



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Weeks beginning Sunday 7 April 2024

Easter 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/

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 from 15 April after the Easter
break**

<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 (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 7 April 2024 *1st Sunday of Easter*
The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Monday 8 April 2024 *The Annunciation*
The Diocese of Derby – The Church of England

Tuesday 9 April 2024
The Diocese of Derry and Raphoe – The Church of Ireland

Wednesday 10 April 2024
The Diocese of Dhaka – The Church of Bangladesh

Thursday 11 April 2024
The Diocese of San Diego – The Episcopal Church

Friday 12 April 2024
The Diocese of Divine Hope – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Saturday 13 April 2024
The Diocese of Dogura – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

In the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

7th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Bishop's Core Group.
- All Saints, Challoch; St Margaret of Scotland, New Galloway (Dawn Matthew, Kirsty Anderson).

8th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Church of Sweden.
- Diocesan Council.
- St Mary's, Gatehouse of Fleet; St Francis of Assisi (*Greyfriars*) & Kirkcudbright (Vacant, Gill Hart, John Martin, Gordon Mursell).

9th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Argyll and the Isles (Vacant).
- St Ninian's, Castle Douglas (Christopher Ketley, John McHale, Alan Rumble).
- Christ Church, Dalbeattie (Christopher Ketley, John, McHale, John Simmons, Helen Evans).

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).

In the SEI

7. Camayo Hyde, Diocese of Edinburgh, Lay Reader candidate

8. Karen Kiefer, Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, ordinand

9. Tosh Lynch, Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, ordinand

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



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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