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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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Date	Place/Team	Lead	Schools	TC.T Prayers	World Church
Sunday 1 4th Sunday of Epiphany	West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze	Revd Canon Clive Deverell	Oliver Tomkins CE VA Infant School	Creation Restored	The Church of England
Monday 2 Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	St Nicholas Bristol BMO	Revd Toby Flint		Humanity Reconciled	The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
Tuesday 3 Anska, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary, 865	St Nicholas Whitchurch	In Vacancy		Mission Areas	Diocese of Taita-Taveta – Kenya
Wednesday 4	St Agnes, St Paul's Bristol	Revd Melanie Otto		New Christian Communities	The Episcopal Diocese of Taiwan
Thursday 5	St Peter Bishopsworth	Revd Timothy Godden	St Peter's CEVC Primary School, Bishopsworth	The Coaching Programme	Diocese of Tamale – West Africa
Friday 6	St Oswald Bedminster Down			New Locally Commissioned Lay Ministries	Diocese of Tanga – Tanzania
Saturday 7	St Peter Chippenham	Revd Simon Dunn	St Peter's CE Academy	The Priority Communities Network	Central Tanganyika – Tanzania



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Sunday 8 2nd Sunday before Lent	St Peter Henleaze	Revd Canon Mark Pilgrim		Clergy and their Teams in Priority Communities	The Anglican Church of Hong Kong
Monday 9	St Philip and St Jacob with Emmanuel Bristol	Revd Tim Jones		Positive Change against Injustice	Diocese of South West Tanganyika –Tanzania
Tuesday 10	St Peter Penhill	Revd Lydia Morey		Racial Justice	Diocese of Western Tanganyika –Tanzania
Wednesday 11	St Philip Upper Stratton			Partnerships between Schools and local Churches	Diocese of Tarime – Tanzania
Thursday 12	St Saviour with St Mary, Cotham	Revd David Stephenson		Children and Young People	Diocese of Tasmania - Australia
Friday 13	St Paul Clifton			Protecting God's Precious Creation	Diocese of Taungoo – The Myanmar (Burma)
Saturday 14 Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 & 885	St Michael's Stoke Gifford	Revd Canon Si Jones	St Michael's CE VC Primary School, Stoke Gifford	Carbon Net Zero	Diocese of Temotu – Melanesia, Solomon Islands



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Sunday 15 Sunday before Lent	Stanton Fitzwarren	Revd Elveen Mead		Welcome of People from Different Backgrounds	The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
Monday 16	Stratton Saint Margaret and South Marston		South Marston CE Primary School	Gifts of Listening and Empathy	The Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee
Tuesday 17 Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977	Swindon Deanery	Revd Sally Robertson		Continuing Generosity around Parish Share	The Episcopal Diocese of East Tennessee
Wednesday 18 Ash Wednesday	St Aldhelm, St Luke, St Mark, St Saviour	Revd Jacqui Kean		Roll out of Sharesy and other initiatives to build income	The Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee
Thursday 19	Transforming Church.Togther team	Rob Mountain		Diocesan Rhythm of Life	The Episcopal Diocese of Terekeka – South Sudan
Friday 20	Trinity College	Revd Dr Sean Doherty		Evangelism	The Territory of the People – Church of Canada
Saturday 21	University Hospitals Bristol	Revd Neill Archer		Future of our Church Buildings	The Missionary Diocese of Tete Mozambique & Angola



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Sunday 22 1st Sunday of Lent	University of Bristol	Revd Canon Ed Davis		Partnerships in Local Communities	The Church of Ireland
Monday 23 Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c155	University of the West of England (UWE)	Revd Dr Anthea Colledge		Volunteers in our Churches	The Episcopal Diocese of Texas
Tuesday 24	Ashton Keynes		Ashton Keynes CE VC Primary School	Development of pilot admin centres	The Episcopal Diocese of Northwest Texas
Wednesday 25	Cricklade	Upper Thames	St Sampson's CE VC Primary School	TC.T value: Openness and Creativity	The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas
Thursday 26	Latton	Revd Canon Debbie Dewes		TC.T value: Bravery and Generosity	Diocese of Thika – Kenya
Friday 27 George Herbert, Priest & poet, 1633	Leigh			Following Jesus, Serving Others, Transforming Communities	Diocese of Thoothukudi – Nazareth – The Church of South India (United)
Saturday 28	The Well BMO	Revd Paul Freeland		TC.T programme board	Diocese of Tirunelveli – The Church of South India (United)