

# Cycle of Prayer

01 - 28 February 2025

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**Bramhall**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Calum Piper

**Lay Workers:** Mr John Baker, Mr Mark Hackney

Pray for our upcoming 'Hope Wins' Lent and Easter Campaign that it enables us to share the good news of Easter with more people in our local community.

**Anglican Communion:** Lomega, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

02 February 2025

**Presentation of Christ in the temple**

*'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation.'* Luke 2: 29 – 30

Simeon lived a long life, and spent it serving God in the Temple. He does not seem to have had great career goals and his bucket list was short – no safaris or cruises, no bungee jumping or hot air ballooning. In fact there was just one thing on it: he was waiting for the consolation of Jerusalem, the coming of the peace of God to his people. And as the infant Jesus was brought to the temple by his parents, towards the end of the final chapter of his life, that waiting ended, his longing was satisfied. He recognised in Jesus the coming of the forgiveness, the peace and the hope that God had promised and his people desperately needed. Our lives will be vastly different from Simeon's – more varied, more changeable, more cluttered perhaps – but we can pray that they will have the same single focus, to celebrate and share the coming of the consolation of God's people in Jesus Christ.

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah; may we, who have received your gifts and trusted our Son, our Saviour, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life, for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia,

03 February 2025

**Cheadle All Hallows**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Paul Cumming, Revd Gilly Hall, Revd Catherine Johnson

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Barbara Forrest, Mrs Liz Harrison, Mr Tony Mason, Mrs Heidi Theophanous, Dr Terry Thorpe

Our CAP Debt Centre clients, our developing work as a test church for 'Church & Community Transformation' and for the bereavement felt after the deaths of a number of church people.

**Anglican Communion:** London, The Church of England

04 February 2025

**Cheadle St Mary**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Ian Chidlow, Revd George Crowder, Revd Stanley Tomalin

**Lay Workers:** Mr Neil King, Mr Mel MacLeod, Mr Philip Newsome, Mrs Ruth Ormiston, Mrs Winsome Richbell-Brown, Dr Nick Singleton, Mr Philip Wells, Dr Malcolm Winton

Pray as we reflect on our vision and strategy for the parish going forward. Pray also for our Filling the Gap initiative over February half term offering free meals and activities for children in our community.

**Anglican Communion:** Long Island, The Episcopal Church

05 February 2025

### **Cheadle Hulme All Saints**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Sarah Hancock,

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Linda Ackerley, Mr Michael Aiers, Mrs Clare Russell, Mrs Pat Yates

Give thanks for our Reader Michael Aiers who after many years of service has reduced his duties. Pray for our Friendship Cafe as it continues to grow.

**Anglican Communion:** Los Angeles, The Episcopal Church

06 February 2025

### **Cheadle Hulme St Andrew**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Dr Mark Pickles, Revd Aled Seago, Revd Prof Peter Selby

**Lay Workers:** Prof Peter Budd, Dr Geoff Cooke, Mrs Jane Holland, Mr Mike Yates

Please pray for our first Sunday Special Outreach Service. Also pray for our Whiskey and Gin Tasting Evening in March. We would also welcome prayers for our Christianity Explore Course starting in March.

**Anglican Communion:** Louisiana, The Episcopal Church

07 February 2025

### **Gatley**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Philip Burrows

**Lay Workers:** Mr Geoff Belton, Mrs Belinda Priestley

Please pray for us in our vacancy as we discern the way forward. We give thanks for Rev. Phil Burrows who has come to help us work out our future.

**Anglican Communion:** Western Louisiana, The Episcopal Church

08 February 2025

### **Handforth**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Steve Burmester, Revd Richard Reeve

**Lay Workers:** Dr Jim Lethbridge

Please pray as the parish is about to enter vacancy, that they would be trusting God and would work well together and find the right candidate.

