



DIOCESE OF BRISTOL

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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,
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NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2025

Date	Place/Team	Lead	Schools	TC.T Prayers	World Church
Sunday 30 Advent 1 Andrew the Apostle	Malmesbury Archdeaconry	Venerable Christopher Bryan		TC.T values: Bravery and Generosity	The Anglican Church of Australia
Monday 1	Corston and Rodbourne	Malmesbury and Upper Avon benefice Revd Oliver Ross		Creation Restored	Diocese of Ruaha – Tanzania
Tuesday 2	Malmesbury and Brokenborough		Malmesbury CE Primary School	Humanity Reconciled	The Episcopal Diocese of Rumbek – South Sudan
Wednesday 3	Mangotsfield	Revd James Cannan	Mangotsfield CE VC Primary School	Mission Areas	Diocese of Rumonge – Burundi
Thursday 4	Cold Ashton	Marshfield with Cold Ashton and Tormarton with West Littleton benefice		New Christian Communities	Diocese of Rupert's Land – Canada
Friday 5	Marshfield		Marshfield CE VC Primary School	The Coaching Programme	Diocese of Rutana – Burundi
Saturday 6 Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326	Tormarton with West Littleton	Revd Sharon Roberts		New Locally Commissioned Lay Ministries	Diocese of Ruvuma – Tanzania



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Sunday 7 Advent 2 Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397	Alveston	North Severnside benefice Revd David Moss	St Helen's CE VC Primary School	The Priority Communities Network	The Church of Bangladesh
Monday 8 The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Elberton			Clergy and their Teams in Priority Communities	Diocese of Ruwenzori – Uganda
Tuesday 9	Littleton-on-Severn			Positive Change against Injustice	Diocese of East Ruwenzori – Uganda
Wednesday 10	Olveston with Aust		Olveston CE VC Primary School	Racial Justice	Diocese of South Ruwenzori – Uganda
Thursday 11	MOD Abbeywood	Revd Matt Stevens		Partnerships between Schools and local Churches	Diocese of Sabah – South East Asia
Friday 12	MOD Corsham	Revd Wanda Morris		Children and Young People	The Diocese of Sabongidda-Ora – Nigeria
Saturday 13 Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304	Mothers' Union	Revd Paul Barrett Revd Rachel Barrett		Protecting God's Precious Creation	The Sacred Circle – The Anglican Church of Canada



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Sunday 14 Advent 3 John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher 1591	Mission and Ministry Support team	Revd Canon Dr Simon Taylor		Carbon Net Zero	The Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil
Monday 15	North West Swindon and Lydiard Millicent	In Vacancy	Lydiard Millicent CE Primary School	Welcome of People from Different Backgrounds	Diocese of Saint Helena – Southern Africa
Tuesday 16	North Wiltshire deanery	Revd Steve Wilkinson		Gifts of Listening and Empathy	Diocese of Saint Mark the Evangelist – Southern Africa
Wednesday 17	Oldland	Oldland & Longwell Green benefice	St Anne's CE VC Primary School	Continuing Generosity around Parish Share	Diocese of Saldanha Bay – Southern Africa
Thursday 18	Longwell Green			Roll out of Sharesy and other initiatives to build income	Diocese of Salisbury – Church of England
Friday 19	Ordinands	Revd Rebecca Stevens		Diocesan Rhythm of Life	Diocese of El Salvador – Central America
Saturday 20	Parish Safeguarding officers	Katheryn Caithness		Evangelism	Diocese of Sambalpur – North India



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Sunday 21 Advent 4	Pucklechurch and Abson	Revd Elaine Jones	Pucklechurch CE VC Primary School	Future of our Church Buildings	The Anglican Church of Burundi
Monday 22	Purton	Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith		Partnerships in Local Communities	Diocese of Santiago – Chile
Tuesday 23	Redland	Revd Will Fairbairn		Volunteers in our Churches	Episcopal Diocese of Santiago – The Philippines
Wednesday 24 Christmas Eve	Pattern Church BMO	Revd Joel Sales		Development of pilot admin centres	Episcopal Diocese of São Paulo – Brazil
Thursday 25 Christmas Day	PCC Secretaries and Treasurers			TC.T value: Openness	Diocese of Sapele – Nigeria
Friday 26 Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr	People (HR) and Safeguarding team	Geralyn Meehan		TC.T value: Creativity	Diocese of Saskatchewan – Canada
Saturday 27 John, Apostle and Evangelist	Property and Governance team	Emma Bakewell		TC.T value: Bravery	Diocese of Saskatoon – Canada



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Sunday 28 1st Sunday of Christmas The Holy Innocents	Racial Justice team	Suzanne Semedo		TC.T value: Generosity	The Anglican Church of Canada
Monday 29 Thomas Becket, 1170, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr	Registry team	Lee Coley		Following Jesus	Diocese of Sebei – Uganda
Tuesday 30	Self-Supporting Ministers	Revd Ruth Harding		Serving Others	Diocese of Sekondi – West Africa
Wednesday 31	Shine Pinehurst BMO	Revd Simon Halls		Transforming Communities	Diocese of Seoul – Korea