



Weekly Intercessions

in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Weeks beginning Sunday 20 July 2025

Pentecost 6

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
- 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.

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 20 July 2025 *5th Sunday after Trinity*

The Church of Pakistan (United)

Monday 21 July 2025

The Diocese of Newcastle (England) – The Church of England

Tuesday 22 July 2025

**The Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador –
The Anglican Church of Canada**

Wednesday 23 July 2025

**The Diocese of Central Newfoundland – The Anglican Church
of Canada**

Thursday 24 July 2025

**The Diocese of Western Newfoundland – The Anglican Church
of Canada**

Friday 25 July 2025

The Diocese of Ngbo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 26 July 2025

The Diocese of Niagara – The Anglican Church of Canada

20th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Communion: The Lusitanian Church of Portugal.
- St Oswald's, King's Park (Alison Mathew).
- St Ninian's, Pollokshields (Verity Brown, Kenneth Roach, Eamonn Rodgers).

21st Day of Each Month

- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Moray, Ross and Caithness (Bishop Mark Strange).
- Diocesan Centre Staff (Iolanthe Stack, Janet Chalmers, Kim Schmulian, Alexis Costigane, Ian Boa).
- Good Shepherd & Ascension, Hillington; Holy Trinity & St Barnabas, Paisley (Deborah Davison).

22nd Day of Each Month

- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Communion: The Spanish Episcopal Reformed Church.
- Pastoral Supervisors in the Diocese (Liz Crumlish, Lisa Curtice, Keith Thomasson, Martyn Trembath)
- St John's, Johnstone; St Margaret's, Renfrew (Reuben Preston, Robert Chambers).

23rd Day of Each Month

- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Diocesan Protection of Vulnerable Groups Co-ordinator (Jenny Whelan).
- St John the Evangelist, Greenock (Wilhelmina Nesbitt).

24th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Communion: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Denmark.
- Heartland Charge: St Mary's, Bridge of Weir; St Fillan's, Kilmacolm; St Mary the Virgin, Port Glasgow (Lisa Curtice).

25th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: St Andrew's, Dunkeld and Dunblane (Bishop Ian Paton).
- Canon Missioner (Vacant); Digital Engagement Officer (Petko Marinov).
- Holy Trinity, Motherwell; St Andrew's, Wishaw (Vacant).

26th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Communion: Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad.

- Mothers' Union.
- St Cuthbert's, Cambuslang; St Mark's, East Kilbride (Vacant).

In the SEI

20. Diocesan Advisors

21. Mixed Mode Training Supervisors

22. Placement Supervisors

23. Associate Tutors

24. Bishop Andrew, Acting Convenor of Institute Council

25. Institute Council members

26. Members of the Management Committee

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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