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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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DECEMBER 2025 – JANUARY 2026

Date	Place/Team	Lead	Schools	TC.T Prayers	World Church
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
Thursday 1 The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus	Almondsbury		Almondsbury CE VC Primary School	Creation Restored	Diocese of Seychelles – Province of the Indian Ocean
Friday 2 Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops, 379 and 389	Compton Greenfield	South Severnside benefice Revd Anjali Kanagaratnam		Humanity Reconciled	Diocese of Sheffield – Church of England
Saturday 3	St Peter Pilning			Mission Areas	Diocese of Shinyanga – Tanzania



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Sunday 4 2nd Sunday of Christmas	St Stephen Southmead	Revd Gaby Doherty		New Christian Communities	The Church of the Province of Central Africa
Monday 5	St Alban Westbury Park	Revd Emma Langley		The Coaching Programme	Diocese of Upper Shire – Province of Central Africa
Tuesday 6 The Epiphany	St Aldhelm Bedminster	Revd Jacqui Kean		New Locally Commissioned Lay Ministries	Diocese of Shyira – Rwanda
Wednesday 7	St Paul Southville			The Priority Communities Network	Diocese of Shyogwe – Rwanda
Thursday 8	St Monica Trust	Revd Jo Morris		Clergy and their Teams in Priority Communities	Diocese of Sialkot – Pakistan
Friday 9	St Andrew Hartcliffe	In Vacancy		Positive Change against Injustice	Diocese of Singapore – Province of South East Asia
Saturday 10	St Andrew North Swindon	Revd Sally Robertson	Tadpole Farm CE Primary Academy	Racial Justice	Diocese of Sittwe – Province of Myanmar (Burma)



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Sunday 11 1st Sunday of Epiphany	St Anne Brislington	Revd Ian Garrett		Partnerships between Schools and local Churches	The Anglican Church of Central America
Monday 12 Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167	St Anne with St Mark and St Thomas Eastville	Revd Melanie Otto		Children and Young People	Diocese of Sodor and Man – Church of England
Tuesday 13 Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367	St Augustine Swindon	Revd Joel Sales		Protecting God's Precious Creation	Diocese of Sokoto – Nigeria
Wednesday 14	St Augustine Whitchurch	Revd Sam Sheppard		Carbon Net Zero	Diocese of Central Solomons – Melanesia
Thursday 15	St Chad, Patchway	Revd Dave Brae	St Chad's CE VC Primary School	Welcome of People from Different Backgrounds	Diocese of Soroti – Province of Uganda
Friday 16	St Christopher Brislington	Revd Dr Andrew Schuman		Gifts of Listening and Empathy	Diocese of Southwark – Church of England
Saturday 17 Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356	St Cuthbert Brislington	Revd Ian Garrett		Continuing Generosity around Parish Share	Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham – Church of England



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Sunday 18 2nd Sunday of Epiphany Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	St Edyth Sea Mills	Revd Sally Thomas		Roll out of Sharesy and other initiatives to build income	The Anglican Church of Congo
Monday 19 Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095	St Francis Ashton	Revd Neil Shepherd		Diocesan Rhythm of Life	The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain
Tuesday 20	St Gregory Horfield	Revd Jones Mutemwakwenda		Evangelism	The Episcopal Church of Spokane
Wednesday 21 Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304	St John Haydon Wick	Revd Patches Chabala	St Francis CE VA Primary School	Future of our Church Buildings	The Episcopal Church of Springfield
Thursday 22	St John the Baptist and St Andrew Swindon	In Vacancy		Partnerships in Local Communities	The Episcopal Diocese of Port Sudan – Sudan
Friday 23	St Luke Brislington	Revd Sarah Hancox		Volunteers in our Churches	The Episcopal Diocese of Sul Occidental – Brazil
Saturday 24 Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, 1622	St Luke with Christ Church Barton Hill and St Matthew Moorfields Bristol	Revd Nicola Coleman		Development of pilot admin centres	Diocese of Sunyani – Province of West Africa



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Sunday 25 3rd Sunday of Epiphany The Conversion of Paul	St Ambrose and St Leonard, East Bristol	Revd Nicola Coleman		TC.T value: Openness	The Anglican Church of Chile
Monday 26 Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul	St Martin Knowle	Revd Samuel Denyer		TC.T value: Creativity	Diocese of Sur – Chile
Tuesday 27	St Mary Magdalene Stoke Bishop	Revd Jema Ball	Stoke Bishop CE VC Primary School	TC.T value: Bravery	Diocese of Del Sureste – Mexico
Wednesday 28 Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, 1274	St Mary Redcliffe with Temple Bristol and St John the Baptist Bedminster	Revd Canon Dr Stephen Spencer	St Mary Redcliffe & Temple CE VA Secondary School	TC.T value: Generosity	Diocese of Swansea and Brecon – The Church in Wales
Thursday 29	St Mary Rodbourne Cheney	Revd Nick Lines		Following Jesus	Diocese of Sydney – Australia
Friday 30 Charles, King and Martyr, 1649	St Matthew and St Nathanael Bristol	Revd Ian Tomkins		Serving Others	Diocese of Tabora – Tanzania
Saturday 31	St Michael and All Angels Bedminster	Revd Neil Shepherd	St Mary Redcliffe CE Primary School	Transforming Communities	The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia