

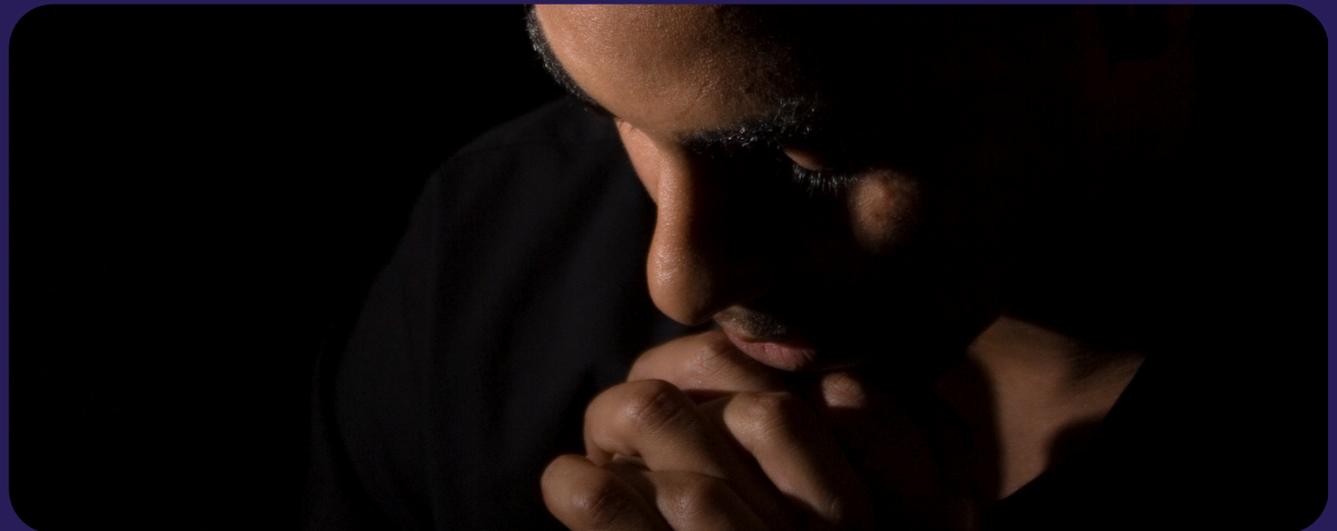


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March
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Diocese of Bristol

CYCLE OF PRAYER





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A prayer for use during the Vacancy in See

God of calling,
you call shepherds to lead your people –
Rachel who was the ancestor of your people,
and David who was their king –
guide by your Holy Spirit
all who are entrusted
with discerning who you are calling
to be our Bishop
Give us a shepherd after your own heart,
who will serve with humility and vision,
to guide and lead us in your ways.
May this time of waiting
be filled with grace, anticipation, and a
renewed sense of your mission in the world,
as we seek to follow Jesus, serve others
and transform the communities of this
diocese.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Good Shepherd.
Amen.

Vacancy in See

Praying for the appointment process of the next Bishop of Bishop

**The Rt Revd Vivienne Faull, 56th Bishop of Bristol,
retired on 2 September 2025.**

**The Diocese of Bristol has entered what is known as the
Vacancy in See. The Rt Revd Neil Warwick is Acting
Bishop of Bristol until the election of the next Diocesan
Bishop.**

**We are invited to pray for Bishop Neil in his leadership of
the diocese alongside others. In this season of waiting
and discernment, let us pray also for the appointment
process. The adjacent prayer has been written
specifically for this period.**





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About the Cycle of Prayer

How to use the Cycle of Prayer

There is always somewhere, something or someone we can pray for. This prayer diary is for everyone across the Diocese of Bristol. You are welcome to use it in whatever way suits you best – as a personal pattern of prayer, as part of your church community or prayer group, within Intercessions or through storytelling and social media.

Praying for the Whole People of God

Each week, in our Cycle of Prayer, we pray for churches, chaplaincies schools, people and communities throughout the Diocese of Bristol. Over the course of the year, we remember dioceses across the Anglican Communion including our world church links. When we do this, we pray for the whole people of God in that place – all who lead, serve and worship plus the wider community.

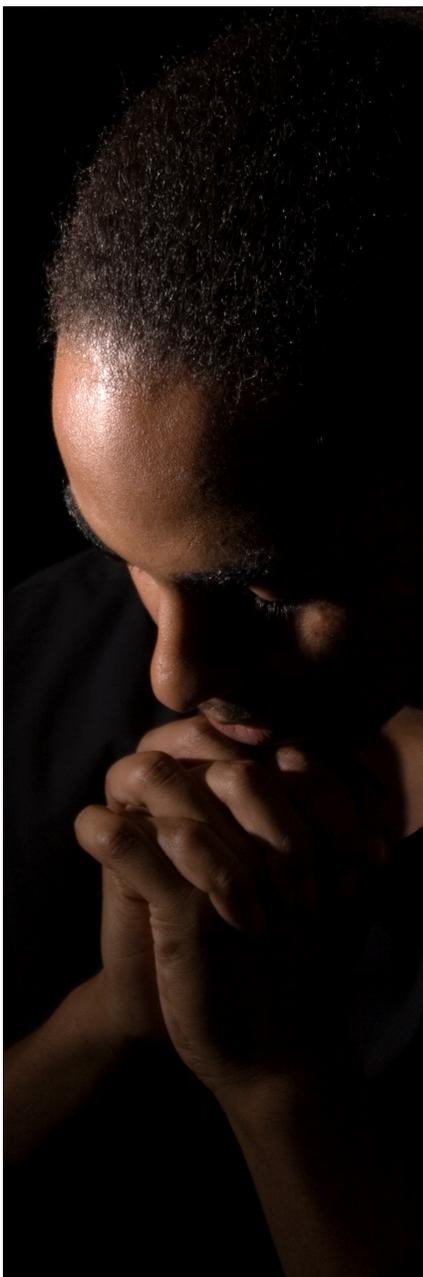
Transforming Church. Together

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer may help to guide individuals and worshipping communities in praying for the outworking of our diocesan strategy – Transforming Church. Together (TC.T). Each day offers a prayer point on this theme. **Further information about TC.T can be found at:** <https://www.bristol.anglican.org/visionandpriorities/>

Amendments, comments and queries

The information in the Cycle of Prayer is checked and updated as near as possible to the time of production. For accessibility reasons, a limited amount of information can be included.

