

Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone Weeks beginning Sunday 21 & 28 April 2024

Easter 4 & 5

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 Pewsheet 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 21 April 2024 4th Sunday of Easter **The Anglican Church of Australia**

Monday 22 April 2024

The Diocese of Dunedin – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Tuesday 23 April 2024

The Diocese of Dunkwa-on-Offin - The Church of the Province of West Africa

Wednesday 24 April 2024

The Diocese of Durgapur - The Church of North India (United)

Thursday 25 April 2024

The Diocese of Durham - The Church of England

Friday 26 April 2024

The Diocese of Dutse - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 27 April 2024

The Diocese of East Kerala - The Church of South India (United)

Sunday 28 April 2024 5th Sunday of Easter

The Church of Bangladesh

Monday 29 April 2024

The Diocese of Easton - The Episcopal Church

Tuesday 30 April 2024

The Diocese of Eau Claire - The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 1 May 2024

The Diocese of Central Ecuador -The Episcopal Church

Thursday 2 May 2024

The Diocese of Edinburgh -The Scottish Episcopal Church

Friday 3 May 2024

The Diocese of Edmonton - The Anglican Church of Canada

Saturday 4 May 2024

The Diocese of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich - The Church of England

In the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

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).

22nd Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Spanish Episcopal Reformed Church.
- Pastoral Supervisors in the Diocese (Liz Crumlish, Lisa Curtice, Keith Thomasson, Martyn Trembath)
- St John's, Johnstone; St Margaret's, Renfrew (Reuben Preston, Lisa Curtice).

23rd Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Diocesan Protection of Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator (Anne Jones).
- St John the Evangelist, Greenock (Wilhelmina Nesbitt).

24th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark.

• Heartland Group: St Mary's, Bridge of Weir; St Fillan's, Kilmacolm; St Mary the Virgin, Port Glasgow (Vacant, Robert Chambers).

25th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: St Andrew's, Dunkeld and Dunblane (Bishop Ian Paton).
- Canon Missioner (Audrey O'Brien Stewart); Digital Engagement Officer (Petko Marinov).
- Holy Trinity, Motherwell; St Andrew's, Wishaw (Vacant).

26th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad.
- Mothers' Union.
- St Cuthbert's, Cambuslang; St Mark's, East Kilbride (Vacant).

27th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Lutheran Church in Great Britain.
- St Mary the Virgin, Hamilton; St Andrew's, Uddingston (Matthew Little).
- Episcopalians in isolated parts of the country.

28th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Interfaith Relations (Maggie McTernan).
- Christ Church, Lanark (Drew Sheridan, Jackie Fenton, Robert Burgon, Richard Evans, Rob Thain).
- St Paul and St John the Evangelist, Monklands (Kirstin Freeman).

29th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: General Synod Office (John Stuart, Secretary General).
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Provincial Standing Committee & Provincial Boards.
- Chaplaincy in Hospitals, Education and Commerce.
- Anglican Chaplaincy, University of Glasgow (Kelvin Holdsworth, Oliver Brewer-Lennon).

30th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- The Methodist Church in Scotland (Mark Slaney).

- The United Reformed Church (Paul Whittle).
- EMU Partnership Agreement.

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).

In the SEI

21. Mixed Mode Training Supervisors

22. Placement Supervisors

23. Associate Tutors

- 24. Bishop Andrew, Acting Convenor of Institute Council
- 25. Institute Council members
- 26. Members of the Management Committee
- **27. Dr Alistair Mason,** Chair of the Board of Examiners
- **28.** Revd Dr John McNeil Scott and the staff of the Scottish URC College
- 29. Centro de Estudos Anglicanos (CEA) Porto Alegre, Brazil
- 30. Families of candidates
- **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

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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