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**April**  
2026

Diocese of Bristol

# CYCLE OF PRAYER





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# 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.**

### 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.





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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.

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# MARCH – APRIL 2026

Date	Place/Team	Lead	Schools	TC.T Prayers	World Church
<b>Sunday 29 Palm Sunday</b>	Broad Blunsdon	Broad Blunsdon Benefice		Following Jesus	The Anglican Church of Melanesia, in Oceania, southwest Pacific Ocean
<b>Monday 30</b>	Hannington			Serving Others	The Episcopal Diocese of Venezuela – South America
<b>Tuesday 31</b>	Highworth with Sevenhampton and Inglesham	Revd Phil Goodey		Transforming Communities	The Episcopal Diocese of Vermont – Canada
<b>Wednesday 1</b>	Bristol Archdeaconry	Ven Becky Waring		Creation Restored	Diocese of Victoria Nyanza – Tanzania
<b>Thursday 2 Maundy Thursday</b>	Bristol Cathedral	The Very Revd Dr Mandy Ford	Bristol Cathedral Choir School	Humanity Reconciled	The Episcopal Diocese of the Virgin Islands
<b>Friday 3 Good Friday</b>	Holy Trinity and St Stephens, Bristol Harbourside	Revd Kat Campion-Spall		Mission Areas	The Episcopal Diocese of Virginia
<b>Saturday 4 Holy Saturday</b>	Bristol South Deanery LLMs			New Christian Communities	The Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia



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<b>Sunday 5</b> Easter Day	Ashley	Braydon Brook benefice  Revd Bob Molton		The Coaching Programme	The Anglican Church of Mexico
<b>Monday 6</b>	Charlton			New Locally Commissioned Lay Ministries	The Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia
<b>Tuesday 7</b>	Crudwell			The Priority Communities Network	The Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia
<b>Wednesday 8</b>	Hankerton			Clergy and their Teams in Priority Communities	The Episcopal Diocese of Wad Medani – Sudan
<b>Thursday 9</b>	Minety			Positive Change against Injustice	Diocese of Waiapu - Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
<b>Friday 10</b> William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761	Oaksey			Racial Justice	Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki – Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
<b>Saturday 11</b>	Bishops Council			Partnerships between Schools and local Churches	The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia



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<b>Sunday 12</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b>	Bristol South Deanery Synod	Revd Sarah Hancox		Children and Young People	The Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola	
<b>Monday 13</b>	Bristol West Deanery LLMs			Protecting God's Precious Creation	The Episcopal Diocese of Wandí – South Sudan	
<b>Tuesday 14</b>	Bristol West Deanery Synod	Revd Charles Sutton		Carbon Net Zero	Diocese of Wangaratta – Australia	
<b>Wednesday 15</b>	Biddestone	Bybrook benefice		Welcome of People from Different Backgrounds	The Episcopal Diocese of Wanglei – South Sudan	
<b>Thursday 16</b>	Castle Combe			Gifts of Listening and Empathy	The Episcopal Diocese of Wanyjok – South Sudan	
<b>Friday 17</b>	Grittleton and Leigh Delamere		Revd Marc Terry		Continuing Generosity around Parish Share	Diocese of Warri - Nigeria
<b>Saturday 18</b>	Kington St Michael				Roll out of Sharesy and other initiatives to build income	The Episcopal Diocese of Washington



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<b>Sunday 19</b> <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b> Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012	Littleton Drew	Bybrook benefice		Diocesan Rhythm of Life	The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)	
<b>Monday 20</b>	Nettleton			Evangelism	The Episcopal Diocese of Wau – South Sudan	
<b>Tuesday 21</b> Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109	North Wraxall			Future of our Church Buildings	Diocese of Wellington – Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia	
<b>Wednesday 22</b>	Slaughterford		Revd Marc Terry		Partnerships in Local Communities	The Episcopal Diocese of Wernyol – South Sudan
<b>Thursday 23</b> George, Martyr, Patron of England, c.304	West Kington				Volunteers in our Churches	Diocese of Wiawso – West Africa
<b>Friday 24</b>	Yatton Keynell			Development of pilot admin centres	Diocese of Willochra – Australia	
<b>Saturday 25</b> <b>Mark the Evangelist</b>	Buckley Barracks, Hullavington (North Wilts Deanery)	Revd Capt Mark Nightingale		TC.T values: openness & creativity	Diocese of Winchester – Church of England	



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<b>Sunday 26</b> 4th Sunday of Easter	City Deanery LLMs			TC.T values: bravery & generosity	The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
<b>Monday 27</b>	City Deanery Synod	Revd Kat Campion- Spall & Revd Will Fairbairn		Following Jesus	Diocese of Windward Islands – West Indies
<b>Tuesday 28</b>	Chippenham Deanery LLMs			Serving Others	The Episcopal Diocese of Wondurba – South Sudan
<b>Wednesday 29</b> Catherine of Siena, 1380	Chippenham Deanery Synod	Revd Marc Terry		Transforming Communities	Diocese of Worcester – The Church of England
<b>Thursday 30</b>	Chippenham with Tytherton Lucas	Revd Benji Tyler		TC.T programme board	The Episcopal Diocese of Wulu – South Sudan