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# 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, retires on 2 September 2025. On that date the Diocese of Bristol enters what is known as the Vacancy in See. The Rt Revd Neil Warwick becomes 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.

The final meeting of the Vacancy in See Committee takes place on 18 September 2025 when the six Diocese of Bristol representatives for the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) will be elected. The CNC then begins its work to recruit the next Bishop of Bristol





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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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# AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2025

Date	Place/Team	Lead	Schools	TC.T Prayers	World Church
<b>Sunday 31</b> Trinity 11	Bristol Cathedral	The Very Revd Dr Mandy Ford		Transforming Communities	The Church of South India (United)
<b>Monday 1</b>	Broad Blunsdon	Revd Phil Goodey	St Leonard's CE Primary Academy	Creation Restored	Diocese of Oji River – Nigeria
<b>Tuesday 2</b>	Hannington			Humanity Reconciled	Diocese of Okene – Nigeria
<b>Wednesday 3</b> Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604	Highworth with Sevenhampton and Inglesham			Mission Areas	Diocese of Oke-Ogun –Nigeria
<b>Thursday 4</b>	Holy Trinity and St Stephens	Bristol Harbourside Churches (benefice) Revd Kat Campion-Spall	Cathedral Primary School	New Christian Communities	Diocese of Oke-Osun – Nigeria
<b>Friday 5</b>	Bristol South Deanery	Revd Sarah Hancox		The Coaching Programme	Diocese of Okigwe – Nigeria
<b>Saturday 6</b>	Bristol West Deanery	Revd Charles Sutton		New Locally Commissioned Lay Ministries	Diocese of Okigwe South - Nigeria



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Sunday 7 Trinity 12	Biddestone	Bybrook benefice  Revd Marc Terry		The Priority Communities Network	Anglican Church of Southern Africa
Monday 8 The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Castle Combe			Clergy and their Teams in Priority Communities	Diocese of Okinawa – Japan
Tuesday 9	Grittleton and Leigh Delamere			Positive Change against Injustice	The Episcopal Diocese of Oklahoma
Wednesday 10	Kington St Michael			Racial Justice	Diocese of Okrika – Nigeria
Thursday 11	Littleton Drew			Partnerships between Schools and local Churches	Diocese of Oleh - Nigeria
Friday 12	Nettleton			Children and Young People	The Episcopal Diocese of Olo - South Sudan
Saturday 13 John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407	North Wraxall			Protecting God’s Precious Creation	The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia



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<b>Sunday 14</b> Trinity 13 <b>Holy Cross Day</b>	Slaughterford	Bybrook benefice  Revd Marc Terry		Carbon Net Zero	The Anglican Church of South America
<b>Monday 15</b> Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258	West Kington			Welcome of People from Different Backgrounds	Diocese of Omu-Aran – Nigeria
<b>Tuesday 16</b> Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432	Yatton Keynell		By Brook Valley CE Primary School	Gifts of Listening and Empathy	Diocese of Ondo – Nigeria
<b>Wednesday 17</b> Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179	Buckley Barracks, Hullavington (North Wilts Deanery)			Continuing Generosity around Parish Share	Diocese of Ontario – Canada
<b>Thursday 18</b>	City Deanery	Revd Kat Campion-Spall		Roll out of Sharesy and other initiatives to build income	The Episcopal Church Diocese of Oregon
<b>Friday 19</b>	Chippenham deanery	Revd Marc Terry		Diocesan Rhythm of Life	The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Oregon
<b>Saturday 20</b> 1871 - John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs	Chippenham with Tytherton Lucas	Revd Benji Tyler		Evangelism	Diocese of Orlu – Nigeria



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<b>Sunday 21</b> Trinity 14 <b>Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist</b>	Christ Church Hengrove	Revd Sam Sheppard		Future of our Church Buildings	Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
<b>Monday 22</b>	Christ Church Swindon	Revd Canon Simon Stevenette	King William Street CE Primary School	Partnerships in Local Communities	Diocese of Oru – Nigeria
<b>Tuesday 23</b>	Christ Church with Emmanuel Clifton	Revd Chris Brown	Christ Church CE Primary School	Volunteers in our Churches	Diocese of Osaka – Japan
<b>Wednesday 24</b>	Christ Church Downend	Revd Dan Watts	Christ Church CE VC Infant School & Junior School	Development of Pilot Admin Centres	Diocese of Osun – Nigeria
<b>Thursday 25</b> Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626	Christ Church with St Ewen, All Saints and St George Bristol	Fr Simon Clark		TC.T value: Openness & Creativity	Diocese of Osun North – Nigeria
<b>Friday 26</b>	Christ the Servant Stockwood	Revd Canon Gwyn Owen		TC.T value: Bravery & Generosity	Diocese of Osun North East – Nigeria
<b>Saturday 27</b> Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660	Churchwardens			Following Jesus	Diocese of Ottawa – Canada



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Sunday 28 Trinity 15	Clergy with Permission to Officiate			Serving Others	Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
Monday 29  Michael and All Angels	Clifton College	Revd Mel Parkin		Transforming Communities	Diocese of Otukpo – Nigeria
Tuesday 30	Community of the Sisters of the Church	Revd Sister Teresa Wright		TC.T programme board	Diocese of Owerri – Nigeria