

# Cycle of Prayer

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**Cycle of Prayer: New Year Calling Us on...**

With the beginning of a New Year we sometimes look at blank calendars, and seek to populate them hopefully and intentionally, looking ahead especially to our personal high days and holidays, and to warmer climate. (Bring it on!)

I hope that among your diary dates you may already have highlighted our annual Called2Serve Vocations Day Conference on Saturday 04 February 2022; perhaps for yourself, perhaps for someone else in whom you sense God's calling. Called2Serve is an opportunity to reflect upon God's life-giving call within our lives, to learn with others about wise discernment as we rise to that call, to explore further specific ways to serve (in the church and world, preferably both!), and to seek further the formation of our lives which arises from the commitment to Christ which is at the core of all our personal and collective callings.

Aside from Called2Serve, our everyday living and serving of Christ requires a gentle treading of the earth, a prayerful listening within all our encounters with others, and a hopeful vision of what the church maybe for the world in 2023 by God's grace. May your 2023 begin with that discernment and intention for the everyday, and a deep sense of the peace of God for all that will fill the calendar this year.

A Happy and Hopeful New Year, as you seek to serve Christ, through and in all things,

Best wishes

Sarah Fenby

Director of Vocations.

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico,

02 January 2023

**Great Saughall**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Steve Mansfield, Revd Gareth Thomas

**Lay Workers:** Dr Robert Brook, Mrs Kath Evans,

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

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

03 January 2023

**Great Sutton**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Antony Dutton, Revd Ricky Montgomery

**Lay Workers:** Gail Davies

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

04 January 2023

**Hooton**

Please pray for our...

**Lay Workers:** Lynne Bergin

The installation and induction of our new Vicar Father Mark Turner on 10th January 2023.

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

05 January 2023

**Neston**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Judith Calvert

**Lay Workers:** Tony Cooke, Richard Lewis

**Anglican Communion:** Eastern Oregon, The Episcopal Church

06 January 2023

**Shotwick**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd John Coyne

**Lay Workers:** Ruth Abbott, Alison Allen, John Morris-Best

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

07 January 2023

**Thornton Hough**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Vicky Barrett

Giving thanks for God's faithfulness, for continued growth in our discipleship, for our monthly Toybox group for young children and families, for building stronger links across the parish.

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

08 January 2023

**Five points of prayer**

Hello, my name is Bip Choudhury. I live in Sale in Trafford and worship at St. Annes Church - I've been there for just under 4 years. I teach human anatomy at the University of Manchester to anyone who has an interest in the subject, or realistically, to those who need a good grounding in it for their future careers! The students keep me on my toes and keep my spirit young. I love my job and all the avenues of opportunity it presents me with. I've published several children's anatomy books with DK. You'll often find me with fingers in different organs, trying to enthuse the next generation of doctors and scientists. I'm currently doing the Foundations for Ministry course as a way of exploring how I can develop my discipleship and service.

Five points of prayer:

1. To focus less on work pressures which make me grumpy and remember the joys of the job.
2. Prayers of healing for my family, especially my little niece who is poorly. I pray for my family come to know Jesus.
3. I pray for my church as we explore resuming small group bible study again.
4. Prayers for discernment to know if I am to carry on with my volunteering role at Caritas.
5. To maintain a thankful heart for God's constant presence in those moments when I desperately miss my family.

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

09 January 2023

**Willaston**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Lyndon Bannon

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

10 January 2023

**Stockport with Brinnington**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Marie Flint

**Lay Workers:** Sue Heap

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

11 January 2023

**Offerton**

Please pray for our...

**Lay Workers:** Janet Renshaw

**Anglican Communion:** Osun North, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

12 January 2023

**Edgeley and Cheadle Heath**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Julie Johnson, Revd Jeremy Beatty (on placement)

**Lay Workers:** David Brown, Heather Adams

Please pray for our local community dealing with the cost of living crisis. Pray for our Wednesday Warm Space at St Matthew's, for our congregation and team in this time of vacancy and for the appointment of a new incumbent.

**Anglican Communion:** Osun North East, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

13 January 2023

**Stockport St Peter**

Please pray for our...

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

14 January 2023

**Stockport St Saviour**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Jess Piper

**Lay Workers:** Madeleine Watts

For opportunities to further reach out to the wider community, particularly among children and their families, following on from Christmas events/services.

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

15 January 2023

**Reader Training**

Currently within the diocese, eleven trainee Readers have embarked upon training and are hoping to be licenced by Bishop Mark in 2023 and 2024. They would appreciate your prayer support as they continue to learn and be formed into the Lay Ministers God has called them to be.

Reader training has two key elements - education and formation. Both are of equal importance.

Sound theological education is necessary for all who preach and teach God's people and Readers are expected to take theological education seriously. In the Autumn, the second year trainees studied themes, such as the wilderness, law and prophecy, in the Old Testament.

The third year students focused upon the New Testament. In the Spring the second years will turn their attention to preaching and the third years to mission and creation. The programme is designed to develop ministerial skills, deepen knowledge of the Bible, and the Church of England, and encourage growth in discipleship. Second year students complete an external placement in the Spring and this gives them the opportunity to experience ministry

in a very different setting.

