

Cycle of Prayer

01 - 31 December 2022

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Baddiley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Amanda Pike

Lay Workers: Debbie Rowlands, Roger Howarth, Ron High, Cynthia Gorton, Elizabeth Falding
We have been raising money for work needed on the tower. We now have the amount needed and work will commence in the New Year .

Anglican Communion: Nyang, The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

02 December 2022

Burleydam

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Amanda Pike

Lay Workers: Debbie Rowlands, Roger Howarth, Ron High, Cynthia Gorton, Elizabeth Falding
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Anglican Communion: Southern Nyanza, The Anglican Church of Kenya

03 December 2022

Church Minshull

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Anne Lawson

Lay Workers: Please pray for the new leaders of our Cafe Church team

Anglican Communion: Nzara, The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

04 December 2022

Chester Diocesan Mothers Union

Give thanks for Mothers' Union in Chester Diocese, made up of 61 branches working in parishes across the diocese, pray for the work they do to support and promote Christian marriage and family life.

We have partnered with the charity Door to Hope to provide Bags of Education to communities in Eastern Europe. This year Mothers' Union Chester has provided 200 bags which will be going to projects in Bulgaria, Moldova, and Ukraine. Please pray for the children receiving these bags and their families.

As part of our ongoing work supporting the chaplaincy teams at Thorn Cross and Styal prison, we have provided 200 release bags for those prisoners leaving prison with nothing and often no home to return to. Please pray that they can find a safe place to stay, and they get the support they so desperately need.

Your prayers are needed for our Trustees, Officers and Deanery and Branch leaders as they navigate through these turbulent financial times where charities resources are stretched to the limit. Join us in praying for the growth of our membership which will allow the vital work of Mothers' Union to continue.

As part of the wider Mothers' Union family spread throughout the Anglican Communion, we join with our fellow members to keep a wave of prayer continually going throughout the world. We pray for our churches, parishes, communities and all those upholding and supporting the values of family life, join our 1200 members here in Chester Diocese in praying for help in sharing the love of God and in love and service reach out as his hands across the world.

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East,

05 December 2022

Coppenhall

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd John Leal

Anglican Communion: el-Obeid, Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

06 December 2022

Crewe All Saints and St Paul

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Dr Oliver Igwe, Revd Revd A. Suzanne Eddleston (Associate Minister)

Revd. Peter Bennett (Assistant Curate)

Lay Workers: Mrs Anne Marshall

That our outreach through the 'seedlings' and activities with local schools will flourish and be sustained. That we can build a team that will make our missional activities to be sustained over a long period. For the wellbeing of our dedicated core members who yearn for our growth in numbers and in spirituality.

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

07 December 2022

Crewe St Andrew with St John the Baptist

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Dr Oliver Igwe, Revd Revd A. Suzanne Eddleston (Associate Minister)

Revd. Peter Bennett (Assistant Curate)

Lay Workers: That our outreach in the community through Lunch Crewe, Little Fish, Messy Church, and activities with local schools will flourish and be sustained. That we will continue to build a team that will make our missional activities to be sustained over a long period.

For the success of the Cornerstone project planned to be Launched in April 2023 and the missional opportunities this project offers us. For the wellbeing of our dedicated core members who yearn for our growth in numbers and in spirituality. That God's love and grace will refresh both our long-standing members and those who started coming recently as we all grow together.

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

08 December 2022

Crewe St Barnabas

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Ralph Powell

Pray for Vocations for Sacred Ministry.

Jesus said 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Matthew 9:37-38

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

09 December 2022

Crewe St Peter

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Dr Oliver Igwe

Lay Workers: Dr Jim Shepherd

That our outreach in the community through Lunch Crewe, Little Fish, Messy Church, and activities with local schools will flourish and be sustained. That we will continue to build a team that will make our missional activities to be sustained over a long period. For the success of the Cornerstone project planned to be Launched in April 2023 and the missional opportunities this project offers us. For the wellbeing of our dedicated core members who yearn for our growth in numbers and in spirituality. That God's love and grace will refresh both our long-standing members and those who started coming recently as we all grow together.

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

10 December 2022

Crewe Green

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Dr Jane Lloyd, The Rt Revd. Alan Winstanley

Revd. Canon Bill Baker

Lay Workers: Ron Taylor, Linda Clarke, Anne Thompson, Carleton Morris, Pat Baker

Please pray for St Michael's links with the Health Campus in Crewe and our support of the students.

