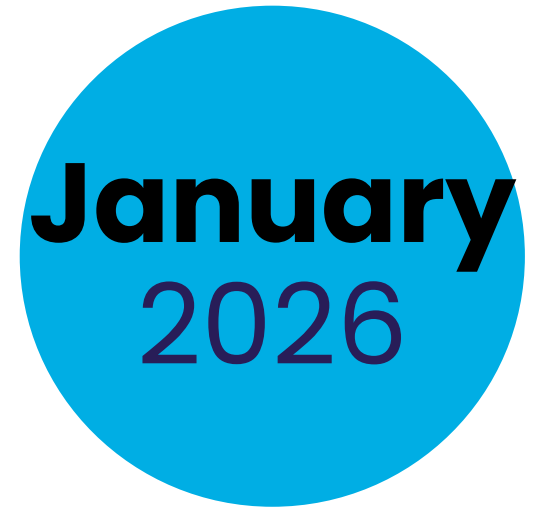




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# CYCLE OF PRAYER





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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,  
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.

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# DECEMBER 2025 – JANUARY 2026

Date	Place/Team	Lead	Schools	TC.T Prayers	World Church
<b>Sunday 28</b> 1st Sunday of Christmas The Holy Innocents	Racial Justice team	Suzanne Semedo		TC.T value: Generosity	The Anglican Church of Canada
<b>Monday 29</b> Thomas Becket, 1170, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr	Registry team	Lee Coley		Following Jesus	Diocese of Sebei – Uganda
<b>Tuesday 30</b>	Self-Supporting Ministers	Revd Ruth Harding		Serving Others	Diocese of Sekondi – West Africa
<b>Wednesday 31</b>	Shine Pinehurst BMO	Revd Simon Halls		Transforming Communities	Diocese of Seoul – Korea
<b>Thursday 1</b> The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus	Almondsbury	South Severnside benefice  Revd Anjali Kanagaratnam	Almondsbury CE VC Primary School	Creation Restored	Diocese of Seychelles – Province of the Indian Ocean
<b>Friday 2</b> Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops, 379 and 389	Compton Greenfield			Humanity Reconciled	Diocese of Sheffield – Church of England
<b>Saturday 3</b>	St Peter Pilning			Mission Areas	Diocese of Shinyanga – Tanzania



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# JANUARY 2026

Date	Place/Team	Lead	Schools	TC.T Prayers	World Church
<b>Sunday 4</b> 2nd Sunday of Christmas	St Stephen Southmead	Revd Gaby Doherty		New Christian Communities	The Church of the Province of Central Africa
<b>Monday 5</b>	St Alban Westbury Park	Revd Emma Langley		The Coaching Programme	Diocese of Upper Shire – Province of Central Africa
<b>Tuesday 6</b> The Epiphany	St Aldhelm Bedminster	Revd Jacqui Kean		New Locally Commissioned Lay Ministries	Diocese of Shyira – Rwanda
<b>Wednesday 7</b>	St Paul Southville			The Priority Communities Network	Diocese of Shyogwe – Rwanda
<b>Thursday 8</b>	St Monica Trust	Revd Jo Morris		Clergy and their Teams in Priority Communities	Diocese of Sialkot – Pakistan
<b>Friday 9</b>	St Andrew Hartcliffe	In Vacancy		Positive Change against Injustice	Diocese of Singapore – Province of South East Asia
<b>Saturday 10</b>	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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<b>Sunday 11</b> 1st Sunday of Epiphany	St Anne Brislington	Revd Ian Garrett		Partnerships between Schools and local Churches	The Anglican Church of Central America
<b>Monday 12</b> 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
<b>Tuesday 13</b> Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367	St Augustine Swindon	Revd Joel Sales		Protecting God's Precious Creation	Diocese of Sokoto – Nigeria
<b>Wednesday 14</b>	St Augustine Whitchurch	Revd Sam Sheppard		Carbon Net Zero	Diocese of Central Solomons – Melanesia
<b>Thursday 15</b>	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
<b>Friday 16</b>	St Christopher Brislington	Revd Dr Andrew Schuman		Gifts of Listening and Empathy	Diocese of Southwark – Church of England
<b>Saturday 17</b> 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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<b>Sunday 18</b> 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
<b>Monday 19</b> Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095	St Francis Ashton	Revd Neil Shepherd		Diocesan Rhythm of Life	The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain
<b>Tuesday 20</b>	St Gregory Horfield	Revd Jones Mutemwakwenda		Evangelism	The Episcopal Church of Spokane
<b>Wednesday 21</b> 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
<b>Thursday 22</b>	St John the Baptist and St Andrew Swindon	In Vacancy		Partnerships in Local Communities	The Episcopal Diocese of Port Sudan – Sudan
<b>Friday 23</b>	St Luke Brislington	Revd Sarah Hancox		Volunteers in our Churches	The Episcopal Diocese of Sul Occidental – Brazil
<b>Saturday 24</b> 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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<b>Sunday 25</b> 3rd Sunday of Epiphany <b>The Conversion of Paul</b>	St Ambrose and St Leonard, East Bristol	Revd Nicola Coleman		TC.T value: Openness	The Anglican Church of Chile
<b>Monday 26</b> Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul	St Martin Knowle	Revd Samuel Denyer		TC.T value: Creativity	Diocese of Sur – Chile
<b>Tuesday 27</b>	St Mary Magdalene Stoke Bishop	Revd Jema Ball	Stoke Bishop CE VC Primary School	TC.T value: Bravery	Diocese of Del Sureste – Mexico
<b>Wednesday 28</b> 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
<b>Thursday 29</b>	St Mary Rodbourne Cheney	Revd Nick Lines		Following Jesus	Diocese of Sydney – Australia
<b>Friday 30</b> Charles, King and Martyr, 1649	St Matthew and St Nathanael Bristol	Revd Ian Tomkins		Serving Others	Diocese of Tabora – Tanzania
<b>Saturday 31</b>	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