



Weekly Intercessions

in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Weeks beginning Sunday 27 July 2025

Pentecost 7

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.

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 27 July 2025 *6th Sunday after Trinity*

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Monday 28 July 2025

The Diocese of Niassa – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Tuesday 29 July 2025

The Diocese of Nicaragua – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Wednesday 30 July 2025

The Diocese on the Niger – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 31 July 2025

The Diocese of Niger Delta – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 1 August 2025

The Diocese of Niger Delta North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 2 August 2025

The Diocese of Niger Delta West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

27th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Communion: The Lutheran Church in Great Britain.
- St Mary the Virgin, Hamilton; St Andrew's, Uddingston (Matthew Little).
- Episcopalians in isolated parts of the country.

28th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Interfaith Relations (Maggie McTernan).
- Christ Church, Lanark (Drew Sheridan, Jackie Fenton, Robert Burgon, Richard Evans, Rob Thain).
- St Paul and St John the Evangelist, Monklands (Kirstin Freeman).

29th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: General Synod Office (Dee Bird, Secretary General).
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Provincial Standing Committee & Provincial Boards.
- Chaplaincy in Hospitals, Education and Commerce.
- Anglican Chaplaincy, University of Glasgow (Kelvin Holdsworth).

30th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- The Methodist Church in Scotland (Mark Slaney).
- The United Reformed Church (Lindsey Sanderson).
- EMU Partnership Agreement.

31st Day of Each Month

- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- The Anglican Communion.
- The Primates' Meeting.
- The Anglican Consultative Council (Beth Routledge).

1st Day of Each Month

- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Those in training for ordained and lay ministries.
- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop Gregor Duncan, Bishop Idris Jones, Bishop Gordon Mursell, all retired clergy and those in Post-Retiral Ministry.
- The Church of Scotland.
- The Roman Catholic Church in Scotland.

2nd Day of Each Month

- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- 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).

In the SEI

27. Dr Alistair Mason, Chair of the Board of Examiners

28. Revd Dr John McNeil Scott and the staff of the Scottish URC College

29. Centro de Estudos Anglicanos (CEA) Porto Alegre, Brazil

30. Families of candidates

31. SEI staff

1. Jamie Campbell, Diocese of Brechin, Mixed Mode stipendiary ordinand

2. Maureen Farquhar, Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, 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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