



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 15 May 2022

5th 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 15 May 2022 intentions – Easter 5

In the Anglican Communion pray for

The Scottish Episcopal Church

In the SEC we pray for

- 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 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 the local foodbanks and those who support and use them – may the need for food banks dissolve from our national life and all households have the resources they need to look after themselves and flourish.

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 look after the buildings on our church sites to enable us to gather and offer praise and worship to God week by week.

As we continue through Eastertide we pray for the Regional Prayer Day event being led by our curate Lisa.

In our communities

We pray for the local Councilors as they engage with the local needs of our areas.

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.

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

We pray for people facing physical pain and mental trauma at this time: may they have receive the help and support they need to develop a new vision for the future.

Monday 16 May intentions - feria – Eastertide

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Liverpool – The Church of England (York 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 the lives of our Charges: may we all engage in our church life together as we look forward to the 'new normla' we are emerging into.

We pray for St Johns as it copes with the delay of the renovation works again.

We pray for our Renfrewshire Region and the Thy Kingdom Come Day of Prayer being led for us by Lisa our Curate on Saturday 28 May.

We pray for Bishop Kevin in his ministry leading the diocese through these challenging times.

In our communities

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

We pray for our common community life and all people who are our neighbours and friends helping to work for building lives in the areas we serve.

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 17 May intentions - feria – Eastertide

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Liwolo – 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.
- 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

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 and communities.

We pray for Charge members who are living through a time of physical illness: may they all know the presence of the Risen Jesus with them in their physical weaknesses and challenges.

We continue in prayer 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 with thanksgiving for those who support the lives of our Charges: especially today giving thanks for those who support us by their prayers and spiritual intercessions.

In our communities

We pray for prisoners, the prison chaplains and all who help people to engage with personal development and change.

We pray for young adults on job training schemes in their learning and development as they grow into the potential of work opportunities.

We give thanks for the freedom and inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people we share in Scotland: we pray for all groups and organizations getting ready for PRIDE events and celebrations in person this year.

Wednesday 18 May intentions – feria - Eastertide

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Llandaff – The Church in Wales

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 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 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 Charge members living in residential care settings – may we not forget them and always offer companionship, friendship and support.

In our communities

We pray for adults in their 60s & 70s in Renfrew and Johnstone: that they may have good friendships and relationships and feel able to contribute to the wider lives of our communities as they learn to live with the challenges of aging bodies.

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

Thursday 19 May intentions - feria - Eastertide

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Missionary Diocese of Lodwar – The Anglican Church of Kenya

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 our Vestries as they consider the working out of our Recovery and Renewal Grants from last year to help us engage with the people of our communities.

We pray for the preparations for the General Synod meetings in June and those responsible for preparing the hybrid style of the meeting.

We pray for grow in the life of our Charges as we give thanks for a wonderful time together last Sunday in Johnstone & Renfrew

We pray for one another in this time of change and challenge in our lives, communities and nations: may we have grace to dwell in the security of our faith.

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 have lost their jobs recently as they seek new employment.

We pray for women facing prejudices in the community and for people who do not equitable respect for men and women: especially praying for the liberation of all in Afghanistan.

We pray for the work of AID agencies.



Friday 20 May intentions - feria - Eastertide

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Lokoja – 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 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

In our local Charges

We pray for our Regional Curate, Lisa Curtice as she continues 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 all clergy and Lay Readers preparing to preach on Sunday.

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

We pray for groups helping to support men through their mental health challenges – today we pray for the 'Men Journey networks' and the groups meeting today.

We give thanks for the opportunities to meet freely and openly to share in worship and prayer together.

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.

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Lomega – 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.
- 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 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 the Renfrew and Johnstone Councillors who were recently elected to their roles.

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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