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Diocese of Bristol

CYCLE OF PRAYER





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Vacancy in See

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.

Praying for the appointment process of the next Bishop of Bristol.

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, Revd Lucy Cleland: bishop.chaplain@bristoldiocese.org | 01454 777728**





Date	Place/Team	Lead	Schools	TC.T Prayers	World Church
Sunday 28 4th Sunday after Trinity Irenæus, Bishop, Lyons	Holy Nativity Knowle	Fr Simon Clark		Serving Others	The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
Monday 29 Peter and Paul, Apostles	Easton Christian Family Centre	Revd Canon David Moore	Easton CE Academy	Transforming Communities	Diocese of Algoma – Canada
Tuesday 30	Holy Trinity, Horfield	Revd Canon Dr David McGladdery		TC.T programme board	Diocese of All Saints – Kenya
Wednesday 1	Human Resources Team	Geralyn Meehan		Creation Restored	The Episcopal Diocese of Aluakluak – South Sudan
Thursday 2	St Aidan with St George, Bristol	King's Way benefice Revd Matt Stone		Humanity Reconciled	The Episcopal Diocese of Amazon – Brazil
Friday 3 Thomas the Apostle	St Michael the Archangel, Two Mile Hill			Mission Areas	Diocese of Amichi – Nigeria
Saturday 4	St John the Divine, Fishponds			New Christian Communities	Diocese of Amritsar – North India



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Sunday 5 5th Sunday after Trinity	Lawrence Weston	Revd Dr Andy Murray		The Coaching Programme	The Anglican Church of South America
Monday 6	Avonmouth		Avonmouth CE VC Primary School	New Locally Commissioned Lay Ministries	Diocese of Andaman and Car Nicobar Islands – North India
Tuesday 7	Kingswood & South Glos deanery LLMs			The Priority Communities Network	The Scottish Episcopal Diocese of Saint Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane
Wednesday 8	Kingswood & South Glos Deanery Synod	Revd Dave Brae		Clergy and their Teams in Priority Communities	The Missionary Diocese of Central and South Angola
Thursday 9	Box	Lidbrook benefice	Box CE VC Primary School	Positive Change against Injustice	Diocese of Ankole – Uganda
Friday 10	Colerne	In Vacancy	Colerne CE VC Primary School	Racial Justice	Diocese of North Ankole – Uganda
Saturday 11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c.550	Ditteridge	Revd Canon John Ayres Revd Clair Southgate		Partnerships between Schools and local Churches	Diocese of Northwest Ankole – Uganda



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Sunday 12 6th Sunday after Trinity	Licensed Lay Ministers	Dr Stephanie Hayton		Children and Young People	The Episcopal Province of South Sudan
Monday 13	Lockleaze St Mary Magdalene with St Francis	Revd Rob Smith		Protecting God's Precious Creation	Diocese of South Ankole – Uganda
Tuesday 14 John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866	Lockleaze St James BMO		Carbon Net Zero	Diocese of West Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda	
Wednesday 15 Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c.862	Bishopstone with Hinton Parva	Revd Steve Paynter	Bishopstone CE VC Primary School	Welcome of People from Different Backgrounds	Diocese of Antananarivo – Province of the Indian Ocean
Thursday 16	Lyddington and Wanborough		Gifts of Listening and Empathy	Diocese of Antsiranana – Province of the Indian Ocean	
Friday 17	Corston and Rodbourne	Malmesbury and Upper Avon benefice		Continuing Generosity around Parish Share	The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
Saturday 18	Malmesbury and Brokenborough	Revd Oliver Ross	Malmesbury CE Primary School	Roll out of Sharesy and other initiatives to build income	Diocese of Araucanía – Chile



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Sunday 19 7th Sunday after Trinity Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina c.394 & c.379	Malmesbury Archdeaconry	Ven Christopher Bryan		Diocesan Rhythm of Life	Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
Monday 20	Mangotsfield	Revd James Cannan	Mangotsfield CE VC Primary School	Evangelism	Diocese of the Arctic – Canada
Tuesday 21	Cold Ashton	In Vacancy Revd Sharon Roberts		Future of our Church Buildings	Diocese of Argentina – South America
Wednesday 22 Mary Magdalene	Marshfield		Marshfield CE VC Primary School	Partnerships in Local Communities	Diocese of Northern Argentina – South America
Thursday 23	Tormarton with West Littleton			Volunteers in our Churches	The Scottish Episcopal Diocese of Argyll and The Isles
Friday 24	Mission and Ministry Support team	Revd Canon Dr Simon Taylor		Development of pilot admin centres	The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona
Saturday 25 James the Apostle	MOD Abbeywood	Revd Matt Stevens		TC.T value: openness	The Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas



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Sunday 26 8th Sunday after Trinity Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	MOD Corsham	Revd Wanda Morris		TC.T value: creativity	The Anglican Church of Tanzania
Monday 27	Mothers' Union	Revd Sarah Wyman		TC.T value: bravery	Diocese of Armagh – Ireland
Tuesday 28	Alveston	North Severnside benefice	St Helen's CE VC Primary School	TC.T value: generosity	Diocese of Armidale – Australia
Wednesday 29 Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord	Elberton			Following Jesus	Diocese of Arochukwu / Ohafia – Nigeria
Thursday 30 William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson Anti-Slavery Campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846	Littleton-on- Severn	Revd David Moss		Serving Others	Diocese of Aru – Province of the Congo
Friday 31	Olveston with Aust		Olveston CE VC Primary School	Transforming Communities	Diocese of Asaba – The Church of Nigeria