If you have any comments or queries, please contact the Bishop's Chaplain, Revd Lucy Cleland: Email: bishop.chaplain@bristoldiocese.org Tel: [01454 777728](tel:01454777728)





Date	Place/Team	Lead	Schools	TC.T Prayers	World Church
Sunday 1 2nd Sunday of Lent David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601	Bitton	Revd Ness Brunner-Ellis		Creation Restored	The Anglican Church of Japan
Monday 2 Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672	Syston			Humanity Reconciled	Diocese of Toamasina – Province of the Indian Ocean
Tuesday 3	Warmley		St Barnabas CE VC Primary School	Mission Areas	The Episcopal Diocese of Tohoku – Japan
Wednesday 4	Westbury-on-Trym	Revd André Hart	Westbury on Trym CE Academy	New Christian Communities	The Episcopal Diocese of Tokyo – Japan
Thursday 5	Doynton and Dyrham	Revd Elaine Jones		The Coaching Programme	Diocese of Toliara – Province of the Indian Ocean
Friday 6	St Bartholomew Wick		Wick CE VC Primary School	New Locally Commissioned Lay Ministries	The Episcopal Diocese of Tonj - South Sudan
Saturday 7 Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203	Withywood	In Vacancy		The Priority Communities Network	The Episcopal Diocese of Torit –South Sudan



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Sunday 8 3rd Sunday of Lent	Brinkworth	Woodbridge benefice Revd Christian Saguyan Revd Steve Wilkinson	Earl Danby's CE VC Primary School, Brinkworth	Clergy and their Teams in Priority Communities	The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East	
Monday 9	Dauntsey			Positive Change against Injustice	Diocese of Toronto – Canada	
Tuesday 10	Garsdon			Racial Justice	Diocese of Trichy-Tanjore – South India	
Wednesday 11	Great Somerford			Walter Powell CE School, Great Somerford	Partnerships between Schools and local Churches	Diocese of Trinidad and Tobago – The West Indies
Thursday 12	Lea and Cleverton			Lea and Garsdon CE VC Primary School	Children and Young People	Diocese of Truro – Church of England
Friday 13	Little Somerford				Protecting God's Precious Creation	Diocese of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe – Church of Ireland
Saturday 14	World Church Links				Carbon Net Zero	The Episcopal Diocese of Twik East – South Sudan



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Sunday 15 4th Sunday of Lent	Wroughton and Wichelstowe	In Vacancy		Welcome of People from Different Backgrounds	The Anglican Church of Kenya
Monday 16	Yate	Revd Canon Peter Huxtable		Gifts of Listening and Empathy	Diocese of Udi – Nigeria
Tuesday 17 Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460	Abbots Leigh with Leigh Woods	Revd Rosemary Radcliffe		Continuing Generosity around Parish Share	Diocese of Northern Uganda
Wednesday 18	Air Training Corps Chaplaincy	Revd Andre Hart Revd Canon Alice Kemp		Roll out of Sharesy and other initiatives to build income	Diocese of Ughelli – Nigeria
Thursday 19 Joseph of Nazareth	All Hallows Easton	Fr Simon Clark		Diocesan Rhythm of Life	Diocese of Ukwa – Nigeria
Friday 20 687, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary	All Saints and Saint Mary, Fishponds	Revd Lizzie Kesteven		Evangelism	Diocese of Umuahia – Nigeria
Saturday 21 Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr 1556	All Saints and St Barnabas, Swindon	In Vacancy		Future of our Church Buildings	The Episcopal Diocese of the Māori Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia



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Sunday 22 5th Sunday of Lent	All Saints with St John, Clifton	Revd Charles Sutton	St John's CE VC Primary School, Clifton	Partnerships in Local Communities	The Anglican Church of Korea
Monday 23	Anna Chaplaincy			Volunteers in our Churches	Diocese of Uruguay – South America
Tuesday 24	Associate Clergy			Development of pilot admin centres	The Episcopal Diocese of Utah – USA
Wednesday 25 The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary	Acting Bishop of Bristol & Bishop of Swindon	Rt Revd Neil Warwick		TC.T value: Openness	Diocese of Uyo – Nigeria
Thursday 26	Bishopston and St Andrews	Revd James Stevenson		TC.T value: Creativity	Diocese of Valparaiso – Chile, South America
Friday 27	Christ the King	Bradley Stoke benefice		TC.T value: Bravery	Diocese of Vanuatu – Melanesia, Southwest Pacific Ocean
Saturday 28	Holy Trinity	Revd Rich Cresswell		TC.T value: Generosity	Diocese of Vellore – South India



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Sunday 29 Palm Sunday	Broad Blunsdon	Broad Blunsdon Benefice		Following Jesus	The Anglican Church of Melanesia, in Oceania, southwest Pacific Ocean
Monday 30	Hannington	Revd Phil Goodey		Serving Others	The Episcopal Diocese of Venezuela – South America
Tuesday 31	Highworth with Sevenhampton and Inglesham			Transforming Communities	The Episcopal Diocese of Vermont – Canada