



# Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church  
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone  
Week beginning Sunday 5 June 2022

## Pentecost

### 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/](http://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.

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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)*

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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)*

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*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 (June) – Peace & Justice**

This is an area where there is a huge number of organisations campaigning on single issues or a raft of matters. Many of them produce factsheets and other information about their particular area(s) of interest. Almost all run campaigns that seek to involve others. There are many local situations in the world where Peace and Justice issues dominate the agenda so keeping up-to-date with issues through the internet, newspapers and campaigns is useful.

The issues around warfare and deterrence are also changing. For some, the issue of nuclear disarmament has been superseded while for others it is still central. Some Christians oppose war at any cost while others look to seek ways to support the armed forces when they are called to do a difficult task on behalf of others. Thus, it is essential to recognise that Christians can hold opposing views on pacifism, animal testing and many other issues with integrity.

You may wish to try the following:

- pray for peace and justice in the world: locally, nationally and internationally
- consider joining a peace and justice organisation as an individual, congregation, group etc and participating in their work
- join Amnesty International and help campaign for justice
- watch Amnesty TV at [www.amnestytv.co.uk](http://www.amnestytv.co.uk)
- consider the work of CND or Scotland 4 Peace
- use your LOAF when buying food: Locally produced, Organically farmed, Animal friendly, Fairly traded
- observe the World Council of Churches' World Week for Peace in Palestine Israel in June

O Christ the light,  
illuminate and cleanse the dark corners of the world  
where hang the cobwebs of apathy and the dust of neglect;  
shine on faces made grim by poverty and war;  
melt the icicles of despair  
and the hard frozen wastes of selfishness;  
and let your searching rays  
enclose the whole in one great radiance.  
In Your name we pray.  
AMEN

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

**Sunday 5 June 2022 intentions – Pentecost**

**Thy Kingdom Come**

**In the Anglican Communion pray for**

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

**In the SEC we pray for**

- 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 the international leaders working for peace and justice between the nations, as we pray in this month of June with the Provincial Faith in Action prayer network for our awareness in our Christian witness to work of justice and peace in the world, in our community and in our

nation.

We pray for a peaceful outcome in the Ukraine situation and the release of food and energy supplies into Europe.

We pray for the government ministers in their work to bring assistance for the poorest people of our nations at this time of food and fuel crisis – may our leaders have courage, compassion and care.

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

On this last day of Thy Kingdom Come we pray for one another and those who we have chosen to pray for that the love of God may be manifest through our lives, words and action.

### **In our communities**

We pray for the Leisure Centres, the gyms and swimming pools as they seek to aid us all in our levels of physical fitness and mobility.

We pray for peace and justice in our communities – for a sense of good and wholesome neighbourliness.

We pray for the refugees from Ukraine who have arrived in Scotland: may they settle down and begin to feel at home in their new environments.

We pray for people living with mobility issues in their lives and all who help them to maintain their independence.

**Monday 6 June intentions** - comm – Boniface of Mainz, Bishop, Missionary and Martyr, 754 (translated from 5 June)

### **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

The Diocese of Lweru – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

### **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 the lives of our Charges: may we seek to grow in witness to Christ Jesus in all of our living and being and in our prophetic voice of calling for Peace & Justice in the world and our communities.

We pray for St Johns as the building and renovation works begin.

We pray for Bishop Kevin in his ministry leading the diocese and supporting the clergy in their ministries.

### **In our communities**

We pray for the Residential Care Homes in Renfrew and Johnstone: may they be places of safety and care for all who are aging and vulnerable.

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 to enable us to lead the way in working towards the COP26 targets.

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 7 June intentions - feria**

### **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

The Missionary Area of Macau – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

### **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).
- St Margaret of Scotland, New Galloway (Vacant).
- In the SEI: Jackie Fenton, Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, diaconal ordinand

## **In our local Charges**

We pray for the spiritual growth of our two Charges: for our engagement with outreach and mission in the coming months.

We pray for Charge members who are living with pain and anxiety in the lives. May they offer it up to God and come to know his consoling presence.

We pray for the Regional Council as we continue to look at the *10 Points of Guidance* and how we can bring them to effect in our Charges.

We pray with thanksgiving for those who support the lives of our Charges: especially today giving thanks for people who clean and tidy and ensure we have adequate supplies in our vestries.

## **In our communities**

We pray for Renfrewshire Borough Council staff in their work for the community.

We pray for people seeking a job at this time who are living through unemployment.

In this 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 8 June intentions** – comm- Ephrem the Syrian, Deacon and Teacher of the Faith, 373 (Ember Day)

## **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

The Diocese of Machakos – The Anglican Church of Kenya

## **In the SEC**

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Church of Sweden.
- Diocesan Council.
- 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 one another as we journey through this Pentecost season and pray for wisdom to see God at work in the ordinary of our lives

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 all Deacons in the life of the Church as we commemorate Ephraim the Syrian today.

### **In our communities**

We pray for District Nurses and Community Nurses working in Renfrew and Johnstone: that they may give people the care and support they need in their lives.

We pray for our Civic leaders as they look towards the opening up of 'normal' civic life again and celebrating the life we share together.

We pray for St Johns that the building works may be completed successfully and without any injury.

**Thursday 9 June intentions** - comm - Columba of Iona, Abbot, 597

### **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

The Diocese of Madhya Kerala – The (united) Church of South India

### **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 grow in our spiritual grow in the Charges. May we engage with our relationship with Jesus in meaningful ways day by day.

We pray for the General Synod meeting starting today. May all of our members travel safely and enjoy the time of reconnection after the 2 years of virtual synod.

## **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 seeking a job at this time may they find an occupation that uses their skills gifts and talents.

We pray for justice between the genders- especially for women who are mistreated and also trans people trying to find and live in their identity.

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 10 June intentions** – feria – Ember Day

## **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

The Diocese of Madi-West Nile – 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 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 currently advertizing).
- In the SEI: Ross Jesmont, Diocese of Edinburgh, 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 until Corpus Christi.

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 trying to enter the UK.

On this Ember Day we pray for all who are exploring vocation at this time may they develop a clear vision of where God is calling them to serve in the community and Church.

### **In our communities.**

We pray for people struggling with life in different ways 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 pray for all who are challenging us to engage in changing our lives through the COP26 outcomes and our *10 Points of Guidance*.

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 11 June 2022 intentions** – festival – Barnabus, Apostle (Ember Day)

### **In the Anglican Communion we pray for**

The Diocese of Madras – The (united) Church of South India

### **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

## **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 here in the Renfrewshire Region.

## **In our communities**

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 Trinity Sunday celebrations.



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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