



Weekly Intercessions

in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 8 May 2022

4th 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 8 May 2022 intentions – Easter 4

In the Anglican Communion pray for

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

In the SEC we pray for

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Church of Sweden.
- Diocesan Council as it prepares to meet on Saturday 21 May
- 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 the AID AGENCIES offering help and support to people in dire need of food, shelter and health care.

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 all those recently elected to new posts of local leadership in our communities as councillors.

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

We pray for all who make and play music in our Charges to enable us to offer praise and worship to God week by week.

As Eastertide continues we pray the work being done to help draw us together in prayer as a Region on Saturday 28 May: we pray for Lisa as she plans this day together.

In our communities

We pray for households who regularly give financially to the AID AGENCIES around the world – we give thanks for the generosity of people to help others.

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

We pray for gift of Easter hope and renewed vision 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 facing pain and trauma at this time: may they have glimmers of hope and direction in their thinking and living.

Monday 9 May intentions -*commemoration* - Julian of Norwich, c.1417
(translated from 8 May)

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Lexington – The Episcopal Church (IV (4) 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 our Vestries as they consider the reintroduction of the Chalice at our Communion Services at the meeting this week.

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 the new Renfrewshire Council officers in their work of supporting the development of the local area.

We give thanks for people working for the Common Good – volunteers, Charity Trustees, caring neighbours.....

We pray for our Scottish Government and the plans for our fuel sustainability in the coming decades in the light of the Climate Crisis.

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 10 May intentions - feria – Eastertide

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Liberia – The Church of the Province of West Africa (West Africa Province)

In the SEC

- 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 advertising currently).
- In the SEI: Ross Jesmont, Diocese of Edinburgh, Mixed Mode ordinand
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In our local Charges

We pray for the spiritual growth of our two Charges: for a deeper connection to the Risen Jesus in our lives.

We pray for Charge members who are coping with domestic upheaval due to illness and frailty of aging: may they all know the presence of the Risen Jesus with them in their physical weaknesses.

We pray for each other as we work out the 10 Points of Guidance in our home settings especially with the current financial challenges we are all facing with the rising costs of food and energy.

We pray for people who are new to the lives of our Charges: may they find a home in our midst and feel welcomed into our friendly life together.

In our communities

We pray for people seeking justice in courts this week: may they have patience and may truth prevail.

We pray for university 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 freedom and inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people we share in Scotland: may we never let people become isolated or frightened because they feel they are not welcomed.

Wednesday 11 May intentions – feria - Eastertide

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

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

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

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In our local Charges

We pray for one another as we continue to celebrate Eastertide's 50 days of unremitting joy – amidst the challenges of life this year may we experience the joy of Eastertide in our hearts and minds.

We pray for St Margaret's Vestry as they meet tonight.

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 liberation of mind and heart be theirs.

We pray for housebound people living alone who are part of our congregational lives – may we always offer companionship, friendship and support.

In our communities

We pray for adults in their 40s and 50s in Renfrew and Johnstone: that they may have good friendships and relationships and feel able to contribute to the wider lives of our communities.

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

Thursday 12 May intentions - Commoration - Thomas Rattray, Bishop, 1743

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Limerick & Killaloe – The Church of Ireland
(Dublin 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 our Vestries as they consider the working out of our Recovery and Renewal Grants from last year.

We pray for the leaders who are preparing to join the Provincial Youth Camp this year.

We pray for our children in the Sunday School.

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 a vision of hope.

In our communities

We pray for labourers, trades-people, delivery drivers, postal deliverers and those whose jobs are physical in nature.

We pray for people who are unemployed: may they find work and have a hope for their futures and loved ones.



We pray for women facing prejudices in the community and for people who do not equitable respect for men and women.
We pray for people living in situations of domestic violence.

Friday 13 May intentions - feria - Eastertide

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

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

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 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 St John's Vestry as it meets this morning.

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 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: and we pray for those responsible for leading chaplaincy services.

We give thanks for each other at this Eastertide and the gift of faith we share – may we all grow in faith

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 14 May 2022 intentions – festival - Matthias, Apostle

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Litoral Ecuador – The Episcopal Church (IX (9) Province)

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

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 in the press at this time.

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, those reelected and newly elected in their work and support for the local communities, may they 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.

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.

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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