



# Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church  
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone  
Weeks beginning Sunday 17 December 2023

## Advent 3

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>

Tel: 0131 460 1196 Meeting ID: 832 4184 0407 Passcode: 076546  
and \*6 to unmute on the 'phone

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## **Faith in action (December) – HIV/AIDS**

The HIV pandemic affects every part of our world, including Scotland. Some people here have been living with HIV for 20+ years, living with changes in their prognosis and the knowledge that many of their friends and loved ones have already died. Thanks to the development of effective treatment, many people are now living with HIV rather than dying from AIDS. However, these treatments are difficult to sustain, particularly for people who have additional social or health problems.

Recent years have seen an increase in new HIV infections in Scotland - the majority within the heterosexual population. There has been inadequate sexual health education for the general population, with the resultant increase in HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Infections. People living with HIV face stigma and discrimination on a regular basis - this is still a hidden disease - they need our support and our care; they need our

*You may wish to consider doing one or more of the following:*

- pray for people living with HIV/AIDS
- commemorate International AIDS Day on the 1st December each year
- pray for all those whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS
- pray for more effective drugs to combat this disease
- support charities who work with people living with HIV/AIDS
- volunteer in a hospice for those dying from this disease
- unconditionally accept people living with HIV/AIDS as equal members of the body of Christ

### **God of all compassion,**

Comfort your sons and daughters Who live with HIV. Spread over us all your quilt of Mercy, Love and Peace.

Open our eyes to your presence Reflected in their faces.

Open our ears to your truth Echoing in their hearts.

Give us the strength To weep with the grieving,

To walk with the lonely,

To stand with the depressed.

May our love mirror your love

For those who live in fear,

Who live under stress and who suffer rejection.

Mothering, fathering God

Grant rest to those who have died

And hope to all who live with HIV

God of life, help us to find the cure now

And help us to build a world in which

No one dies alone and where

Everyone lives accepted

Wanted and loved.

AMEN

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

This is the seasonal list of our weekly intercessions from the Worldwide Anglican cycle of prayer and the monthly Diocesan Cycle of prayer – and above is the Provincial monthly cycle of prayer FAITH in ACTION

## **In the Anglican Communion**

**Sunday 17 December 2023** *Advent 3*

**The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea**

**Monday 18 December 2023**

**The Diocese of Bentiu – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan**

**Tuesday 19 December 2023**

**The Diocese of Bermuda – (Extra Provincial)**

**Wednesday 20 December 2023**

**The Diocese of Bethlehem – The Episcopal Church**

**Thursday 21 December 2023**

**The Diocese of Bhopal – The Church of North India (United)**

**Friday 22 December 2023**

**The Diocese of Bida – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)**

**Saturday 23 December 2023**

**The Diocese of Biharamulo – The Anglican Church of Tanzania**

## **In the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway**

17th Day of Each Month

- 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; (David Guest).

- St Michael & All Angels, Helensburgh (Dominic Ind).

#### 18th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Church in Wales.
- All Saints, Jordanhill (Sydney Maitland).

#### 19th Day of Each Month

- 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).

#### 20th Day of Each Month

- 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, Janet Chalmers).
- St Oswald's, King's Park (Alison Mathew).
- St Ninian's, Pollokshields (Verity Brown, Kenneth Roach, Eamonn Rodgers).

#### 21st Day of Each Month

- 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).

#### 22nd Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Spanish Episcopal Reformed Church.
- Pastoral Supervisors in the Diocese (Liz Crumlish, Lisa Curtice, Keith Thomasson, Martyn Trembath)
- St John's, Johnstone; St Margaret's, Renfrew (Reuben Preston, Lisa Curtice).

#### 23rd Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Diocesan Protection of Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator (Anne Jones).
- St John the Evangelist, Greenock (Wilhelmina Nesbitt).

## In the SEI

17. Lana Woolford, Diocese of Edinburgh, ordinand
18. Revd Canon Graham Taylor, Chaplain to SEI
19. Revd Ian Barcroft, Provincial Director of Ordinands
20. Diocesan Advisors
21. Mixed Mode Training Supervisors
22. Placement Supervisors
23. Associate Tutors

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



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.



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