



Weekly Intercessions



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

Easter 3

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 14 April 2024 *3rd Sunday of Easter*

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Monday 15 April 2024

The Diocese of Doko – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tuesday 16 April 2024

The Diocese of Dominican Republic – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 17 April 2024

The Diocese of Dornakal – The Church of South India (United)

Thursday 18 April 2024

The Diocese of Down and Dromore – The Church of Ireland

Friday 19 April 2024

The Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough – The Church of Ireland

Saturday 20 April 2024

The Diocese of Duk – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

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 (Peter Bradley).
- 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.
- Diocesan Environmental Group (Stuart Bain, Ian Arbon, Rebecca Cadie, Danny Craig, Fiona Crawford, Petko Marinov, Alsion Mathew, Audrey O'Brien Stewart)
- 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).

21st Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Moray, Ross and Caithness (Bishop Mark Strange).
- Good Shepherd & Ascension, Hillington; Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley (Deborah Davison).

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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