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

11 December 2022

Bishop's House

Bishop's House is Bishop Mark's home and the administrative centre for the episcopal work of the Diocese. It is a busy office located on the Cathedral estate in the centre of Chester and supports the work of all three of the Bishops in the diocese. The team of PAs, administrative staff, the Bishop's Chaplain and not to forget the Bishops themselves work hard to deliver the pastoral, missional and organisational work that support the work of the Church of England across the Diocese of Chester. It is a place formed by prayer, fellowship, hospitality and quite a lot of tea.

Please pray for:

- Our Bishops, Mark, Julie, and Sam
- The Team: Rachel, Andy, Jason, Jen, Jane, Jim, Suzie, and Lisa
- The people we meet and serve each day both in person and by phone and email
- Those whom we encounter in moments of crisis and deep pastoral need
- Vision and discernment for where God is leading us as a diocese

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Kenya,

12 December 2022

Doddington

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Alison Fulford

Lay Workers: Mrs Anne Draper, Miss Jill Williams

Please continue to give thanks for the weekly worship we value so much at St Johns. Please also pray for the good work of the school in our parish.

Anglican Communion: Ogori-Magongo, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

13 December 2022

Haslington

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Dr Jane Lloyd, The Rt Revd. Alan Winstanley

Lay Workers: Ron Taylor, Linda Clarke, Anne Thompson, Carleton Morris, Pat Baker

Please pray for St Matthew's growth around the new vision statement. We pray for vision and wisdom, and that God add to our number those whom He is calling.

Anglican Communion: Ohaji / Egbema, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

14 December 2022

Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Paul North

Lay Workers: Mrs Elizabeth Morris

Please pray that they would have wisdom to know how to be church to existing and new communities, as new housing is built in the area. Pray as well for well attended and fruitful Christmas services.

Anglican Communion: Ohio, The Episcopal Church

15 December 2022

Nantwich

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Dr Mark Hart, Revd Vanessa Layfield

Lay Workers: Mrs Sue Caunt, Mr Paul Ramsey, Mrs Dot Roxby, Mr Alan Thompson, Mrs Mary Harris

Anglican Communion: Southern Ohio, The Episcopal Church

16 December 2022

Weston

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Rachael Griffiths

Lay Workers: Mrs Gaynor Bracey, Mrs Margaret Hodgkinson, Ms Ginny Lewis

Please pray for necessary structural repairs to happen quickly. Please pray as well that the community café would continue to be a place of welcome, and for enough volunteers for the work to be sustainable.

Anglican Communion: Oji River, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

17 December 2022

Wistaston

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Mike Turnbull

Lay Workers: Mrs Ann Stubbs

Please pray for our Christmas Services that they may provide a welcome to all and remind those who do attend of the hope we have through the baby born in the manger.

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

18 December 2022

Melanesia

Our Diocese and the Anglican Church of Melanesia have a longstanding link since the Lambeth Conference in 1988, a link which grows steadily from year to year. We have hosted several Missions of Brothers and Sisters from the four Anglican Religious Orders, four Melanesian Brothers who studied and graduated at the University of Chester, four Primary School Teachers who visited our Church Primary Schools, helping to set up links to benefit all. Clergy visits in both directions take place and since 1998 laypeople have also visited our link Diocese. In 2000, Chester Companions of the Melanesian Brotherhood was formed and there are now about 40 Companions regularly praying for and supporting the Brothers. More recently there are Associates of the Sisters of the Church who keep in touch with the Sisters. The Most Revd Leonard Dawea, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Melanesia, graduated from the University of Chester in 2005. We give thanks for all we learn from these wonderful people 12,000 miles away.

Prayer Points:

- The newly elected Bishop of Malaita, the Revd. Michael Sau Bebeu, as he prepares to take office.
- As the academic year comes to an end in Melanesia, we pray for students who have lost learning time due to COVID closures. We pray that resources are in place to enable students to catch up and that families can afford to continue to pay school fees.
- As Brothers and Sisters of the four Anglican Religious Orders prepare for their Christmas Missions, we pray for safe travel across the ocean, often to remote areas, to spread the Good News of Jesus.
- We pray for the expansion of the Anglican Church of Melanesia's Environment Observatories across Melanesia, to help communities plan and adapt to climate change and environmental destruction.
- We give thanks for our continuing fellowship with our Christian Wantoks (families) in Melanesia, the opportunities to learn from each other and further our Christian journey together.

