



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Week beginning Sunday 29 May 2022

7th week of Easter Thy Kingdom Come

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 29 May 2022 intentions – Easter 7

In the Anglican Communion pray for

Thy Kingdom Come
Anglican Communion Sunday
The Church of South India (United)

In the SEC we pray for

- 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 international leaders working for a peaceful outcome in the Ukraine situation and the release food and energy supplies into Europe.

We pray for a caring and robust set of assistance for the poorest people of our nations at this time of food and fuel crisis – may our leaders have courage and compassion.

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

As we continue through Eastertide into Ascensiontide we pray for all Thy Kingdom Come activities taking place this week.

In our communities

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

We pray with one another in the Province at the end of May for the AID Agencies in their work to help people.

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

We pray for men 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 30 May intentions - feria – Eastertide – Thy Kingdom Come

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Lucknow – The (united) Church of North India

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 the lives of our Charges: may we seek to grow in witness to Christ Jesus in all of our living and being.

We pray for St Johns as it copes with the delay of the renovation works again and as they aim to begin on Monday 6 June.

We pray for Bishop Kevin in his ministry leading the diocese especially in the interviews he is leading this week.

In our communities

We pray for the YMCA in Renfrew and their work with young people: may they foster and encourage the development of young people's skills and gifts and talents.

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 all engineers and scientists working on sustainable energy sources and research projects – may they have insight and wisdom.

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 31 May intentions - The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth – Thy Kingdom Come

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Lui – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Amadi Province)

In the SEC

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.

- The Anglican Communion.
- The Primates' Meeting.
- The Anglican Consultative Council (Alistair Dinnie).
- In the SEI: SEI staff

In our local Charges

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

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

We continue to pray for the work of our Charges in acknowledging the *10 Points of Guidance* in our planning for the future shape of our working practises.

We pray with thanksgiving for those who support the lives of our Charges: especially today giving thanks for people who quietly support the work of the clergy and lay readers.

In our communities

We pray for Renfrewshire Leisure and Sports facilities.

We pray for people seeking work at this time may they have perseverance and confidence in what they have to offer to the businesses they apply to work for.

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 1 June intentions – comm- Justin of Rome, Martyr, c.165 – Thy Kingdom Come

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

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

In the SEC

- 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 one another as we journey through Thy Kingdom Come towards Pentecost.

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 in our generation who are suffering for their faith as St Justin of Rome did whom we remember today.

In our communities

We pray for newly borns and babies in Renfrew and Johnstone: that they may grow into a safe a secure family and be looked after with grace and generosity of spirit.

We pray for our communities as we get ready to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee from tomorrow.

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 an look ahead to work beginning on Monday 6 June.

Thursday 2 June intentions - feria – Eastertide – Thy Kingdom Come

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Lusitanian Church – Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury

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 the activities and engagement with Thy Kingdom Come across the world in our homes, churches and work places.

We pray for the preparations for the General Synod meeting in June. We pray for one another in this time of change and challenge in our lives, communities and nations: may we have grace to work and communicate well with others in these times of disturbance and change.

In our communities

We pray for our communities and Nation as we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this week.

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

We pray for people seeking 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 with the entire Province in the *Faith and Action network* as we pray for all people engaged in work for Peace and Justice.



Friday 3 June intentions – comm - Charles Lwanga and his companions, 1886; Janani Luwum, Bishop, 1977, Martyrs of Uganda
 - Thy Kingdom Come

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

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

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 our communities and Nation as we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this week.

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 all migrants and refugees seeking a place to live, build a home and have a future – we pray for the Border Force Agencies in their work with migrants crossing into the UK.

In our communities

In the close of 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 hope and purpose for their lives.

We pray for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation groups around the UK as they help us to understand the issues for our time.

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.

Saturday 4 June 2022 intentions – comm - John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, Reformer, 1963 – **Eastertide – Thy Kingdom Come**

In the Anglican Communion we pray for

The Diocese of Northern Luzon – Philippines

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 our communities and Nation as we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this week.

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

We pray for the impact of Thy Kingdom Come in our wider community life – may more people come to discover faith in Jesus Christ through the season concluding tomorrow.

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 all preparations for tomorrow's Pentecost Celebration as we conclude our Eastertide festivities.



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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