



Weekly Intercessions

in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 1 May 2022

3rd 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 (May) – Aid Agencies

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:

- Pray for the work of Aid Agencies locally, nationally and internationally. [?](#)
Donate to Christian Aid as it is heavily dependent on the fundraising of Christian individuals and congregations. And, if you are a UK taxpayer remember to Gift Aid your donation so that the tax can be refunded.
- Participate in Christian Aid Week each May.
- Get involved with one of Christian Aid's national fundraising events.
- Make your will a will to live by setting up a legacy with Christian Aid or another Aid Agency.
- Look for a new internet server run by an Aid Agency
- Receive regular updates about Christian Aid's work world-wide, apply for a subscription to their quarterly magazine Christian Aid News.
- Use your gifts and skills for the benefit of an Aid Agency by applying for a variety of volunteering posts, e.g becoming a Christian Aid Teacher to promote the work of Christian Aid in schools and colleges.
- Change to AquaAid Water Coolers who give a large cut of their profits to helping Christian Aid; if your Church or business has water coolers enquire about the possibility of changing to AquaAid.
- Volunteer with an Aid Agency such as the International Voluntary Service or the United Mission to Nepal.
- Sponsor a child.

O God,
Enlarge my heart that it may be big enough
to receive the greatness of your love.
Stretch my heart that it may take into it
all those who with me around the world believe in Jesus Christ.
Stretch it that it may take into it all who do not know him,
But who are my responsibility because I know him.
O God, magnify me with your love.
AMEN

Lord,
You come to us in neighbours
we do not know and are unlikely to meet.
You come to us when people's needs
are measured in statistics, argued about in political programmes,
or estimated in development plans.
Give us the grace to see past numbers
to the real lives behind them.
So that we might, with you, build your Kingdom.
AMEN

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

Sunday 1 May 2022 intentions – Easter 3

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

In the SEC we pray for

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Those in training for ordained and lay ministries.
- Bishop Gregor Duncan, Bishop Idris Jones, Bishop Gordon Mursell, all retired clergy and those in Post-Retiral Ministry.

- The Church of Scotland.
- The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland.
- In the SEI: Niccolò Aliano, Diocese of Edinburgh, Mixed Mode ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for the international leaders working for a peaceful outcome in the Ukraine situation and the stabilization of the food and energy supplies across Europe.

We pray for our local leaders in the preparation of the local elections: may good, honest women and men of integrity be elected to serve in our communities.

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 Reps in their task of representing our Charges at Regional and Diocesan levels: may they be blessed in their work.

As Eastertide continues we pray the work being done to help us engage in THY KINGDOM COME season and we pray for those we might invite to come and become part of our Church life.

In our communities

We pray for young people in our communities who are working and using their online skills to draw our attention to injustices in the world – may their passions excite us who are 'older' into engagement with the needs of the world.

We pray for refugees who have arrived in Scotland to find a new life: may we greet them with friendship and help.

We pray for the people living through the aftermath of the flooding and destruction caused by the flooding in South Africa and Phillipines over recent months.

We pray for gift of Easter hope and renewed vission in all the households of Renfrew, Inchinnan, Bishopton, Erskine, Johnstone, Elderslie, Kilbarchan and Lochwinnoch.

May our political leaders engage in supportive ways to help all who are facing the economic challenges of food and fuel costs.

We pray for people who are making big decisions in their lives at this time: may they have clarity of mind, peace of heart and courage to continue.

Monday 2 May intentions - Festival-Philip and James, Apostles (translated from 1 May)

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

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

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church.
- Pastoral Assistants, Eucharistic Assistants, Worship Leaders and Spiritual Companions in the Diocese.
- North Ayrshire Team: St Andrew's, Ardrossan; St Peter's, Dalry (Lee Johnston, Linda Whitby, Margaret Williams).
- In the SEI: Val Cameron, Diocese of Edinburgh, diaconal ordinand

In our local Charges

We pray for our Vestries as they consider the reintroduction of the Chalice at our Communion Services at the coming Vestry meetings. We pray for St Johns as it copes with the delay of the renovation works again.

We pray for renewal in the life of the SEC as we recall the early disciples resurrection encounters with Jesus Christ.

We pray for Bishop Kevin at this time of his holiday and refreshment.

In our communities

We pray for Renfrewshire Council officers in their work of supporting the development of the local area.

We give thanks for those who help to maintain our local inclusion in the community through clubs and societies.

We pray for Scotland's and our local response to the Climate Crisis 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 3 May intentions *-comm-* Athanasius, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith, 373 (translated from 2 May)

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Langtang – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
(Jos Province)

In the SEC

- 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

In our local Charges

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

We pray for Charge members who are living with fear of ill health at this time. For those going through hospital treatments at this time.

We pray for each other as we work out the 10 Points of Guidance in our home settings.

We pray for people who are new to the lives of our Charges.

In our communities

We pray for people awaiting the outcome of court cases and potential sentences being given this week.

We pray for college students in their learning and development as they get ready for examinations for the first time since the pandemic began.

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 4 May intentions – feria - Eastertide

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Lebombo – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

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 (Mark Goodman).
- 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 each other as we celebrate the Eastertide 50 days of unremitting joy – amidst the challenges of life this year may we experience the joy of Eastertide in our hearts.

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

We pray for people who are feeling 'trapped' in their lives at this time: may they develop a vision of the future.

We pray for elderly people living alone who are part of our congregational life – may we always offer friendship and support.

In our communities

We pray for adults in their 20s & 30s in Renfrew and Johnstone: that they may have good friendships and relationships and grow to take on responsibilities in the wider communities.

We pray for St Johns as they wait in frustration for the beginning of the renovation works.

We pray for each other as we consider how to vote in the approaching elections.

Thursday 5 May intentions - feria - Eastertide

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Leeds – The Church of England (York 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

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 the up and coming Vestry meetings.

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 a desire 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 pray for women facing prejudices in the community and for people who do not equitable respect for men and women.



Friday 6 May intentions - feria - Eastertide

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Leicester – The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

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 our Regional Curate, Lisa Curtice as she begins to prepare for the priestly ordination in August and the people of Holy Trinity & St Barnabas where she is serving at the moment.

We pray for the fleeing Ukrainian refugees coming to make a home here in Scotland and for those planning to come and live in Renfrew and Johnstone areas.

We pray for our Vestries as they reflect upon the Lent Course and evaluate what we have learned and how we have grown in faith.

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 mental health issues at this time: may they have the support and help they need to live a good life in the wider community.

We pray for the local chaplains at the hospitals and hospices in their giving support to people facing life's traumas.

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

We give thanks for and pray for all people supporting the financial lives of our Charges and we pray for the successful outcome of the Renfrew Gala for St Margarets.

Saturday 7 May 2022 intentions – feria - Eastertide

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Lesotho – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

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

In our local Charges

We pray for Bishop Kevin in his ministry across our Diocese : for wisdom, perseverance and grace in his work with all of our Charges.

We pray for the Charges facing vacancies and for the Vestries as they advertise for new priests: may good priests apply for the posts we have advertised.

We pray for the growth of our Charges: may St Johns renovation works begin at Pentecost and 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 Councillors in their work and support for the local communities, and we pray for our Council Staff enabling them to work effectively for the common good.

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

We give thanks for all who have supported the SEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. We pray for a peaceful end to the warring in

Ukraine and for the rebuilding of that nation with support from across the world.





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.

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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