



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Weeks beginning Sunday 2 February 2025

The Presentation

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 (February) – Wellbeing

Are your church and church premises accessible for all?

- Do you provide the Scottish Episcopal Church (SEC) Liturgy in Braille?
- Is there a hearing loop?
- Is there space for a wheelchair or buggy in the body of the church?
- Are the toilets accessible?
- Is the language you use inclusive?

Help and advice can be had from the SEC's Church For All Group: contact churchrelations@scotland.anglican.org

You may wish to try the following:

- pray for the well-being of others

- undertake an accessibility audit for your church premises
- enrol on a first-aid course with the

St Andrew's Ambulance Association or the Red Cross

- give blood regularly
- volunteer in the local hospital or hospice
- volunteer as an advocate for one of the local advocacy charities
- become a DJ on hospital radio
- become a reader for Talking Newspapers
- fundraise
- become a puppy walker for charities who train assistance dogs

A Prayer for those with physical illnesses

Almighty Healer,

For all those in hospital beds, alone, bewildered and afraid,

Enfold them in the mystery of your suffering love.

For all those suffering with illness or disease,

Enfold them in the mystery of your suffering love.

For all those struggling to come to terms with their pain,

Enfold them in the mystery of your suffering love,

For all those facing the anxiety of death,

Enfold them in the mystery of your suffering love. AMEN

A Prayer for health workers in Scotland and the rest of the world

Lord, in Scotland we are blessed with the tireless work of doctors, nurses, care and social workers, volunteers and family members who give themselves over to caring for your sick and disabled children.

We give thanks for their love, compassion, patience and energy.

Through your Spirit, give them the strength and the humility to continue their invaluable service of love.

In prayer, we also remember those throughout the world who do not have access to medical care.

Lord, let our prayer spill over into practice so that in the footsteps of your Son, all your sick children might be healed. AMEN

A Prayer for people with disabilities

Lord, we give thanks for the glorious diversity of ability within your children,

Open us up to see you in the differing abilities of the different people we meet,

Let us recognise the insight of the blind,

Let us hear your voice in the deaf,

Let us encounter your Wisdom in those with learning difficulties.

For although different, together in our great diversity of gifts and abilities we reflect the inexhaustible richness of your love, and the beauty of your holy name. AMEN

A Prayer for those with mental illness

Father of all, we pray for those within our society who suffer from mental illnesses,

In their anger, isolation and restlessness,

comfort them with your peace.

We ask you for the guidance of your Holy Spirit,

so that we might seek to include them rather than to exclude, to understand them rather than to ignore.

Against our stigma, ignorance and impatience,

Let your love burn within us,

So that we might become true disciples of your Son.
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 2 February 2025

4th Sunday of Epiphany The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Monday 3 February 2025

The Diocese of London – The Church of England

Tuesday 4 February 2025

The Diocese of Long Island – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 5 February 2025

The Diocese of Los Angeles – The Episcopal Church

Thursday 6 February 2025

The Diocese of Louisiana – The Episcopal Church

Friday 7 February 2025

The Diocese of Western Louisiana – The Episcopal Church

Saturday 8 February 2025

The Diocese of Luapula – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

In the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

2nd Day of Each Month

- Bishop Andrew Swift, Acting Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Bishop-elect Nick and his family.
- 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.
- Bishop-elect Nick and his family.
- 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.
- Bishop-elect Nick and his family.
- 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.
- Bishop-elect Nick and his family.
- 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.
- Bishop-elect Nick and his family.
- 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.
- Bishop-elect Nick and his family.
- 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.
- Bishop-elect Nick and his family.
- 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).

In the SEI

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

8. Karen Kiefer, 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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