



# Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church  
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone  
Weeks beginning Sunday 9 February 2025

## 4<sup>th</sup> Before Lent

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/](http://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.

[www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk](http://www.SECStJohnStMargaret.org.uk)

### **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](mailto: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 9 February 2025** *5th Sunday of Epiphany*

**The Anglican Church of Australia**

**Monday 10 February 2025**

**The Diocese of Lucknow – The Church of North India (United)**

**Tuesday 11 February 2025**

**The Diocese of Lui – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan**

**Wednesday 12 February 2025**

**The Diocese of Lusaka – The Church of the Province of Central Africa**

**Thursday 13 February 2025**

**The Lusitanian Church – (Extra Provincial)**

**Friday 14 February 2025**

**The Diocese of Luwero – The Church of the Province of Uganda**

**Saturday 15 February 2025**

# **The Diocese of Northern Luzon – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines**

## **In the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway**

### **9th 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: 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.
- Bishop-elect Nick and his family.
- 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.
- Bishop-elect Nick and his family.
- 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.
- Bishop-elect Nick and his family.
- 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.
- Bishop-elect Nick and his family.
- 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.
- Bishop-elect Nick and his family.
- 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.
- Bishop-elect Nick and his family.
- 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).

## **In the SEI**

**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.