The formation element of the course is designed to shape Readers for future ministry. Trainee Readers are required to have Spiritual Accompaniment, someone trained and approved by the diocese to walk alongside them. Mentor groups are also an essential part of ongoing formation and discernment. These provide a safe space for reflection, listening and learning from one another.

Some ideas for prayer:

Many trainee Readers are studying alongside working full time or part time. Pray that they will manage their time effectively. Ask God to help them to devote time to prayer and studying the Bible, privately and corporately. In times of relaxation, may they be refreshed and renewed.

Pray for trainee Readers as they reflect upon their education and formation. May their love and understanding of God deepen and grow as they study and apply God's word.

Pray that the second year placements would have an impact upon this education and formation. Pray that they would be open to new experiences and enriched by working alongside other members of the clergy.

Pray for the third year trainees who will meet with Bishop Sam in June. Pray for discernment and wisdom as Bishop Sam recommends to Bishop Mark whether they are licensed in October.

Pray for the mentor groups. Pray that Readers and Pastoral Workers would develop lifelong habits of theological reflection, deep listening, and mutual support and accountability between ministers.

Please pray for our...

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

16 January 2023

**Stockport St George**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Canon Elaine Chegwin Hall; Revd Dr Jenny McKay

**Lay Workers:** Peter Hall, Rita Waters.

Pray as we work with our church school in supporting those adults and children who have been displaced. Help us to be constantly welcoming to those who come to us that they may feel part of a warm and loving fellowship.

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

17 January 2023

**Norbury Hazel Grove**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Joshua Askwith, Revd Hugh Griffith

**Lay Workers:** Alan Brown, Peter Cheslett, Richard Crocker, Cath Downs, Valerie Gilchrist

Please pray for our ongoing work in establishing stronger links with the local community.

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

18 January 2023

**Bidston**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Joe Smith

**Lay Workers:** Julius Kililiku, Megan Smith, Jayne Morsley, Rob Morsley

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

19 January 2023

**Birkenhead Priory**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Paul Bentley, Revd Debbie Wilkinson

**Lay Workers:** Sue Blaylock, Laura Brough

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

20 January 2023

**Birkenhead St James with St Bede**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Rev's Keith Addenbrooke

On 23 January please pray for our community in the North End of Birkenhead and the impact of the financial and energy crises on the health and well-being of many in our neighbourhood.

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

21 January 2023

**Birkenhead Christ Church**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Gerri Tetzlaff, Revd Alan Goode

**Lay Workers:** Jackie Harness

**Anglican Communion:** Panama, Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

22 January 2023

**Ordinands in Training:**

We have 13 final year ordinands at several residential and non-residential training institutions across the country, please pray for them especially and for their loved ones as they complete assignments, continue with placements, anticipate ordination and curacy. We have a further 15 ordinands continuing in training please pray for good placement experiences which will develop formation in Christ and for ordained ministry. For all ordinands, please pray that their relationships at college, at home and on placement would continue to grow, and that their love for God would deeply root them in the formational challenges and changes of training and ministry.

Please pray

For emotional, physical and spiritual strength in our studies and our training and for good endings and good beginnings as we move on to the next stage

For our loved ones, that this might be a time of growth for them too and that our relationships might deepen as we grow deeper into God

Very practically, for safety in our travels and for wisdom for ourselves and our advisors in all our decision making

Above all, for joy in our vocation and a deeper sense of our calling to walk with Christ, to see Christ in others and to be Christ's hands in this world.

Please pray for our...

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

23 January 2023

**Oxton**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Joe Kennedy, Revd Holly Torr

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

24 January 2023

**Prenton**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Matt Graham, Revd Gordon Watts, Revd Canon Steve James (Retired)  
Andy Field-Davies (ordinand)

**Lay Workers:** Brenda Tollady, Peter Earp

Pray for us as we discern and commit to a 5 year vision, that we would be united, wise in using our resources, and excited to make Jesus known in Prenton.

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

25 January 2023

**Rock Ferry**

**Lay Workers:** Geoff Ireland

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

26 January 2023

**Tranmere St Catherine**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd James Terry

Please pray for the 3 week Hope Explored course that began this week as a follow up to Christmas services - for people to find their hope in Jesus. Pray for planning and preparations for the Holiday Club during Feb half-term.

**Anglican Communion:** Paraguay, The Anglican Church of South America

27 January 2023

**Tranmere St Paul with St Luke**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Mike Loach, Revd George Roach

**Lay Workers:** Andrew Mannings

**Anglican Communion:** Paraná (Curitiba), Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

28 January 2023

**Woodchurch**

Please pray for our...

**Lay Workers:** Susan Mountford

Pray:

- that our outreach and mission with new generations teams will continue to grow in number, strength and service.
- for the churchwardens, parish leadership team and all who are looking after the life of the parish, that they and everyone involved in the life of the parish will flourish during the vacancy and that the growth we have recently seen will continue
- for the person God is calling to be the next Rector of Woodchurch

**Anglican Communion:** Pathein, The Church of the Province of Myanmar

29 January 2023

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** The Church of Pakistan (United),

30 January 2023

**Altrincham St George**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Rev. Claire Corley, Fr. David Law

Please pray for us as we look to grow our church, re-establish our presence in our community and town, and serve those in our Parish.

**Anglican Communion:** Patna, The (united) Church of North India

31 January 2023

**Ashley**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Karen Stanton

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