



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Weeks beginning Sunday 31 December 2023

Christmas 1

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.

**There is no Zoom Morning Prayer until
Monday 8 January 2024 when it resumes
using the link below**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83241840407?pwd=YnBqWkxEeW5NMlBuTDRmbDc0cFZhUT09>

Tel: 0131 460 1196 Meeting ID: 832 4184 0407 Passcode: 076546
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Faith in action (January) – Homelessness

A dilemma we all face every day when we pass a homeless person asking for our money, is whether to give money when we know that it might be used to fund drug or alcohol addictions.

Whatever you decide one thing is vital: not to let this dilemma stop you helping and prevent you from seeing Christ in your homeless neighbour.

In Scotland two of the largest Christian organisations working for the homeless are the Bethany Christian Trust and Scottish Churches Housing Action (SCHA). They can give you all the information you will need about projects in your local area, and advise you on how you and your Church can help more.

You may wish to try the following:

- pray for homeless people
- give money to charities working with the homeless
- give meal tokens to homeless people
- give a chocolate bar or a cup of coffee to a homeless person you meet on the street
- Buy the *Big Issue* regularly (more than half of the cost goes directly to the vendor) and get to know each of the different vendors on your way round town
- give your time to talk to people and try to establish a rapport
- make those who are homeless feel wanted, loved and included
- see what your Church can do for Scotland's homeless by applying for an information pack for the annual 'Homelessness Sunday'; Church Action on Poverty Week is at the end of January to the beginning of February
- volunteer for the Bethany Care Van which operates 365 days per year
- become a Friend of the SCHA and receive a monthly newsletter giving you regular updates on the Scottish Churches' collective endeavour to help the homeless on our streets
- buy a Caring Christmas Tree from Bethany Christian Trust
- save money as well as supporting a variety of homelessness charities through the ethical banking firm 'Triodos', a plethora of different saving policies allows you to save money and contribute differing proportions of the interest made to support various homeless charities

Seeing and loving the homeless Christ in the homeless

Homeless Saviour, teach us to see you

In the pale faces we meet huddled under blankets,

In the out-stretched hands,

In the anger, tears and pain,

That by recognising you in their faces, we might see their real loveliness,

And so, by your love, love you in them.

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 31 December 2023 *1st Sunday of Christmas*
Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Monday 1 January 2024
The Diocese of Bor – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Tuesday 2 January 2024
The Diocese of Botswana – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Wednesday 3 January 2024
The Diocese of Brandon – The Anglican Church of Canada

Thursday 4 January 2024
The Diocese of Brechin – The Scottish Episcopal Church

Friday 5 January 2024
The Diocese of Brisbane – The Anglican Church of Australia

Saturday 6 January 2024 *Epiphany*
The Diocese of Bristol – The Church of England

In the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

31st Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- The Anglican Communion.
- The Primates' Meeting.

- The Anglican Consultative Council (Beth Routledge).

1st Day of Each Month

- 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.

2nd Day of Each Month

- 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 (Vacant, Margaret Williams).

3rd Day of Each Month

- 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, Patsy Thomson).
- St Oswald's, Maybole (Liz Crumlish).

4th Day of Each Month

- 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, Linda Whitby).
- St Ninian's, Prestwick (Jane Ross).

5th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Aberdeen & Orkney (Bishop Anne Dyer, Bishop Dorsey McConnell).
- Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock (Harriet Johnston, Anthony Clapham).
- St Ninian's, Troon (Keith Thomasson).

6th Day of Each Month

- 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

31. SEI staff

1. **Jamie Campbell**, Diocese of Brechin, Mixed Mode stipendiary ordinand
2. **Maureen Farquhar**, Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, ordinand
3. **Robert Garnett**, Diocese of Argyll and the Isles, ordinand
4. **Enza Gibson**, Diocese of Brechin, diaconal ordinand
5. **Tim Hatton**, Church Army/ Diocese of Edinburgh, Church Army Lay Evangelist
6. **Emma Herd**, Diocese of Edinburgh, ordinand

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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