

# Cycle of Prayer

01 - 31 December 2024



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Sunday 1 December 2024

On the first Sunday in Advent we remember the Patriarchs, our ancestors in the faith. We thank God for the examples of those who trusted, who pursued, who faithfully followed. In Advent, we light candles to remind us that through advent we wait for the coming of Jesus, light of the world. As we light the first candle on the advent wreath we pray;

God of Abraham and Sarah,  
and all the patriarchs of old,  
you are our Father too.  
Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of David.  
Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth  
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit  
to make his home among us.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world.  
Amen.

The patriarchs prayed with courage, they prayed persistently, trusting in God in the midst of difficult times, and made themselves available; when God called, Jacob answered, saying 'Here I am'

This Advent, we give thanks for our fathers and mothers in faith, for those who have lead the way, who have planted, grown and nurtured the small seeds of faith in us. We pray, in this season of hope, that our hearts will be prepared to celebrate the joy and gift of Jesus, the child in the manger

We echo the prayer of Jacob for our own families, for those who follow us in faith;

*to the God before whom we walk faithfully,  
the God who has been our shepherd  
all our lives to this day,  
the Angel who has delivered me from all harm  
-may he bless my children, my family*

We pray together...

ALL  
Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
born in David's city of Bethlehem,  
born like him to be a king:  
be born in our hearts at Christmas,  
be King of our lives today.  
Amen.

Please pray for our...

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

02 December 2024

**Romiley**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd David Hill, Revd Richard Pennystan, Revd Katie Wade

**Lay Workers:** Mr Alan Bancroft, Mrs Molly Dow, Mrs Audrey Murch, Mr Alan Murch

Through this month we will be welcoming multiple community groups of all ages to hear the Good News of Great joy found in Jesus. Please pray for encounters with God which will transform lives, as we seek to see more people. more like Jesus.

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

03 December 2024

**Disley**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Stuart Cornes

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Jenny Kidd, Mrs Wendy Luxon

Please pray as we undergo reorganisation. Please also pray for our Christian Basics Course starting in January.

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

04 December 2024

**High Lane**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Ashleigh Askwith

**Lay Workers:** Prof Tony Berry, Mr John Wilson

Please pray for our parish during this time of vacancy, that God will guide us in faith, provide for our needs, and bring wisdom and unity as we navigate this season of change. May we grow in grace and service.

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

05 December 2024

**Low Marple**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Ashley Askwith, Revd Timothy Hupfield

**Lay Workers:** Mr Tony Doust, Mrs Debbie Moores

Pray for our Christmas Tree Festival this weekend, that it may draw visitors into the love of God. Give thanks, too, for school visits to church during December, and for all of our work with local schools, that continues to develop and bear fruit.

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

06 December 2024

**Marple**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Daniel Currie, Revd Lesley Currie

**Lay Workers:** Mr Keith Frost, Mr Martin Palmer

Please pray for the FLOURISH initiative – which is a partnership involving the local school to establish a worshipping community involving children and carers. Also please pray for a new ALPHA course launching in the New Year.

**Anglican Communion:** Kivu, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

07 December 2024

**Compstall (or Werneth)**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Ashley Askwith, Revd Timothy Hupfield

**Lay Workers:**

Please give thanks for our new pattern of Thursday activities - prayer group, discussion group and midweek communion. For our thriving monthly lunch, and our new Taize communion services. May they allow us to grow in faith as we spread the Gospel message in word and deed.

**Anglican Communion:** North Kivu, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

08 December 2024

On the Second Sunday in Advent we remember the prophets. We are reminded of the heroes of our faith who spoke boldly of the justice, provision, generosity, and kindness of God and who pointed us to the birth of Jesus

As we light the 2nd candle on the wreath we pray;

God our Father,  
you spoke to the prophets of old  
of a Saviour who would bring peace.  
You helped them to spread the joyful message  
of his coming kingdom.  
Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth,  
to share with those around us  
the good news of your power and love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world.  
Amen.

The prophets spoke with courage and faith, they brought the message of light and truth to people in darkness. And when God called, Samuel answered, 'Here I am'

We ask God to help us be prophetic people – showing God's love and kindness to those around us and, by our words and actions pointing to the joy of salvation in Jesus

We echo the prayer of Jeremiah,  
blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
whose confidence is in him.  
<sup>8</sup> They will be like a tree planted by the water  
that sends out its roots by the stream.  
It does not fear when heat comes;  
its leaves are always green.  
It has no worries in a year of drought  
and never fails to bear fruit."

We pray together:

ALL  
Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
the prophets said you would bring peace  
and save your people in trouble.  
Give peace in our hearts at Christmas  
and show all the world God's love.  
Amen.

Please pray for our...

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

09 December 2024

**Whaley Bridge**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Frances Eccleston

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Beryl Axcell, Mr Stephen Eccleston, Mrs Sue Mellor

Please pray for Reverend Frances Eccleston as she retires in January 2025 and pray for the parish as it goes into vacancy. Please also pray that the parish may find cover for their services.

