



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Weeks beginning Sunday 12 January 2025

Epiphany 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/

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 12 January 2025 *1st Sunday of Epiphany*
The Church of the Province of West Africa

Monday 13 January 2025
The Diocese of Lango – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Tuesday 14 January 2025
The Diocese of West Lango – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Wednesday 15 January 2025
**The Diocese of Langtang – The Church of Nigeria
(Anglican Communion)**

Thursday 16 January 2025
The Diocese of Lebombo – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Friday 17 January 2025
The Diocese of Leeds – The Church of England

Saturday 18 January 2025
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
The Diocese of Leicester – The Church of England

In the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

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 (Vacant); 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).

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).

In the SEI

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

16. Margaret Williams, Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, ordinand

17. Lana Woolford, Diocese of Edinburgh, ordinand

18. Revd Canon Graham Taylor, Chaplain to SEI

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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