



# Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church  
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone  
Weeks beginning Sunday 01 December 2024

## Advent 1

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.

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### **Faith in action (December) – HIV/AIDS**

The HIV pandemic affects every part of our world, including Scotland. Some people here have been living with HIV for 20+ years, living with changes in their prognosis and the knowledge that many of their friends and loved ones have already died. Thanks to the development of effective treatment, many people are now living with HIV rather than dying from AIDS. However, these treatments are difficult to sustain, particularly for people who have additional social or health problems.

Recent years have seen an increase in new HIV infections in Scotland - the majority within the heterosexual population. There has been

inadequate sexual health education for the general population, with the resultant increase in HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Infections. People living with HIV face stigma and discrimination on a regular basis - this is still a hidden disease - they need our support and our care; they need our support.

You may wish to consider doing one or more of the following:

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- pray for people living with HIV/AIDS
- commemorate International AIDS Day on the 1st December each year
- pray for all those whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS
- pray for more effective drugs to combat this disease
- support charities who work with people living with HIV/AIDS
- volunteer in a hospice for those dying from this disease
- unconditionally accept people living with HIV/AIDS as equal members of the body of Christ

God of all compassion,  
Comfort your sons and daughters  
Who live with HIV.  
Spread over us all your quilt of  
Mercy, Love and Peace.  
Open our eyes to your presence  
Reflected in their faces.  
Open our ears to your truth  
Echoing in their hearts.  
Give us the strength  
To weep with the grieving,  
To walk with the lonely,  
To stand with the depressed.  
May our love mirror your love  
For those who live in fear,  
Who live under stress and who suffer rejection.  
Mothering, fathering God  
Grant rest to those who have died  
And hope to all who live with HIV  
God of life, help us to find the cure now  
And help us to build a world in which  
No one dies alone and where  
Everyone lives accepted  
Wanted and loved. **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 1 December 2024 Advent 1**  
Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**Monday 2 December 2024**  
The Diocese of Kitale – The Anglican Church of Kenya

**Tuesday 3 December 2024**  
The Diocese of Kiteto – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**Wednesday 4 December 2024**  
The Diocese of Kitgum – The Church of the Province of Uganda

**Thursday 5 December 2024**  
The Diocese of Kitui – The Anglican Church of Kenya

**Friday 6 December 2024**  
The Diocese of Kivu – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

**Saturday 7 December 2024**  
The Diocese of North Kivu – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

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

### **1st Day of Each Month**

- Bishop Andrew Swift, Acting Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.

- Those discerning a call to the episcopate; the Preparatory Committee and the Electoral Synod of the Diocese.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Those in training for ordained and lay ministries.
- Bishop Kevin Pearson, 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 Andrew Swift, Acting Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Those discerning a call to the episcopate; the Preparatory Committee and the Electoral Synod of the Diocese.
- Porvoo Communion: 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 Andrew Swift, Acting Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Those discerning a call to the episcopate; the Preparatory Committee and the Electoral Synod of the Diocese.
- The Dean and Bishop's Commissary (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 Andrew Swift, Acting Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Those discerning a call to the episcopate; the Preparatory Committee and the Electoral Synod of the Diocese.
- Porvoo Communion: 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 Andrew Swift, Acting Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Those discerning a call to the episcopate; the Preparatory Committee and the Electoral Synod of the Diocese.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Aberdeen & Orkney (Bishop Anne Dyer).
- Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock (Harriet Johnston, Anthony Clapham).
- St Ninian's, Troon (Keith Thomasson).

### **6th Day of Each Month**

- Bishop Andrew Swift, Acting Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Those discerning a call to the episcopate; the Preparatory Committee and the Electoral Synod of the Diocese.
- Porvoo Communion: The Church of Norway.

- St John the Evangelist, Eastriggs; All Saints, Gretna; (Vacant, Melvyn Redgers).
- All Saints, Lockerbie; St John the Evangelist, Moffat (Vacant, John Stevenson).

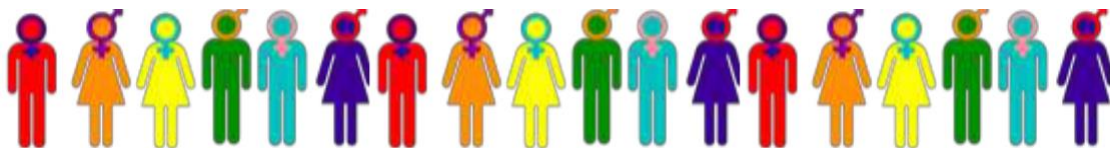
### **7th Day of Each Month**

- Bishop Andrew Swift, Acting Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Those discerning a call to the episcopate; the Preparatory Committee and the Electoral Synod of the Diocese.
- Bishop's Core Group.
- All Saints, Challoch; St Margaret of Scotland, New Galloway (Dawn Matthew, Kirsty Anderson).

## **In the SEI**

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

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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