**Anglican Communion:** Kobe, The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

10 December 2024

**Mellor**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Canon Andrew Tawn

**Lay Workers:** Mr David Shercliff

**Anglican Communion:** Koforidua, The Church of the Province of West Africa

11 December 2024

**Antrobus**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Alec Brown, Revd Christina Westwell

**Lay Workers:** Mr Chris Taylor

We would appreciate prayers for the discussions concerning the United Benefice proposal for Great Budworth and Antrobus, and for all the preparations for Advent and Christmas. Please also pray for all members of our farming communities at this difficult and challenging time.

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

12 December 2024

**Appleton Thorn**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Alan Jewell

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Linda Buckley

Please pray for the younger families moving in to new houses being built in the parish, that they will see St Cross as their church and that some will come to join the church community as regular worshippers.

**Anglican Communion:** Kollam - Kottarakkara, The Church of South India (United)

13 December 2024

**Barnton**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Deborah Dalby

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

14 December 2024

**Daresbury**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Gill Younger

**Lay Workers:** Mr James Baird, Mr Gavin Hall, Mr Simon Lomas, Mrs Linda Mills, Mrs Jocelyn Squires

Pray for Reverend Gill Younger as she retires in January. Please also pray for the joint discussions with St John's, Walton about sharing a priest and that the right person will come

forward in the New Year.

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

15 December 2024

On the third Sunday of Advent we remember John the Baptist, who proclaimed the coming of the Saviour and prepared the way

As we light the 3rd candle on the Advent wreath we pray;

God our Father,  
you gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth in their old age  
a son called John.  
He grew up strong in spirit,  
prepared the people for the coming of the Lord,  
and baptised them in the Jordan to wash away their sins.  
Help us, who have been baptised into Christ,  
to be ready to welcome him into our hearts,  
and to grow strong in faith by the power of the Spirit.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world.  
Amen.

Isaiah wrote:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way"  
"a voice of one calling in the wilderness,  
'Prepare the way for the Lord,  
make straight paths for him.'"

We ask that God will give us a heart for those who are lost, to open our eyes to those who are trapped and alone in darkness. We pray that we, like John, will proclaim the good news of Jesus

Like John, may we lead the way, with the courage to speak truth to power, to call for justice and peace, and for the light of the world to shine. As John prepared the way for Jesus, may our hearts be prepared this Advent

We pray together;

ALL  
Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
John told the people to prepare,  
for you were very near.  
As Christmas grows closer day by day,  
help us to be ready to welcome you now.  
Amen.

Please pray for our...

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

16 December 2024

### **Grappenhall**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Rev Kate Pwaisiho

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Christine Hunter, Mrs Margaret Kitchen, Mr John Prytherch, Mrs Gill White  
The parish is currently in vacancy. Please pray for God's guidance, wisdom and blessing upon the Ministry Team and St Wilfrid's Church Family. May they be united in faith, love and service so the church will be a place and a beacon of hope to those in the Community. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen.

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

17 December 2024

### **Great Budworth**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Alec Brown, Revd Christina Westwell

Please pray for the discussions concerning the United Benefice proposal for Antrobus and Great Budworth. Please also pray for all the preparations for Advent and Christmas. Please pray for all members of our farming communities at this difficult and challenging time.

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

18 December 2024

### **Latchford Christ Church**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Rob Icke

**Lay Workers:** Mr Ian Burton-Baddeley

We pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit following our Uniting as one Benefice; may conversations grow into plans and plans into Kingdom Growth. We pray for Sue our Reader in training.

**Anglican Communion:** Kootenay, The Anglican Church of Canada

19 December 2024

### **Latchford St James**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Rob Icke

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Frances Ireland

We pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit following our uniting under one Benefice, may conversations grow into plans and plans into Kingdom Growth. We pray Rev Samson who is continuing with his training.

**Anglican Communion:** Eastern Kowloon, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

20 December 2024

### **Lymm**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Beverley Jameson

**Lay Workers:** Mr Derek Buckthorpe, Mr Ian Bunday, Miss Heulwen Smith

St Mary's Lymm is the heart of the community and in all the community festivals. Please pray for Rector Reverend Beverley Jameson, Lay Readers Ian Bunday and Derek Buckthorpe. Pray for the hundreds of people who attended our Christmas Tree Festival that they join us for our Carols by Candlelight, Christingle and Christmas Services and see the true, glorious meaning of Christmas. We especially pray for St Mary's Community Children's Choir who sing so beautifully but have learnt so much about Jesus.

**Anglican Communion:** Western Kowloon, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

21 December 2024

### **Stockton Heath**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Michael Ridley, Revd Ruth Gray

**Lay Workers:** Ms Julie Brown, Mrs Christine Chapman, Mrs Claire Hutt, Mr Lee Brown

May we ask for prayer for our mission and outreach to families and young people, and those who feel isolated within our community. We pray for blessings on our new 'Encounter' Family Holiday club, the Family Fun lunches supported by Transforming Lives Together and the Christmas food bags that will be distributed to families in need this Christmas. We give thanks for the growing number of folk attending our Holy Communion lunches, helping to reduce the isolation of those who are housebound and enabling us to share the love of God with them.

