

Cycle of Prayer

01 - 31 August 2022

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Bunbury

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Tim Hayward; Revd Claire Wilson

Lay Workers: Mr Tom Crotty; Mrs Joy Parker; Mr Michael Verity; Mr Peter Collinge; Mrs Kathy Collinge; Mrs Pat Edgley; Mrs Amber Middlemiss

Anglican Communion: Matlosane, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

02 August 2022

Burwardsley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Lameck Mutete

Anglican Communion: Mauritius, The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

03 August 2022

Coddington

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Capt David Scurr CA

Lay Workers: Mr Raymond Moulton

Anglican Communion: Mbaise, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

04 August 2022

Farndon

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Capt David Scurr CA

Lay Workers: Mr Raymond Moulton

Anglican Communion: Mbale, The Church of the Province of Uganda

05 August 2022

Handley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Lameck Mutete

Anglican Communion: North Mbale, The Church of the Province of Uganda

06 August 2022

Hargrave

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Laura Rhodes

Anglican Communion: Mbamili, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

07 August 2022

Curates in training

There are currently just over 50 curates training across the diocese, serving in parishes alongside colleagues who are committed to their formation and wellbeing. Curates train for a variety of ministries. Some are full time and some part time, some self-supporting or Ministers in Secular Employment, but each is placed within a parish which provides the primary context for their training. Curates experience the breadth of ministry in the Church of England: under the guidance of a supervising minister they gradually take on ministerial responsibility, they 'have a go' with permission to make mistakes, and they reflect theologically on their learning and practice. Through a variety of creative tasks they are able to evidence their growth in discipleship and deepening formation for the ministry to which they are called.

Curates give substantial time to coming together to reflect and learn. This enables them to seek fellowship and build relationships with peers and the wider diocese, and to learn from a variety of practitioners and experts in different fields. They give time to reading and prayer, and they are strongly encouraged to build habits that will sustain them through a lifetime of ministry and service. In this way, curates often set an example to others in prioritising lifelong learning, prayer, and life-giving ways of ministering. The demands of formation mean that curacy is often a time of both struggle and growth as God works within these leaders of the church.

For prayer:

For curates in training to deepen in their relationship with God above all else

For families and friends of curates as they adapt to their relative entering public ordained ministry

For those who supervise and train curates, that they might feel encouraged by their task

For those recently ordained deacon and priest in this diocese as they adapt to their new roles

Anglican Communion: The Church in the Province of the West Indies,

08 August 2022

Malpas and Threapwood

Anglican Communion: Mbeere, The Anglican Church of Kenya

09 August 2022

Marbury

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Veronica Green

Lay Workers: Mrs Alison Hunter Johnston; Mrs Jane Lunt; Mrs Diana Thomas

Anglican Communion: Mbhashe, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

10 August 2022

Shocklach

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Dr Tim Robinson; Revd Norma Robinson

Lay Workers: Mr Chris Gilbert; Mrs Trisha Swift

Anglican Communion: Mbujimayi, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

11 August 2022

Tarporley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Jim Bridgman; Revd Trevor Davies

Pray for the two church schools in the parish (Tarporley CE Primary and St Paul's CE Primary), the three church congregations and the Parish Vision day on 11th September, as we look forward to what God is calling us to do here.

Anglican Communion: Meath & Kildare, The Church of Ireland

12 August 2022

Tattenhall

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Lameck Mutete

Pray for the Ukraine refugees families who have come to settle in our parish.

Anglican Communion: Medak, The (united) Church of South India

13 August 2022

Tilstone Fearnall

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Tim Hayward; Revd Claire Wilson

Anglican Communion: Wad Medani, Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

14 August 2022

Mike Gilbertson, Archdeacon of Chester

Archdeacon Mike looks after 134 parishes in nine deaneries on the western side of the diocese, stretching from Lymm and Middlewich down to Malpas and across to the top of the Wirral. As an archdeacon his particular responsibilities include pastoral care, making clergy appointments, clergy housing, and helping parishes in mission and in looking after their church buildings. He spends a lot of time travelling around the diocese meeting clergy, churchwardens and PCCs. Mike is assisted in his role by his PA, Laura Howard.

As well as the core responsibilities which come with being an archdeacon, Mike has several other roles in the diocese, including:

- Chairing the Diocesan Board of Education;
- Leading the diocesan teams working on Everyday Faith (resourcing congregations in living out their Christian faith), and Growing Faith (helping churches, schools and families in nurturing children and young people in the Christian faith);
- Connecting with the hospital and hospice chaplains across the diocese.

Mike has asked for prayer for various particular things:

- Wisdom and discernment in filling the clergy vacancies in our parishes;
- Effectiveness in encouraging parishes and church schools in their mission and ministry;
- Sensitivity and wisdom in helping people across the diocese who are still tired and anxious as a result of Covid;
- Ensuring that in all of these busy situations he still has time for prayer, Bible reading and rest.

