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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 Bristol.

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: bishop.chaplain@bristoldiocese.org | 01454 777728**





Date	Place/Team	Lead	Schools	TC.T Prayers	World Church
Sunday 26 4th Sunday of Easter	City Deanery LLMs			TC.T values: bravery & generosity	The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
Monday 27	City Deanery Synod	Revd Kat Campion-Spall & Revd Will Fairbairn		Following Jesus	Diocese of Windward Islands – West Indies
Tuesday 28	Chippenham Deanery LLMs			Serving Others	The Episcopal Diocese of Wondurba – South Sudan
Wednesday 29 Catherine of Siena, 1380	Chippenham Deanery Synod	Revd Marc Terry		Transforming Communities	Diocese of Worcester – The Church of England
Thursday 30	Chippenham with Tytherton Lucas	Revd Benji Tyler		TC.T programme board	The Episcopal Diocese of Wulu – South Sudan
Friday 1 Philip and James, Apostles	Christ Church Hengrove	Revd Sam Sheppard		Creation Restored	Diocese of Wusasa – Nigeria
Saturday 2 Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373	Christ Church Swindon	Revd Canon Simon Stevenette		Humanity Reconciled	The Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming



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Sunday 3 5th Sunday of Easter	Christ Church with Emmanuel Clifton	Revd Matt Southcombe		Mission Areas	The Church of North India (United)
Monday 4 English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era	Downend	Revd Dan Watts		New Christian Communities	The Episcopal Diocese of Yambio – South Sudan
Tuesday 5	Christ Church with St Ewen, All Saints and St George Bristol	Fr Simon Clark		The Coaching Programme	Diocese of Yangon – Myanmar (Burma)
Wednesday 6	Christ the Servant Stockwood	Revd Canon Gwyn Owen		New Locally Commissioned Lay Ministries	The Episcopal Diocese of Yei – South Sudan
Thursday 7	Churchwardens			The Priority Communities Network	The Episcopal Diocese of Yeri – South Sudan
Friday 8 Julian of Norwich, 1417	Clergy with Permission to Officiate			Clergy and their Teams in Priority Communities	Diocese of Yewa – Nigeria
Saturday 9	Clifton College	Revd Mel Parkin		Positive Change against Injustice	The Episcopal Diocese of Yirol – South Sudan



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Sunday 10 6th Sunday of Easter	Community of the Sisters of the Church	Revd Sister Teresa Wright		Racial Justice	The Church of Pakistan
Monday 11	Concord Church BMO	Revd Andy Carter		Partnerships between Schools and local Churches	The Diocese of Yokohama – Japan
Tuesday 12	Curates			Children and Young People	Diocese of Yola – Nigeria
Wednesday 13	Deaf Community chaplaincy	Revd Esther Rose		Protecting God's Precious Creation	Diocese of York – Church of England
Thursday 14 Ascension Day Matthias the Apostle	Dean of Women's Ministry	Revd Canon Alice Kemp		Carbon Net Zero	The Episcopal Diocese of New York
Friday 15	Diocesan Board of Education			Welcome of People from Different Backgrounds	The Episcopal Diocese of Western New York
Saturday 16	Diocesan Board of Finance			Gifts of Listening and Empathy	Diocese of Ysabel – Melanesia, in the southwestern Pacific Ocean.



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Sunday 17 7th Sunday of Easter Sunday after Ascension	Diocesan Secretary	Richard Leaman		Continuing Generosity around Parish Share	The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
Monday 18	Dorcan Swindon	Revd Trudie Wigley		Roll out of Sharesy and other initiatives to build income	Diocese of Yukon – Canada
Tuesday 19 Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury 988	Christian Malford	Draycot benefice Revd Suzanne Grindrod	Christian Malford CE Primary (The Vines)	Diocesan Rhythm of Life	Diocese of Zaki-Biam – Nigeria
Wednesday 20 Alcuin of York, Abbot of Tours, 804	Kington Langley and Draycot Cerne		Langley Fitzurse CE VC Primary School	Evangelism	The Missionary Diocese of Zambezia - Mozambique and Angola
Thursday 21	Seagry		Seagry CE Primary School (The Vines)	Future of our Church Buildings	Diocese of Central Zambia – Central Africa
Friday 22	Sutton Benger		Sutton Benger CE VA Primary School	Partnerships in Local Communities	Diocese of Eastern Zambia – Central Africa
Saturday 23	Tytherton Kellaways			Volunteers in our Churches	Diocese of Northern Zambia – Central Africa



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Sunday 24 Pentecost Anglican Communion Sunday John and Charles Wesley, 1791 and 1788	Diocesan Synod			Development of pilot admin centres	The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
Monday 25 The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, 735	Education Team	Canon Liz Townend		TC.T value: openness	Diocese of Zanzibar – Tanzania
Tuesday 26	Emmanuel Bristol BMO	Revd Mike Cain		TC.T value: creativity	Diocese of Zaria – Nigeria
Wednesday 27	External Relations and Comms Team	Leanne Hubbard		TC.T value: bravery	Diocese of Central Zimbabwe – Central Africa
Thursday 28	St Peter's Filton	In Vacancy		TC.T value: generosity	Diocese of Ziwa Rukwa – Tanzania
Friday 29	St John the Baptist Frenchay	Revd Anton Campbell	Frenchay CE VC Primary School	Following Jesus	Diocese of Zonkwa – Nigeria
Saturday 30 Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906	Holy Trinity Stapleton	Revd Vicky Wicks		Serving Others	Diocese of Zululand – Southern Africa



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Sunday 31 Trinity Sunday The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth	Filwood Park	Revd Clive Hamilton		Transforming Communities	The Anglican Church of Rwanda