



Weekly Intercessions



in the Scottish Episcopal Church
in the Charges of St Margaret, Renfrew & St John, Johnstone
Weeks beginning Sunday 3 December 2023

Advent 1

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.

Zoom Morning Prayer is on the link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83241840407?pwd=YnBqWkxEeW5NMlBuTDRmbDc0cFZhUT09>

Tel: 0131 460 1196 Meeting ID: 832 4184 0407 Passcode: 076546
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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

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 3 December 2023 *Advent 1*
The Church of North India (United)

Monday 4 December 2023
The Diocese of Barbados – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Tuesday 5 December 2023
The Diocese of Bari – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wednesday 6 December 2023
The Diocese of Baringo – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Thursday 7 December 2023
The Diocese of Barisal – The Church of Bangladesh

Friday 8 December 2023
The Diocese of Barrackpore – The Church of North India (United)

Saturday 9 December 2023
The Diocese of Bath and Wells – The Church of England

In the Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway

3rd Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- The Dean (Reuben Preston).
- Lay Representatives, Alternate Lay Representatives and members of Regional Councils.
- Holy Trinity, Ayr (Martyn Trembath, Patsy Thomson).
- St Oswald's, Maybole (Liz Crumlish).

4th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania.
- St Columba's, Largs (Mark Goodman, Linda Whitby).
- St Ninian's, Prestwick (Jane Ross).

5th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Aberdeen & Orkney (Bishop Anne Dyer, Bishop Dorsey McConnell).
- Holy Trinity, Kilmarnock (Harriet Johnston, Anthony Clapham).
- St Ninian's, Troon (Keith Thomasson).

6th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Church of Norway.
- St John the Evangelist, Annan; St John the Evangelist, Eastriggs; All Saints, Gretna; (Martin Callaghan, Melvyn Redgers).
- All Saints, Lockerbie; St John the Evangelist, Moffat (Paul Singh, John Stevenson).

7th Day of Each Month

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

8th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Porvoo Link: The Church of Sweden.
- Diocesan Council.
- St Mary's, Gatehouse of Fleet; St Francis of Assisi (*Greyfriars*), Kirkcudbright (Vacant, interim Gill Hart, John Martin, Gordon Mursell).

9th Day of Each Month

- Bishop Kevin Pearson, Bishop of the United Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway.
- Scottish Episcopal Church: Argyll and the Isles (interim Bishop Ian Paton).
- St Ninian's, Castle Douglas (Christopher Ketley, John McHale, Alan Rumble).
- Christ Church, Dalbeattie (Christopher Ketley, John, McHale, John Simmons, Helen Evans).

In the SEI

3. Robert Garnett, Diocese of Argyll and the Isles, ordinand

4. Enza Gibson, Diocese of Brechin, diaconal ordinand

5. Tim Hatton, Church Army/ Diocese of Edinburgh, Church Army Lay Evangelist

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

God of Mission
Who alone brings growth to your
Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen



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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