Anglican Communion: The Extra-Provincial Churches

15 August 2022

Tilston

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Dr Tim Robinson; Revd Norma Robinson

Lay Workers: Mr Chris Gilbert; Mrs Trisha Swift

Anglican Communion: Central Melanesia, The Anglican Church of Melanesia

16 August 2022

Tushingham

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Veronica Green

Lay Workers: Mrs Alison Hunter Johnston; Mrs Carolyn Wort

Anglican Communion: Melbourne, The Anglican Church of Australia

17 August 2022

Waverton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Julian Beauchamp

Lay Workers: Miss June Hargreaves; Mrs Kath Wentel

Anglican Communion: Meridional (Southern), Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

18 August 2022

Whitewell

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Veronica Green

Lay Workers: Mrs Alison Hunter Johnston; Mrs Carolyn Wort

Anglican Communion: Meru, The Anglican Church of Kenya

19 August 2022

Alderley

Please pray for our...

Lay Workers: Rachel Roberts

For a sense of where God is calling us during this period of vacancy and for Rachel and other member sof the ministry team at our neighbouring parish who are leading our services.

Anglican Communion: Mexico, La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

20 August 2022

Chelford

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Fiona Robinson

Anglican Communion: Northern Mexico, La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

21 August 2022

Mission Adviser John Hellewell

My role is to encourage and enable the first two marks of mission in churches and other ministries across the diocese - in simple words, to promote evangelism and discipleship.

This happens by working alongside individual parishes, for example by helping them think through how they might do this in their own context, leading away days for PCCs, or pointing them to other resources that might help.

We also provide information for parishes to explore other sources of support, and especially Jesus Shaped People, Leading your Church into Growth and the forthcoming Leading Evangelism Learning Hub.

We also love listening to the stories of what God is doing locally, and sharing those stories, and making links between people across the diocese who are exploring the same things or facing the same opportunities.

Prayer Points:

- That churches would be able to clearly discern God's priorities for them in the coming months
- That churches will honestly explore how they can help people come to know God's love for themselves, and put it into practice
- For the Leading Evangelism Learning Hub that launches in January, that preparations will go smoothly, and churches will get involved
- That churches will find appropriate ways in the present context of helping their members to grow as disciples
- That as an outreach team we can support parishes and ministries in a way that is helpful and encouraging

Anglican Communion: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

22 August 2022

Alderley Edge

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Robin Pye, Revd Canon Professor Loveday Alexander, Revd Linda Lonsdale

Lay Workers: Mrs Rachel Roberts; Mrs Sue Mills

Forming a joint benefice with St Catherine's Birtles, employing a parish administrator, our ministry in schools and continued growth in discipleship.

Anglican Communion: Southeastern Mexico, La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

23 August 2022

High Legh

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Trish Cope; Revd Patricia Robinson

Lay Workers: Mrs Chris Stanisstreet

Anglican Communion: Western Mexico, La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

24 August 2022

Knutsford St Cross

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Paul Deakin

Lay Workers: Mrs Mary Daw; Mrs Hilary Savage; Mrs Allison Whiteley

Anglican Communion: Michigan, The Episcopal Church

25 August 2022

Knutsford St John the Baptist

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Nigel Atkinson; Revd Helen Eccles; Revd Tom Hollingsbee; Revd Mel Lacy

Lay Workers: Mr Thain Flowers

Anglican Communion: Eastern Michigan, The Episcopal Church

26 August 2022

Lindow

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Simon Gales

Lay Workers: Mrs Leonie Poole

Anglican Communion: Northern Michigan, The Episcopal Church

27 August 2022

Lower Peover

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Murray Aldridge-Collins

Lay Workers: Mrs Ann Barlow

Anglican Communion: Western Michigan, The Episcopal Church

28 August 2022

Jonathan Masters - Youth, Children and Families' Adviser

Ministry among children and young people is going through a particularly turbulent time as we continue to emerge from the pandemic. Many volunteers have stepped back, and some families have disappeared from churches completely. However, there are vast opportunities if we look for them. The Growing Faith Adventure invites us to prioritise children and young people in decision-making, and to support the links between churches, schools and households. Over 1/3 of parents and carers are not confident talking about their faith at home with their children, yet over 70% of Christian children and young people would put family as their top reason for coming to faith and keeping their faith. In the next year at Church House we are aiming to enable churches and schools to be even more effective in supporting families to talk about faith at home. Please pray for us as we go on that journey.

Our five prayer points. Please pray that:

1. Every parish joins in the Growing Faith Adventure
2. Children and young people are given opportunities in Church services to encounter Christ, not just to learn about him
3. Parents and carers grow in confidence to talk about their faith with their children
4. Children and young people are listened to, and their points of view are acted upon
5. Safeguarding continues to be prioritised and celebrated as part of the good news of Jesus Christ

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

29 August 2022

Marthall

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Fiona Robinson

Anglican Communion: Micronesia, The Episcopal Church

30 August 2022

Mobberley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Ian Blay

Lay Workers: Mr John Grainger; Mrs Jean Underhill

Anglican Communion: Milwaukee, The Episcopal Church

31 August 2022

Over Peover

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Murray Aldridge-Collins

Anglican Communion: Minna, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

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