**Anglican Communion:** Krishna-Godavari, The Church of South India (United)

22 December 2024

On the fourth Sunday in Advent we remember The Blessed Virgin Mary, who heard the call of God and answered with humility and simple trust, who gave birth to the Son of God.

As we light the 4th candle we pray;  
God our Father,  
the angel Gabriel told the Virgin Mary  
that she was to be the mother of your Son.  
Though Mary was afraid,  
she responded to your call with joy.  
Help us, whom you call to serve you,  
to share like her in your great work  
of bringing to our world your love and healing.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world.  
Amen.

The angel Gabriel told Mary '*nothing will be impossible with God*' this Advent, we pray that we will hold fast to this promise, trusting in the God for whom all things are possible.

When God called, Mary answered '*Here I am, the servant of the Lord*'  
Mary showed great faith, joy and wisdom in responding to the words of the Angel Gabriel.  
Like Mary, we pray that God will give us the humility and faith to allow him to grow in us that which is beyond us.

Mary prayed a beautiful song of praise; that her soul magnified the Lord, that her spirit rejoiced in God her Saviour, she praised God for the great things he had done for her, for the mercy he showed his people, for his justice, love and grace.

We pray together;  
ALL  
Lord Jesus, light of the world,  
blessed is Gabriel, who brought good news;  
blessed is Mary, your mother and ours.  
Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;  
and bless us your children, who long for your coming.  
Amen.



Please pray for our...

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

23 December 2024

**Stretton**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Alan Jewell

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Linda Buckley

Please pray for those who bring children to church that they will know themselves loved and welcomed, and find their own place within the church community. Please pray for Stretton St Matthew's Primary School, having come through a time of great change - with a relatively new head, a number of new staff, and having fairly recently become part of CDAT - that we will settle in to this new phase and flourish.

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

24 December 2024

**Thelwall**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Douglas Black

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Pip Horne, Mr Colin Horrabin, Mr Bob Lester

Please pray for our readers Colin Horrabin and Pip Horne, our reader emeritus Bob Lester (who is 96 years old) and our reader in training Caroline Johnstone.

**Anglican Communion:** Kuching, Church of the Province of South East Asia

25 December 2024

On Christmas day we join brothers and sisters all over the earth to celebrate the gift of life, light and hope we receive in Jesus and praise God with saints and angels throughout history and time.

As we light the last candle on our advent wreath, we pray;

God our Father,  
today the Saviour is born  
and those who live in darkness are seeing a great light.  
Help us, who greet the birth of Christ with joy,  
to live in the light of your Son  
and to share the good news of your love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who has come into the world.  
Amen.

Jesus was born as a baby and called Emmanuel, which means 'God with us' – God loved the world so much that he lived on earth with us, to help us know him better and to make a way for us to live with him forever

As we celebrate the joy of Christmas, we remember the hope and light Jesus brought into the world, so that those who are most afraid, lost and alone might know themselves to be deeply loved by God.

We wish a very happy Christmas to all those who live, work and serve in the Diocese of Chester, from all of us at Bishop's House and Church House. May your Christmas be full of light, love and great blessing. We pray together;

ALL

Lord Jesus, Light of light,  
you have come among us.  
Help us who live by your light  
to shine as lights in your world.  
Glory to God in the highest.  
Amen.

May the joy of the angels,  
the eagerness of the shepherds,  
the perseverance of the wise men,  
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,  
and the peace of the Christ-child  
be yours this Christmas;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Kumasi, The Church of the Province of West Africa

26 December 2024

Please pray for our...

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

27 December 2024

**Walton**

Please pray for our...

**Lay Workers:** Mr Keith Fletcher, Mr Ian Jerrard-Dinn, Mrs Gill Povey-Robins

**Anglican Communion:** Kurunegala, The Church of Ceylon (Extra Provincial)

28 December 2024

**Aston by Sutton, Little Leigh and Lower Whitley**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Dr Collette Jones

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Jean Davies, Mrs Joan Sears

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

29 December 2024

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** The Episcopal Church,

30 December 2024

**Aldford**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Julian Beauchamp, Revd Karl Jones

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Kath Wentel

Thank the Lord for the young families that are coming regularly to church and for some new PCC members from those families. Also thanks for all the hard work of the Churchwarden and church members who keep the church running smoothly and in good order. Please pray that the Lord would continue to draw people to the light of Christ and experience the joy of Christian fellowship, especially during the Advent and Christmas season.

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

31 December 2024

**Bickerton**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Dr Janine Arnott

Please pray for the parish's work with Bickerton Holy Trinity Church School that God may guide and bless their ministry. Also please pray for Janice and Steph who are joining the Children's Ministry Team.

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