



# Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church  
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone  
Weeks beginning Sunday 14 January 2024

## Epiphany 2

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.

**Morning Prayer 9am for 20mins  
using 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 (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 14 January 2024** *2nd Sunday of Epiphany*  
Church of the Province of South East Asia

**Monday 15 January 2024**  
The Diocese of Bukedi – The Church of the Province of Uganda

**Tuesday 16 January 2024**  
The Diocese of Bukuru – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**Wednesday 17 January 2024**  
The Diocese of Bunbury – The Anglican Church of Australia

**Thursday 18 January 2024** *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*  
The Diocese of Bungoma – The Anglican Church of Kenya

**Friday 19 January 2024** *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*  
The Diocese of Bunyoro-Kitara – The Church of the Province of Uganda

**Saturday 20 January 2024** *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*  
The Diocese of Busan – The Anglican Church of Korea

## In the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

14th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Church of Ireland.
- Diocesan Chancellor (Bruce Erroch); Diocesan Registrar (Ronald Inglis).
- St Bride's, Glasgow (Vacant).
- St Andrew's, Milngavie (Andrea Hagenbuch, Fraser Gold).

### 15th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Lay Readers' Warden (Ray Gascoigne).
- Cathedral Chapter.
- Cathedral Church of St Mary, Glasgow (Kelvin Holdsworth, Oliver Brewer-Lennon, John Riches, Ellen Barrett, Maggie McTernan).

### 16th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland.
- Diocesan Makar (Kirstin Freeman).
- St Augustine's, Dumbarton (Heller Gonzalez).

### 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).

## In the SEI

**14. Laura Symon**, Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, stipendiary ordinand

**15. Stuart Thomson**, Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, ordinand

**16. Margaret Williams**, Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, ordinand

**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**



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



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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