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Korea,

19 December 2022

Worleston

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Anne Lawson

Lay Workers: Mrs Ann Nicholas, Mrs Isobel Burnley

Give thanks for the faithful service given by Churchwardens and PCC members in the past. Please pray for the parish of Worleston as it goes through the process of becoming a Chapel of Ease within the Parish of Acton with Worleston. Please pray that local people in Worleston will come forward and want to take on small tasks so that St Oswald's church continues to be run and cared for by people from Worleston.

Anglican Communion: Oke-Ogun, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

20 December 2022

Wrenbury

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Amanda Pike

Lay Workers: Debbie Rowlands, Roger Howarth, Ron High, Cynthia Gorton, Elizabeth Falding
We have our building project at St Margaret's Wrenbury. We were hoping to have the toilet done before Christmas but it's been delayed. Work will continue in the new year. We have the funding for the toilet but will continue to raise money for the kitchen. We also hope to have a community fridge

We are continuing with Messy Church (this is a new initiative).

Anglican Communion: Oke-Osun, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

21 December 2022

Wybunbury

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Alison Fulford

Lay Workers: Mrs Anne Draper, Miss Jill Williams

Please continue to give thanks for the weekly worship we value so much at St Johns. Please also pray for the good work of the school in our parish.

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

22 December 2022

Wettenhall

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Anne Lawson

Lay Workers: Mrs Ann Nicholas, Mrs Isobel Burnley

We give thanks for the fellowship of St. David's and pray that others may join us as we strive to share God's love in our rural community.

Anglican Communion: Okigwe North, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

23 December 2022

Warmingham

Please pray for our...

Lay Workers: Mrs Elizabeth Morris, Mrs Helan Isherwood

Anglican Communion: Okigwe South, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

24 December 2022

Wheelock

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Dr Jane Lloyd, The Rt Revd. Alan Winstanley

Lay Workers: Ron Taylor, Linda Clarke, Anne Thompson, Carleton Morris, Pat Baker

Pray for Christ Church's ministry to children and families, and the growth of the family service.

Anglican Communion: Okinawa, The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

25 December 2022

Democratic Republic of Congo

Boga

- Insecurity: Because of continuing insecurity in certain areas, people have abandoned their villages. Pray that they may be able to return and that schools and health centres may reopen.
- Peace and reconciliation: Pray for the Demobilisation, Disarmament and Community & Social Reintegration Process (PDDRCS) and that the government will get involved in this.

Aru

As Mission Partners Peter and Patricia Wyard come to the end of their time in Aru,

- Pray for the theological students Peter taught as they return home to their various ministries and for Revd Etsegeri, who will head up the Rooted in Jesus discipleship course.
- Remember too the palliative care work of Patricia and for Ven Madhira, who continues in charge of this as well as being Dean of the cathedral.

Archbishop Ande

- Pray for Archbishop Ande in his first year of office as he heads the Anglican Church in DRC and Congo Brazzaville (Republic of Congo).

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Melanesia,

26 December 2022

Backford

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Steve Mansfield, Reverend Gareth David Thomas

Pray for the church to be united in support and encouragement and growing in wisdom and faith in the coming vacancy

Anglican Communion: Oklahoma, The Episcopal Church

27 December 2022

Bromborough

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Jenny Gillies

Please pray for the continuing growth of our congregation, for our increasing prayer ministry and for volunteers for our developing community outreach work. Pray too for the provision of money to complete all that God has called us to do.

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

28 December 2022

Burton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd John Coyne

Lay Workers: Sue Coyne, Ruth Abbott

Pray for them as they seek a vision for how to become a multi-generational church

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

29 December 2022

Capenhurst

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Steve Mansfield, Reverend Gareth David Thomas

Lay Workers: Mrs Jo Pemberton

Pray for the church to be united in support and encouragement and growing in wisdom and faith in the coming vacancy

Anglican Communion: Olo, The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

30 December 2022

Eastham

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Beth Glover, Revd Maureen Coats

Lay Workers: Andy Bradley Gibbon, David Colenso, Ray Bonnard, Anne York

Please pray that we continue to grow together as the family of God within our community and as the body of Christ as we disciple and train others for Kingdom service.

Anglican Communion: Olympia, The Episcopal Church

31 December 2022

Ellesmere Port

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Gordon McGuinness, Revd Gill Foster, Revd Dr Gordon Welch

Lay Workers: Mrs Julia McGuinness, Mr Frank Mawdsley, Mrs Sue Johnson

Anglican Communion: Omu-Aran, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)