



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Weeks beginning Sunday 08 December 2024

Advent 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.

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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

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Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Monday 9 December 2024

The Diocese of Kobe – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Tuesday 10 December 2024

The Diocese of Koforidua – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Wednesday 11 December 2024

The Diocese of Kolhapur – The Church of North India (United)

Thursday 12 December 2024

The Diocese of Kollam – Kottarakkara – The Church of South India (United)

Friday 13 December 2024

The Diocese of Kondoa – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Saturday 14 December 2024

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

In the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

8th 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 Sweden.
- Diocesan Council.
- St Mary's, Gatehouse of Fleet; St Francis of Assisi (*Greyfriars*), Kirkcudbright (Alison Hudson, Gill Hart, John Martin, Gordon Mursell).

9th 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: Argyll and The Isles (Bishop David Railton).
- St Ninian's, Castle Douglas (Vacant, Alan Rumble).
- Christ Church, Dalbeattie (Vacant, John Simmons, Helen Evans).

10th 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 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 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.
- Diocesan Secretary (Susan Burr).
- 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 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 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 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: 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).

14th 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 Ireland.
- Diocesan Chancellor (Bruce Erroch); Diocesan Registrar (Ronald Inglis).
- St Bride's, Glasgow (Peter Bradley).
- St Andrew's, Milngavie (Andrea Hagenbuch, Fraser Gold).

In the SEI

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**
- 14. Laura Symon, Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, stipendiary ordinand**
- 15. Stuart Thomson, Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, ordinand**

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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