



Weekly Intercessions

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

Advent 2

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 (December) – HIV/AIDS

The HIV pandemic affects every part of our world, including Scotland. Some people here have been living with HIV for 20+ years, living with changes in their prognosis and the knowledge that many of their friends and loved ones have already died. Thanks to the development of effective treatment, many people are now living with HIV rather than dying from AIDS. However, these treatments are difficult to sustain, particularly for people who have additional social or health problems.

Recent years have seen an increase in new HIV infections in Scotland - the majority within the heterosexual population. There has been

inadequate sexual health education for the general population, with the resultant increase in HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Infections. People living with HIV face stigma and discrimination on a regular basis - this is still a hidden disease - they need our support and our care; they need our sisters and brothers/

You may wish to consider doing one or more of the following:

- pray for people living with HIV/AIDS
- commemorate International AIDS Day on the 1st December each year
- pray for all those whose lives are affected by HIV/AIDS
- pray for more effective drugs to combat this disease
- support charities who work with people living with HIV/AIDS
- volunteer in a hospice for those dying from this disease
- unconditionally accept people living with HIV/AIDS as equal members of the body of Christ.

God of all compassion,

Comfort your sons and daughters Who live with HIV. Spread over us all your quilt of Mercy, Love and Peace.

Open our eyes to your presence

Reflected in their faces.

Open our ears to your truth

Echoing in their hearts.

Give us the strength

To weep with the grieving,

To walk with the lonely,

To stand with the depressed.

May our love mirror your love

For those who live in fear,

Who live under stress and who suffer rejection.

Mothering, fathering God

Grant rest to those who have died

And hope to all who live with HIV

God of life, help us to find the cure now

And help us to build a world in which

No one dies alone and where

Everyone lives accepted

Wanted and loved.

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 7 December 2025 *Advent 2*

The Church of Bangladesh

Monday 8 December 2025

The Diocese of Ruwenzori – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Tuesday 9 December 2025

The Diocese of East Ruwenzori – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Wednesday 10 December 2025

The Diocese of South Ruwenzori – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Thursday 11 December 2025

The Diocese of Sabah – Church of the Province of South East Asia

Friday 12 December 2025

**The Diocese of Sabongidda- Ora – The Church of Nigeria
(Anglican Communion)**

Saturday 13 December 2025

The Sacred Circle – The Anglican Church of Canada

7th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Bishop's Core Group.
- Those working in Prison Chaplaincy (Beki).
- 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 (Petko Marinov) and Diocesan 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 (Vacant, Kennedy Fraser).
- St Cyprian's, Lenzie (Audrey O'Brien Stewart).

13th Day of Each Month

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

In the SEI

- 1. Ms Emma Herd, Diocese of Edinburgh, SEC ordinand**
- 2. Dr Karen Kiefer, Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane, SEC ordinand**
- 3. Mr Tosh Lynch, Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway, SEC ordinand**
- 4. Ms Anne Macdonald, Diocese of Argyll & The Isles, SEC ordinand**
- 5. Mr Neil McCleery, Diocese of Edinburgh, SEC ordinand**
- 6. Mr Peter Ranscombe, Scottish Synod, URC ordinand**
- 7. Ms Lenore Simson, Diocese of Edinburgh, SEC 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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