



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Weeks beginning Sunday 15 December 2024

Advent 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.

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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 15 December 2024 *Advent 3*

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Monday 16 December 2024

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

Tuesday 17 December 2024

**The Diocese of Kontagora – The Church of Nigeria
(Anglican Communion)**

Wednesday 18 December 2024

The Diocese of Kootenay – The Anglican Church of Canada

Thursday 19 December 2024

The Diocese of Eastern Kowloon – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Friday 20 December 2024

The Diocese of Western Kowloon – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Saturday 21 December 2024

**The Diocese of Krishna-Godavari – The Church of South India
(United)**

In the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

15th 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.
- Lay Readers in the Diocese and their Warden (Ray Gascoigne).
- Cathedral Chapter.
- Cathedral Church of St Mary, Glasgow (Kelvin Holdsworth, John Riches, Ellen Barrett, Maggie McTernan).

16th 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 Iceland.
- Diocesan Makar (Kirstin Freeman).
- St Augustine's, Dumbarton (Heller Gonzalez).

17th 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: 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 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 in Wales.
- Diocesan Environmental Group (Stuart Bain, Ian Arbon, Rebecca Cadie, Danny Craig, Fiona Crawford, Iain Johnstone, Petko Marinov, Alison Mathew)
- All Saints, Jordanhill (Sydney Maitland).

19th 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 Property Committee.
- 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 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 Lusitanian Church of Portugal.
- Diocesan Centre Staff (Christine Hughes, Iolanthe Stack, Janet Chalmers, Kim Schmulian).
- St Oswald's, King's Park (Alison Mathew).
- St Ninian's, Pollokshields (Verity Brown, Kenneth Roach, Eamonn Rodgers).

21st 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: Moray, Ross and Caithness (Bishop Mark Strange).
- Good Shepherd & Ascension, Hillington; Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley (Deborah Davison).

In the SEI

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**
- 21. Mixed Mode Training Supervisors**

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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