**Anglican Communion:** Luapula, The Church of the Province of Central Africa

09 February 2025

### **Racial Justice Sunday**

*'There before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out in a loud voice:*

*"Salvation belongs to our God,  
who sits on the throne,*

*and to the Lamb.' Revelation 7: 9 – 10*

The picture of heaven the John presents tells us that ethnic diversity is part of God's eternal plan. There is little doubt that British churches, especially in the larger cities, are a microcosm of the world in a congregation, and this is a great blessing to be celebrated. Even more, the fact that the diversity of believers has breathed spiritual life into our churches shows us that this is a movement of God, and we praise him for it.

Yet, despite this amazing reality, inequality still exists in the church and blights the experiences of too many of Global Majority heritage. This leaves people not feeling as if they belong, or

not being given the opportunity to use their God-given talents to further the Lord's Kingdom. So as we praise God for the gift of diversity we pray for his grace so that we might truly honour it.

Lord Jesus, in Your life You showed us how to live.  
In Your death You reconciled us to God.  
In Your resurrection You made the way to a new community.  
May we know pardon and peace  
in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit, show us Your beauty,  
reflected in all the peoples of the earth,  
so that we may discover anew  
that all are important and all are necessary,  
different faces of the one humanity  
made in the image and for the glory of God.  
Amen

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** The Anglican Church of Australia,

10 February 2025

**Heald Green**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Canon Dr Jacob Devadason, Revd Dr Jasmine Devadason

**Anglican Communion:** Lucknow, The Church of North India (United)

11 February 2025

**Poynton**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Matthew Swires-Hennessy

**Lay Workers:** Mr David Coleman, Mr Les Hutchinson, Mrs Joanne Rodman

Please pray for those attending our Christianity Explored course.. Please also pray for our ministry to the bereaved, including the work of our Bereavement Visitors Team. We would also welcome prayers for Mike Holt, our Reader-in-training - in his final

**Anglican Communion:** Lui, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

12 February 2025

**Woodford**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd David Russell

**Lay Workers:** Mr Richard Cussons, Mr Malcolm Evans

We give thanks for a very well attended Christmas period. Please pray for us as we seek to spread the Gospel to the people moving into Woodford's many new houses. Thank you.

**Anglican Communion:** Lusaka, The Church of the Province of Central Africa

13 February 2025

**Alsager St Mary Magdalene**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Jim Britcliffe, Revd Michelle Goodrich

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Anne Joyce, Mrs Gill Marren

We pray Lord for continued growth within our youth ministry, and for greater links with younger families, both at St. Mary's and St. Philip's, as we look at new and creative ways of reaching those on the fringe of faith.

**Anglican Communion:** Lusitanian Church, (Extra Provincial)

14 February 2025

**Alsager Christ Church**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Daran Ward

**Lay Workers:** Mr Keith Davies, Mr Dave Fidal, Mr Andrew Warren

Please pray for our vicar, Daran who has had to take some time off work: for his recovery and return to leadership, for the congregation during his absence and for continued growth in Children & Families and Youth work

**Anglican Communion:** Luwero, The Church of the Province of Uganda

15 February 2025

**Astbury**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Steph Morris

**Lay Workers:** Mr Andrew Bailey, Mr Andrew Bevington, Sophie Molyneux

For our Benefice as we wait for our new Rector to arrive, for our new youth club and for those who will attend our Christianity Explored course during Lent.

**Anglican Communion:** Northern Luzon, The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

16 February 2025

**Growing deep roots**

*Blessed is the one*

*... whose delight is in the law of the Lord,  
and who meditates on his law day and night.*

*That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,  
which yields its fruit in season*

*and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers*

*Psalms 1 : 1, 3*

The way to know a fruitful spiritual life is to rest in the place where the streams of God's blessing flow. According to the Psalmist that stream flows through the Scriptures, and we are told that we are to be like a tree planted, steadily and persistently taking in all that his word will give us. We do that when we put ourselves in the way of the word of God, day and night appreciating it and turning it over in our minds. Maybe we find this hard – at first it seems to rush past us and nothing gets in. But persistence pays and in time we find ourselves softening, absorbing more, recognising more connections, seeing more that is good and true and life giving. We pray today that we and others around us we be more tree-like, planted in a place that allows God's blessing will fill our lives.

