



Weekly Intercessions

in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Weeks beginning Sunday 7 July 2025

Pentecost 4

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 (July) – Children & Young People

About one third of children in Scotland live in poverty. Children and young people across Scotland experience a range of difficulties and hardship: 100,000 live with domestic violence; 40,000 to 60,000 with their parents' drug misuse and another 80,000 to 100,000 are affected by parental alcohol misuse. These children, along with others whose parents have mental health problems, are often acting as young carers of needy adults and they are not able to enjoy their childhood as they should. The numbers of children on child protection registers who are suffering neglect has increased by 70% recently, and those suffering

emotional abuse have doubled. One in nine children run away every year as a means of expressing their unhappiness.

About 9,000 children in Scotland have a learning disability, with numbers increasing slightly, especially of those with severe disability and their parents often have enormous difficulty in getting services which will provide assistance to their child and adequate support for themselves in coping with the additional pressure.

Our children are our future and we need to give them the best possible start in life if they are to grow up as strong and active citizens. There has been a great deal of focus recently about young people who are seen to be causing trouble, but the vast majority of young people are constructive members of the community. What we know about those who get into trouble in their teenage years is that they are overwhelmingly the same children who were seen as being in need of care and protection when they were still of primary school age, so we are clearly not meeting their needs.

You may wish to try the following:

- pray for children and young people locally, nationally and internationally
 - befriend a child through Children 1st
 - join a child mentoring scheme such as is run by Scripture Union in schools
 - volunteer to help on Childline
 - get involved in Messy Church
 - welcome children into your church community
 - encourage young SEC members to attend the Provincial Youth Network Summer Camps
 - make room in the church for buggies and wheelchairs
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- foster a child: contact the local authority social work department for your area. Aberlour Trust, Barnardo's and NCH also work with foster carers
 - volunteer to work with children through a recognised charity: most children's charities are looking for volunteers
 - consider becoming a member of the Children's Panel

Gracious God,

We thank you for the energy and vitality of young people.

Young adulthood can be a difficult time of change and transition; leaving school, leaving home, finding a first job.

Help young people to know you as a constant presence through all changes, and the church as a place of welcome and rest and refreshment.

Provide them with a deepening knowledge of your love as they continue to mature and grow and allow them to discover their own gifts and talents, discerning your future for them.

Help us to provide examples of Christian life for them to follow, and to offer friendship where it is wanted.

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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 6 July 2025 *3rd Sunday after Trinity*

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Monday 7 July 2025

The Diocese of Nebraska – The Episcopal Church

Tuesday 8 July 2025

The Diocese of Nelson – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Wednesday 9 July 2025

The Diocese of Nevada – The Episcopal Church

Thursday 10 July 2025

The Diocese of New Bussa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 11 July 2025

The Diocese of New Guinea Islands – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Saturday 12 July 2025

The Diocese of New Hampshire – The Episcopal Church

6th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Communion: The Church of Norway.
- St John the Evangelist, Eastriggs; All Saints, Gretna; (Vacant).
- All Saints, Lockerbie; St John the Evangelist, Moffat (Vacant, John Stevenson).

7th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Bishop's Core Group.
- All Saints, Challoch; St Margaret of Scotland, New Galloway (Dawn Matthew, Kirsty Anderson).

8th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- 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 Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- 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 Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Communion: The Church of England.
- St John the Evangelist, Dumfries (Vacant, 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 Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Diocesan Secretary and Treasurer (Susan Burr).
- Diocesan Auditors (John R. Park, Jacqui McCarrell, Andrew Littlejohn).
- 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 Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Communion: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland.
- St James-the-Less, Bishopbriggs (Paul Watson, Kennedy Fraser).

- St Cyprian's, Lenzie (Vacant).

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- 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**
- 12. Helen Randall, Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney, 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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