

Cycle of Prayer

01 - 31 January 2024

01 January 2024

Ashton Hayes

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Phillip Weston

Lay Workers: Alan Downen, Margaret Papworth

Pray for unity and creativity in mission in 2024, especially evangelism amongst younger generations in our parish.

Anglican Communion: Bor, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

02 January 2024

Barrow

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Julian Osborne

Lay Workers: Martin Welch, June Willis

Please pray for our children's work. Also pray for our away day on 25 January. Please pray for us as we consider our future mission and how we participate in the vision for the 1.5 million.

Anglican Communion: Botswana, The Church of the Province of Central Africa

03 January 2024

Chester St John the Baptist

Please pray for our...

Lay Workers: Keith Allen

Anglican Communion: Brandon, The Anglican Church of Canada

04 January 2024

Chester Holy Trinity Without-the-Walls (Blacon)

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Tina Upton, Revd Canon Christopher Burkett, Revd Anina Thomas

Lay Workers: Sarah Dutton, Lindsay Tanner

Please pray for God's continued provision for our needs, so that our Outreach Project can continue to grow, and reach many in the community. Pray too for grace-filled conversations at our holiday meal and activities tomorrow.

Anglican Communion: Brechin, The Scottish Episcopal Church

05 January 2024

Chester St Mary Without-the-Walls (Handbridge)

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Ric Waite

Lay Workers: Linda Manning

Please pray for the work of a new Children and Young People's Lead and the forthcoming vacancy.

Anglican Communion: Brisbane, The Anglican Church of Australia

06 January 2024

Chester St Paul with St Luke

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Andy Stinson

Lay Workers: Jenny Glibertson, John Somerville, Keith Taggart, Marian Watts

Heavenly Father, Bless all at St Luke's. Deepen our discipleship, Grow links with our community. Guide Andy as he settles into our community. By your Spirit, help us grow your Kingdom in Chester. Amen

Anglican Communion: Bristol, The Church of England

07 January 2024

Looking down

As you will no doubt know January is named after Janus, the Roman god of beginnings and transitions. Janus was usually depicted with two faces, one looking back at the past, the other towards what lies ahead. And we almost inevitably follow this pattern, using this time to take stock and to make plans. But perhaps as we look backwards and forwards we are also aware of how many things are outside our control. Last year was one of great turmoil, with conflicts, strikes and political uncertainty. We may wonder what is to come for us, and how we can be ready. So it may be wise as well to look downwards, as it were, to our feet. To see what they are planted on, what it is that might bring us stability, and to start this year consciously, determinedly, persistently resting on God. Here is a prayer of trust that might help us.

O God,

Your days are without beginning and without end. We commit ourselves to you for this coming year.

Give us such prosperity as you know is good for us, and make us abound in doing whatever is pleasing to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Scottish Episcopal Church,

08 January 2024

Chistleton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Stefan Collier, Tina Lightfoot

Lay Workers: Lesley Morgan

Pray for our faithful telling of God's story in the community, our abiding in Christ as we move towards our death, and our entanglement of learning, love and life with the communities we serve. Pray for the prompt development of the church building; for the money, resources, and vision of Christ required. Pray for the breaking of strongholds in our communities which oppose the things of God.

Anglican Communion: British Columbia, The Anglican Church of Canada

09 January 2024

Dodleston

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Hana Amner

Anglican Communion: Central Buganda, The Church of the Province of Uganda

10 January 2024

Eccleston & Pulford

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Steve Torr

Lay Workers: Jeanette Howe

Anglican Communion: West Buganda, The Church of the Province of Uganda

11 January 2024

Guilden Sutton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Heather Carty, Revd Sarah Batchelor

Lay Workers: Libby Owen

Anglican Communion: Buhiga, The Anglican Church of Burundi

12 January 2024

Hoole

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Craig Gaudion

Lay Workers: Vicki Bulgin, Bill Holt, Tina Trevett, Canon Jeff Turnbull

We are going through a lot of change and need prayer for God sustaining us in the midst of change, as well as a sense of wisdom and compassion as we continue to navigate through 2024. Please also pray for us as we navigate through the issues of sexuality and identity; praying that we do this wisely and compassionately, with love and care and for God to hold us close to him as we do this.

Anglican Communion: Bujumbura, The Anglican Church of Burundi

13 January 2024

Kelsall

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Susan Banks

Pray for our vision day next month as we continue to discern the way forward in reaching out in new ways to the community of Kelsall within our partnership with Kelsall Methodist Church.

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

14 January 2024

Growing deeper

Whatever our age or circumstances we are always able to develop, in all kinds of ways - new skills, new experiences, new relationships. Chiefly, we are always able to grow deeper in the knowledge and grace of God. We can learn more about God's character and work and purposes, and we can learn to rely on it more, to experience his goodness and the confidence and joy that he brings us. This growth is not merely good for us, though it is that. It also makes us better able to live well in the world, loving God, serving others, caring for creation. This long-used prayer asks that God might cause us to grow in these ways.

O Lord, you have mercy on all. Take away my sins, and mercifully kindle in me the fire of your Holy Spirit.

Take away my heart of stone and give me a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and to enjoy you, for Christ's sake.

Ambrose died in 397

Please pray for our...

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

15 January 2024

Lache cum Saltney

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Hennie Johnston, Revd Simon Chesters, Revd Liz Mills

Please pray for our on-going faith building project as we apply for a faculty and planning permission. Also the staff team, and children and youth work.

