



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Weeks beginning Sunday 5 January 2025

Epiphany

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 (January) – Homelessness

A dilemma we all face every day when we pass a homeless person asking for our money, is whether to give money when we know that it might be used to fund drug or alcohol addictions.

Whatever you decide one thing is vital: not to let this dilemma stop you helping and prevent you from seeing Christ in your homeless neighbour.

In Scotland two of the largest Christian organisations working for the homeless are the Bethany Christian Trust and Scottish Churches Housing Action (SCHA). They can give you all the information you will

need about projects in your local area, and advise you on how you and your Church can help more.

You may wish to try the following:

- pray for homeless people
- give money to charities working with the homeless
- give meal tokens to homeless people
- give a chocolate bar or a cup of coffee to a homeless person you meet on the street
- Buy the *Big Issue* regularly (more than half of the cost goes directly to the vendor) and get to know each of the different vendors on your way round town
- give your time to talk to people and try to establish a rapport
- make those who are homeless feel wanted, loved and included
- see what your Church can do for Scotland's homeless by applying for an information pack for the annual 'Homelessness Sunday'; Church Action on Poverty Week is at the end of January to the beginning of February
- volunteer for the Bethany Care Van which operates 365 days per year
- become a Friend of the SCHA and receive a monthly newsletter giving you regular updates on the Scottish Churches' collective endeavour to help the homeless on our streets
- buy a Caring Christmas Tree from Bethany Christian Trust
- save money as well as supporting a variety of homelessness charities through the ethical banking firm 'Triodos', a plethora of different saving policies allows you to save money and contribute differing proportions of the interest made to support various homeless charities

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 5 January 2025 *2nd Sunday of Christmas*
The Church in Wales

Monday 6 January 2025 *Epiphany*
The Diocese of Lagos – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tuesday 7 January 2025
**The Diocese of Lagos Mainland – The Church of Nigeria
(Anglican Communion)**

Wednesday 8 January 2025
**The Diocese of Lagos West – The Church of Nigeria
(Anglican Communion)**

Thursday 9 January 2025
The Diocese of Lahore – The Church of Pakistan (United)

Friday 10 January 2025
The Diocese of Lainya – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Saturday 11 January 2025
**The Diocese on the Lake – The Church of Nigeria
(Anglican Communion)**

In the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

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).

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).

In the SEI

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

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

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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