



# Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church  
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone  
Weeks beginning Sunday 31 March 2024

## Easter Week

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  
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## **Faith in action (April) – Prisons**

Many prisoners spend long sentences and do not receive visits from family or friends. Often, families have deliberately cut themselves off from the offender. It is hard for prisoners who do not receive visits to see others going off to the Visits Hall.

You may wish to try the following:

- Pray for those in prison
- Visit a prisoner. There are several volunteer visiting schemes. If you are interested in visiting prisoners contact one of the organisations or the Chaplaincy at your local prison.
- Welcome ex-offenders. Many prisoners experience isolation and discrimination on release. Is your Congregation welcoming to ex-offenders? Can you offer support? Families of prisoners experience difficulties too. They serve the sentence as well, often experiencing hardship and hostility in their local community. Are there families of offenders living in your parish? Can you offer them support?
- Make contact with your local Victim Support Group. Crime occurs anywhere and everywhere. There are many victims of crime, sometimes vulnerable people, the elderly, those living alone. It is certain that people in your area have been victims. What can you do to support them? Help the elderly and those living alone to minimise the likelihood of crime by ensuring their homes are as secure as possible. Keep an eye on them.
- Keep up-to-date with the Scottish Parliament and Criminal Justice. Does the Scottish Government get it right? Prison is not the answer for many offenders whose sentences are too short to do any good. They are sent to prison for relatively minor offences. The Courts do have alternatives available but seem reluctant to use them.

### **For the Victims of Crime**

Lord, your Son was a victim.  
We pray for the victims of crime;  
For those whose lives are changed for ever.  
For those who live in fear.  
For those who have lost their faith and trust  
in their fellow human beings.  
Restore them by your grace and move them  
to forgiveness;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN

### **For Prisoners and Their Families**

Lord, you know that prison life is hard, and  
that many find it difficult to cope.  
We pray for vulnerable prisoners.  
For those beginning long sentences.  
For those preparing for release.

For those seeking to change their lives.  
We pray for the families of prisoners who  
often suffer discrimination and hardship.  
Strengthen them and help them with your love;  
Through Jesus 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 31 March 2024** *Easter Day*

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6)*

**The Church in the Province of the West Indies**

**Monday 1 April 2024**

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

**Tuesday 2 April 2024**

**The Diocese of Dar-es-Salaam – The Anglican Church of Tanzania**

**Wednesday 3 April 2024**

**The Diocese of Davao – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines**

**Thursday 4 April 2024**

**The Diocese of Saint Davids – The Church in Wales**

**Friday 5 April 2024**

**The Diocese of Delaware – The Episcopal Church**

**Saturday 6 April 2024**

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

# **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



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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