, 1937

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

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

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 as he prepares to say good bye in his Charge).
- In the SEI: Bishop Anne, Convenor of Institute Council and Institute Council members

In our local Charges

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

We pray for Charge members who are living with illness at this time, those waiting for hospital treatment, and those who are finding the process of aging challenging.

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 individuals and families who are grieving this week. We pray for secondary school aged children in their learning and development and their sharing in groups and teams of sport together. We give thanks for the vision of hope given to us in the resurrection experience. May resurrection come to our Charges that we may grow in numbers to be a sign of the Risen Christ in our midst.

Wednesday 27 April intentions – feria - Eastertide

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Lahore – The (united) Church of Pakistan

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Lutheran Church in Great Britain.
- St Mary the Virgin, Hamilton; St Andrew's, Uddingston (Matthew Little).
- Episcopalians in isolated parts of the country.
- In the SEI: The Associate Tutors

In our local Charges

We pray for each other as we celebrate the Eastertide 50 days of unremitting joy.

We pray for peace in the Ukraine. We pray for the world leaders in their decisions and sanctions to help the ending of the warring.

We pray families and individuals trapped in buildings and basements and cellars hiving from the terrors of the fighting – may they be kept safe and come to liberation and escape.

We pray for young families in our Charges – for our Sunday school, for our young people that they may grow in confidence in the life of faith.

In our communities

We pray for young adults in Renfrew and Johnstone: that they may have good friendships and grow to take their place in the communities where they live.

We pray for St Johns as they manage the situation during the renovation building works commence during the coming days and weeks.

We pray for the people of Northern Ireland as they consider their future leadership.

Thursday 28 April intentions - feria - Eastertide

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Lainya – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Cantral Equatoria Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Interfaith Relations (Maggie McTernan).
- Christ Church, Lanark (Drew Sheridan, Robert Burgon, Richard Evans).
- St Paul and St John the Evangelist, Monklands (Kirstin Freeman).
- In the SEI: Members of the Management Committee

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.

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

We pray for young people to become part of the lives of our Charges.

We pray for growth in the lives of our Charges.

We pray for people caught up in sadness, stress, worry, fear and abandonment like the disciples at the start of the Easter season – may the Risen Jesus give them joy, peace and hope.

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: may they find work and have a hope for their futures.

We give thanks for people volunteer in our communities and we give thanks for people who are on our Vestries.



Friday 29 April intentions –*comm*- Catherine of Siena, Mystic and Teacher of the Faith, 1380

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese on the Lake – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Owerri Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: General Synod Office (John Stuart, Secretary General).
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Provincial Standing Committee & Provincial Boards.
- Chaplaincy in Hospitals, Education and Commerce.
- Anglican Chaplaincy, University of Glasgow (Kelvin Holdsworth, Oliver Brewer-Lennon).
- In the SEI: Revd Dr John McNeil Scott and the staff of the Scottish URC College

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 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 and Johnstone areas.

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 special needs: may they have the support and help they need to live a good life in the wider community.

We pray for the local Hospitals and the staff working in them during these challenging times.

We give thanks for each other in their lives of our Charges and in the lives of our communities.

We pray for all people supporting the financial lives of our Charges.

Saturday 30 April 2022 intentions – feria - Eastertide

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

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

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- The Methodist Church in Scotland (Mark Slaney).
- The United Reformed Church (Paul Whittle).
- EMU Partnership Agreement.
- In the SEI: Mixed Mode Supervisors and Placement Supervisors

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 facing vacancies and for the Vestries as they get ready to advertise for new priests.

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 our MPs and 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 volunteers working to raise funds for the Aid Agencies proving help to people in other parts of the world living through disasters of warring and floodings

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

We pray for a peaceful end to the warring in Ukraine and for the rebuilding of that nation with support from across the world.

LORD, IN YOUR
mercy
HEAR OUR
PRAYERS.





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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