Lord God

We praise and thank you that through the Scriptures  
you give sight to the blind,  
strength to the weary,

hope to the despairing  
and peace to troubled hearts.

Please give us growing confidence in the Bible  
and cause us to listen to it day by day,  
that we might find our minds renewed,  
our hearts warmed and our wills aligned with yours.  
For we ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** The Church of Bangladesh,

17 February 2025

**Astbury St Mary's C of E School**

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Lweru, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

18 February 2025

**Barthomley**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Peter Ennion

We give thanks for all who support the church here in many varied ways for their gifts and talents & willingness to help and support what we do. We also give thanks for the many visitors who come here from all over the world.

**Anglican Communion:** Macau, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

19 February 2025

**Brereton**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Sandi Fisher

**Lay Workers:** Miss Sue Ball

Please pray for our young people and families who attend our outdoor church and all age services. Please also pray for our deeper involvement in the community through our newly established friendship group we are doing in conjunction with Brereton Pre-Sc

**Anglican Communion:** Machakos, The Anglican Church of Kenya

20 February 2025

**Brereton C of E School**

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Maciene, Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

21 February 2025

**Holmes Chapel**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Canon Rob McLaren

Please pray for our new Alpha Course recently started. Please also pray for a further leader to join our new team of Sunday Children's Group Leaders.

**Anglican Communion:** Madhya Kerala, The Church of South India (United)



22 February 2025

**Congleton St James**

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Madi and West Nile, The Church of the Province of Uganda

23 February 2025

**Having a generous spirit**

*'Be merciful even as your Father is merciful' Luke 6: 36*

To be a Christian is never solely an inward matter. Some have grown up in the church thinking that it is – spiritual matters are personal, hidden deep in the heart. Sometimes they are so deep, however, that they scarcely trouble the surface of our lives. God and Jesus Christ are rarely spoken about and are easily masked by other concerns. However, in his most famous address, the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus discourages this thinking. He speaks about a faith in God that is inward and deep – God is concerned with our motivation as well as our behaviour. But he also describes a life in which our daily activity is radically shaped as we imitate God. Turn the other cheek, share you clothes, pray for the people who abuse you, love your enemy. You can't do these things secretly. And at the same time we will never change outwardly without a profound change of heart. Inward and outward, in the depths and at the surface, Jesus encourages a life of reality and integrity. We pray that God would change us so we are like him, overflowing in mercy.

Almighty God,  
You have created the heavens and the earth  
and made us in your own image;  
teach us to discern your hand in all your works,  
and your likeness in all your children;  
through Jesus Christ your son our Lord,  
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme  
over all things,  
now and for ever.  
Amen

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil,

24 February 2025

**Congleton**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Ian Enticott

**Lay Workers:** EUR ING Chris Downes-Ward, Dr Mike Hutchinson, Mr Geoff Scott, Miss Lesley Smith, Mrs Eileen Walker

Give thanks for successful Christmas outreach - several thousand 'snowflakes' decorating St Peter's and presenting 'Christmas in a Box' to Y4 in nearly all the schools in Congleton. Pray for monthly Messy Church events this year and Family Life-Group.

**Anglican Communion:** Madras, The Church of South India (United)

25 February 2025

**Mossley C of E School**

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Madurai-Ramnad, The Church of South India (United)

26 February 2025

**Eaton with Hulme Walfield**

Please pray for our...

**Lay Workers:** Mr Howard Lawton, Mr Douglas Wisener

**Anglican Communion:** Magwi, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

27 February 2025

**Elworth**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Anthony Rigby

**Lay Workers:** Mr Steven Coppenhall, Mrs Kate Page, Mrs Michelle Walker

**Anglican Communion:** Mahajanga, The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

28 February 2025

**Elworth C of E School**

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Maiduguri, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)