



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 22 May 2022

6th 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 22 May 2022 intentions – Easter 6

In the Anglican Communion pray for

Church of the Province of South East Asia

In the SEC we pray for

- 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, Lisa Curtice, Robert Chambers)
- In the SEI: Revd Canon Ian Barcroft, Provincial Director of Ordinands

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 volunteer in them 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 manage the finances of our Charges and enable us to gather and offer praise and worship to God week by week.

As we continue through Eastertide into Ascensiontide we pray for the Regional Prayer Day event being led by our curate Lisa on Saturday of this week – may people sign up and learn more about experiencing prayer this week.

In our communities

We pray for the local Doctors Surgeries as they support and offer help to all who are ill and in medical and social need.

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: 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 mental health issues at this time: may they receive the help and support they need to develop a new hope for the future.

Monday 23 May intentions- comm- William of Perth (or Rochester), Martyr, 1201 (Rogation Day)

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

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

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- St Bartholomew's, Gourock (preparing to close as a Charge on Saturday 2 July).
- St John the Evangelist, Greenock (Wilhelmina Nesbitt, Lisa Curtice).
- In the SEI: Diocesan Advisors

In our local Charges

We pray for the lives of our Charges: may we all engage in our church life together as we look to create the 'new normal' 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.

In our communities

We pray for the Court and Justice services in Renfrewshire: may people be treated fairly and justly.

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 24 May intentions - feria – Eastertide

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Long Island – The Episcopal Church (II (2) Province)

In the SEC

- 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, Gerard McKeown).
- In the SEI: Diocesan Ambassadors
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In our local Charges

We pray for the spiritual growth of our two Charges: for our engagement with the Thy Kingdom Come season of prayer exploration.

We pray for Charge members who are living through a time of physical illnesses: 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 time in serving on the Vestries.

In our communities

We pray for Probation Service and all who help people to engage with rehabilitation, 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.

At the start of the PRIDE season 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 including the SEC.

Wednesday 25 May intentions – comm- Bede the Venerable, of Jarrow, Teacher of the Faith, 735 (Rogation Day)

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Los Angeles – The Episcopal Church (VIII (8) 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 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 farmers and all who work in the Farming Industry on this Rogation Day.

We pray for Charge members living in sheltered housing – may we not forget them and always offer companionship, friendship and support.

In our communities

We pray for adults in their 80s & 90s 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 them as they watch their friends die and consider their own futures – may they have the gift of hope.

We pray for St Johns as they wait in frustration for the beginning of the renovation works as we once again collect in the Church keys.

Thursday 20 May intentions - festival –
ASCENSION DAY Thy Kingdom Come – see
<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> for daily
videos and prayer activities

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Louisiana – The Episcopal Church (IV (4) 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).
- In the SEI: Bishop Anne, Convenor of Institute Council and Institute Council members

In our local Charges

We pray for our engagement with THY KINGDOM COME in our homes and work places.

We pray for the preparations for the General Synod meeting in June.

We pray for our celebration of ASCENSION DAY tonight at St Bartholemew's Gourock may we be blessed in our celebrations.

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 across the world, especially at this time those helping refugees

Friday 27 May intentions – comm - Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, c.604 (translated from 26 May)

Thy Kingdom Come – see

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> for daily videos and prayer activities

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Western Louisiana – The Episcopal Church (VII (7) Province)

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 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 Lisa as she prepares for the Thy Kingdom Come Exploring Prayer Day tomorrow.

In our communities

In this season of Thy Kingdom Come 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 struggling with life at this time – may they persevere and find renewed hope.

We pray for groups helping to support men through their mental health challenges – and we pray for the work of the Men's Sheds projects.

We give thanks for the opportunities to meet freely and openly to share in worship and prayer together and to pray without fear of persecution.

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

Saturday 28 May 2022 intentions feria – Eastertide

Thy Kingdom Come – see

<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/> for daily videos and prayer activities

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Luapula – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

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 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: and we pray for a good Day of Exploring Prayer at our Regional Day in Holy Trinity & St Barnabas today. May Lisa be strengthened to lead us through the day.

In our communities

May we pray for 5 people in this Thy Kingdom Come season and may we grow in depth of witness to Christ Jesus.

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.

As Ukraine won the Eurovision Song Contest last Saturday may they feel as a nation the support most of the world is giving them in the traumas that are besetting that land – God grant them peace and a good future we pray.



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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