



# Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church  
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone  
Weeks beginning Sunday 10 March 2024

## Lent 4

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 (March) – Asylum Seekers**

Before presenting some possible suggestions about how to help the plight of asylum seekers it is important to consider several popular myths found in the printed media. Many newspapers place particular rhetorical emphasis on the 'hordes' of people attempting to seek asylum in the 'soft touch' UK. However, the actual proportion of people applying for asylum to the UK is actually a minute percentage of the overall worldwide number of asylum seekers and the UNHCR calculates that the UK receives less than 0.5% of the total world population of refugees.

Another common view in the press is that asylum seekers drain the resources of local authorities which could have been spent on tax-paying citizens. However, this is again fallacious, since funding for asylum seekers comes from central Government, not local authorities' budgets. Finally it is vital to emphasise that despite media attempts to demonise asylum seekers, the vast majority of people seeking asylum are genuine, scared and desperate people who are seeking refuge often from countries where their basic human rights are not respected.

Of the thousands of people who apply for asylum, only a thousand or so come to Scotland each year. However, due to government re-organising, this number is set to rise over the next few years. So, what can we do? It is important to keep yourself informed and up to date with accurate statistics and information about asylum seekers. You can do this very easily by contacting and/or applying for a free e-mail newsletter from the Scottish Asylum Seekers Consortium which will give you accurate coverage of the state of affairs in Scotland.

You may wish to try the following:

- pray for asylum seekers
- become a member and support the work of the Scottish Refugee Council
- if a student get in touch with Student Action for Refugees
- donate clothes, blankets, baby clothes, toys and non-perishable foods to charities caring for refugees
- join the Scottish Detainee Visitors' Scheme and visit Dungavel detention centre and support those living there
- write to your MP and MSP regarding the plight of refugees in our country
- become a mentor to an approved refugee as he/she seeks employment

### **A Prayer**

Almighty God,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ we are called to serve the marginalised and vulnerable within our society.

Give us Your gift of Grace that we might share in the plight of all asylum seekers and refugees and open our hearts to them, that Your love may be known:  
through Christ our Lord.

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 10 March 2024** *4th Sunday of Lent*  
The Episcopal Church

**Monday 11 March 2024**  
The Diocese of Colombo – The Church of Ceylon (Extra Provincial)

**Tuesday 12 March 2024**  
The Diocese of Colorado – The Episcopal Church

**Wednesday 13 March 2024**  
The Diocese of Congo Brazzaville – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane  
Du Congo

**Thursday 14 March 2024**  
The Diocese of Connecticut – The Episcopal Church

**Friday 15 March 2024**  
The Diocese of Connor – The Church of Ireland

**Saturday 16 March 2024**  
The Diocese of Cork, Cloyne

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

10th Day of Each Month

- 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 (Elizabeth Breakey).

#### 11th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Diocesan Secretary (John Mitchell).
- East End Episcopal Churches: St John the Evangelist, Baillieston; St Serf's with St Kentigern's, Shettleston (Tess Lowe).

#### 12th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland.
- Diocesan Treasurer (Robert Burgon); Diocesan Auditors (John R. Park, Jacqui McCarrell, Andrew Littlejohn).
- St James-the-Less, Bishopbriggs (Paul Watson, Kennedy Fraser).
- St Cyprian's, Lenzie (Vacant).

#### 13th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Brechin (Bishop Andrew Swift).
- Companions of Our Lady & St Mungo (Ellen Barrett, Alison Joy Whybrow).
- Holy Name, Cumbernauld (Kirstin Freeman, Ray Gascoigne).
- St Matthew's, Possilpark (David Wostenholm, Stuart Wood).

#### 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).

## In the SEI

**10. Anne Macdonald**, Diocese of Argyll and the Isles, ordinand

**11. Eilidh Proudfoot**, Diocese of Edinburgh, New College stipendiary ordinand

**12. Helen Randall**, Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, ordinand

**13. Ross Stirling-Young**, Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, Mixed Mode stipendiary ordinand

**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

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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