



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Weeks beginning Sunday 21 December 2025

Advent 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 (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 21 December 2025 *Advent 4*

The Anglican Church of Burundi

Monday 22 December 2025

The Diocese of Santiago (Chile) – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Tuesday 23 December 2025

The Diocese of Santiago (Philippines) – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Wednesday 24 December 2025

The Diocese of São Paulo – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Thursday 25 December 2025 *Christmas Day*

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

Friday 26 December 2025

The Diocese of Saskatchewan – The Anglican Church of Canada

Saturday 27 December 2025

The Diocese of Saskatoon – The Anglican Church of Canada

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 (Vacant).

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.
- Canon Missioner (Vacant).
- 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.
- The Assistant Director of Ordinands (Verity Brown) and the Vocational Discernment Co-ordinator (Dawn Matthew).
- Heartland Charge: St Mary's, Bridge of Weir; St Fillan's, Kilmacollm; 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).
- 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 Worldwide.
- Mothers' Union.
- St Cuthbert's, Cambuslang (Jane Horton).
- St Mark's, East Kilbride (Willie Shaw).

27th Day of Each Month

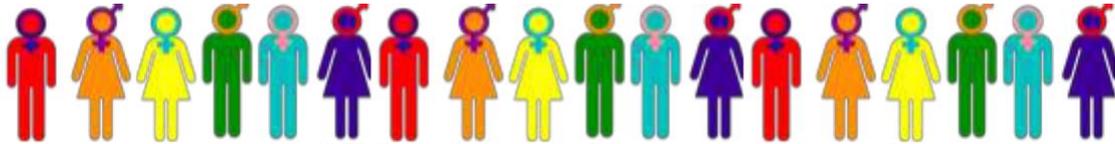
- Bishop Nick Bundock, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.

- 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.

In the SEI

- 21 Revd Dr John McNeil Scott, Principal, Scottish College (URC)
- 22 Rt Rev Andrew Swift, Acting Convener, Institute Council
- 23 Very Rev Graham Taylor, Chaplain
- 24 Rev Dr Anna-Claar Thomasson-Rosingh, Director of Studies
- 25 Rev Dr Elizabeth Thomson, Provincial Director of Ordinands
- 26 Rev Dr Richard Tiplady, Director of Mixed Mode Training
- 27 Diocesan Advisers

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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