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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. Please pray for both Bishop Viv and her husband Michael as they embark on life in retirement**

**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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# SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2025

Date	Place/Team	Lead	Schools	TC.T Prayers	World Church
<b>Sunday 28</b> Trinity 15	Clergy with Permission to Officiate			Serving Others	Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
<b>Monday 29</b> Michael and All Angels	Clifton College	Revd Mel Parkin		Transforming Communities	Diocese of Otukpo – Nigeria
<b>Tuesday 30</b>	Community of the Sisters of the Church	Revd Sister Teresa Wright		TC.T programme board	Diocese of Owerri – Nigeria
<b>Wednesday 1</b>	Concord Church BMO	Revd Andy Carter		Creation Restored	The Diocese of Owo – Nigeria
<b>Thursday 2</b>	Curates	Revd Lee Barnes (Adviser for Curacy)		Humanity Reconciled	Diocese of Oxford – Church of England
<b>Friday 3</b>	Deaf Community chaplaincy			Mission Areas	The Diocese of Oyo – Nigeria
<b>Saturday 4</b> Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, 1226	Dean of Women's Ministry	Revd Canon Alice Kemp		New Christian Communities	Episcopal Diocese of Pacong – South Sudan



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Sunday 5 Trinity 16	Diocesan Secretary	Richard Leaman		The Coaching Programme	The Anglican Church of Tanzania
Monday 6 William Tyndale, Reformation Martyr, 1536	Dorcan Swindon	Revd Trudie Wigley		New Locally Commissioned Lay Ministries	Diocese of Panama – Central America
Tuesday 7	Christian Malford	Draycot benefice Revd Suzanne Grindrod	Christian Malford CE Primary (The Vines)	The Priority Communities Network	Diocese of Pankshin – Nigeria
Wednesday 8	Kington Langley and Draycot Cerne		Langley Fitzurse CE VC Primary School	Clergy and their Teams in Priority Communities	Episcopal Diocese of Panrieng – South Sudan
Thursday 9	Seagry		Seagry CE Primary School (The Vines)	Positive Change against Injustice	Episcopal Diocese of Panyana – South Sudan
Friday 10 Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644	Sutton Benger		Sutton Benger CE VA Primary School	Racial Justice	Diocese of Paraguay – South America
Saturday 11	Tytherton Kellaways			Partnerships between Schools and local Churches	Episcopal Diocese of Paraná – Brazil



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<b>Sunday 12</b> Trinity 17 Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709	Education Team	Canon Liz Townend		Children and Young People	The Church of the Province of Uganda
<b>Monday 13</b> Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066	Emmanuel Bristol BMO	Revd Mike Cain		Protecting God's Precious Creation	Diocese of Pathein – Myanmar (Burma)
<b>Tuesday 14</b>	External Relations and Comms Team	Leanne Hubbard		Carbon Net Zero	Diocese of Patna – North India
<b>Wednesday 15</b> Teresa of Avila, 1582	St Peter's Filton	Revd Canon Rod Cosh		Welcome of People from Different Backgrounds	Episcopal Diocese of Pelotas – Brazil
<b>Thursday 16</b>	Filwood Park	Revd Clive Hamilton		Gifts of Listening and Empathy	Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania
<b>Friday 17</b> Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, c.107	St John the Baptist Frenchay	Revd Anton Campbell	Frenchay CE VC Primary School	Continuing Generosity around Parish Share	Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania
<b>Saturday 18</b> Luke the Evangelist	Holy Trinity Stapleton	Revd Vicky Wicks		Roll out of Sharesy and other initiatives to build income	Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania



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<b>Sunday 19</b> Trinity 18 Henry Martyn, Missionary in India and Persia, 1812	All Saints Winterbourne Down	Fromeside benefice  Revd Malcolm Strange		Diocesan Rhythm of Life	The Episcopal Church
<b>Monday 20</b>	Coalpit Heath		Manor CE VC Primary School	Evangelism	Diocese of Perth – Australia
<b>Tuesday 21</b>	Frampton Cotterell		Frampton Cotterell CE VC Primary	Future of our Church Buildings	Diocese of Peru – South America
<b>Wednesday 22</b>	Iron Acton		Iron Acton CE VC Primary School	Partnerships in Local Communities	Diocese of Peshawar – Pakistan
<b>Thursday 23</b>	Winterbourne		St Michael's CE VC Primary School	Volunteers in our Churches	Diocese of Peterborough – Church of England
<b>Friday 24</b>	Alderton	Gauzebrook benefice  Revd Steve Wilkinson		Development of Pilot Admin Centres	Episcopal Diocese of Central Philippines
<b>Saturday 25</b>	Easton Grey			TC.T value: Openness	Episcopal Diocese of North Central Philippines



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<b>Sunday 26</b> Trinity 19 Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, 899	Foxley with Bremilham	Gauzebrook benefice  Revd Steve Wilkinson		TC.T value: creativity	The Church in Wales
<b>Monday 27</b>	Hullavington		Hullavington CE VC Primary School	TC.T value: bravery	Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines
<b>Tuesday 28</b> Simon and Jude, Apostles	Luckington			TC.T value: generosity	Episcopal Diocese of Southern Philippines
<b>Wednesday 29</b> James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, 1885	Norton			Following Jesus	Diocese of Phulbani – North India
<b>Thursday 30</b>	Sherston Magna		Sherston CE VC Primary School	Serving Others	Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh
<b>Friday 31</b>	Stanton St Quintin			Transforming Communities	Diocese of Polynesia