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

16 January 2024

Plemstall

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Heather Carty, Revd Sarah Batchelor

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

17 January 2024

Tarvin

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Adam Friend, Revd Barbara King

Lay Workers: Mary Burgess, Ron Fuller, Colin Haworth, Jo Richards

Anglican Communion: Bunbury, The Anglican Church of Australia

18 January 2024

Upton-by-Chester

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Paul Newman

Lay Workers: Barbara Capstick

Anglican Communion: Bungoma, The Anglican Church of Kenya

19 January 2024

Plas Newton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Chris Jones

Lay Workers: Christine Blackmore, Julie Ellison, Trevor Park

Anglican Communion: Bunyoro-Kitara, The Church of the Province of Uganda

20 January 2024

Chester Christ Church

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Anna Leyden, Revd Glynn Jones

Lay Workers: Veronica Johnston

Please pray for: the Alpha course, starting in January; the growing community of homeless people at our 'Drop In'; our children's/young people's ministry.

Anglican Communion: Busan, The Anglican Church of Korea

21 January 2024

Connecting better

The two great commands given to the Christian are to love God with all that we are and to love our neighbours. These two dimensions of the Christian life must never be separated: the love we have for God is shown to be genuine by the love we show to others. It is often a challenge for us to be connected well with others: lack of time and opportunities and our own needs can prevent us being available to them. Perhaps what we need is not more, but better connecting, to look more carefully at those we are in touch with and to listen more attentively. Perhaps as well we can share more of our lives with them, our time, our care and ourselves, being willing to be vulnerable with others as a mark of trust. Here is another prayer, that God would make us better able to serve those he has put us close to.

Almighty Lord God,
give us true faith,
and make that faith grow in us day by day.
Also give us hope and love
so that we may serve our neighbours
according to your will;
Through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. Amen

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Church of South India (United)

22 January 2024

Chester St Oswald & St Thomas of Canterbury

Please pray for our ongoing ministry. Also as we are still in vacancy please pray for us to resolve this as soon as possible and to get someone suitable who would be happy to take over the ministry at St Thomas'

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

23 January 2024

Chester St Peter

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Jonathan Phillips, Revd Canon Michael Leyden

Please pray for Chester that we will see it transformed by God's love and many will have the joy of meeting our Lord Jesus and joining our church family. Please also pray for the our wall to be fixed soon!

Anglican Communion: Central Busoga, The Church of the Province of Uganda

24 January 2024

Bredbury St Barnabas

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Martin Makin

Lay Workers: Daryl Beaumont

Please pray for Saint Barnabas Church to grow in its ministry and to grow in its numbers for us to reach out deeper within our community and for where. Pray for our vicar Martin Makin and his wife Naomi Makin and for his family. Also pray for our lay reader Darryl, and for the Church Warden, Yolande, for God to Strengthen our ministry. Please also pray for St. Barnabas Church in general and to help us to reach out to the wider community. Please pray for the number of refugees in our community who have no money or certainty. Please may they be given greater access to benefits. Please also pray for our warm space and that God will continue to provide and that we would be faithful in administering to the Community.

Anglican Communion: Butare, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

25 January 2024

Bredbury St Mark

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Andy Bull

Lay Workers: Ruth Bull

Anglican Communion: Butere, The Anglican Church of Kenya

26 January 2024

Romiley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Richard Pennystan

Lay Workers: Alan Bancroft, Molly Dow, Audrey Murch, Alan Murch

Katie Wade joining us as Associate vicar, all our mission in Romiley to lead to many coming to know Jesus as Saviour and for Alpha starting in January

Anglican Communion: Buye, The Anglican Church of Burundi

27 January 2024

Disley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Stuart Cornes

Lay Workers: Wendy Luxon

Anglican Communion: Byumba, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

28 January 2024

Making Jesus known

A bishop, not from our diocese, recently commented that in the churches he visited he detected a lack of confidence in sharing faith. I imagine many of us would recognise this, perhaps especially in ourselves. But the Christian message is described as good news: something that is meant to be passed on and something that will be received gladly by others. Of course the way we talk about God or Jesus or Christian hope can be cold, or inauthentic or inappropriate or untimely, but it is generally far more welcome than we might imagine. Maybe this year we might find a way to let people close to us know more about the God we trust, and the Jesus who brings forgiveness and new life.

Oh God, empower us to share Your love with the world.
Grant us the courage to overcome our fears and step out in faith.
Ignite our hearts with a passion for reaching the lost and transforming lives.
Provide divine opportunities to witness and wisdom to speak Your truth.
In Jesus' name, may our efforts to speak for you bring glory to Your Kingdom. Amen.

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

29 January 2024

High Lane

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Hannah Hupfield, Revd Ashleigh Askwith

Lay Workers: Tony Berry, John Wilson

Pray for our progress towards our fundraising and work on our West End project. Also give thanks for our eco efforts, as we approach obtaining our silver award.

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

30 January 2024

Low Marple

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Timothy Hupfield, Revd Ashleigh Askwith

Lay Workers: Tony Doust, Debbie Moores

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

31 January 2024

Marple

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Daniel Currie, Revd Jane Crook, Revd Lesley Currie

Lay Workers: Keith Frost, Martin Palmer

Please pray for our annual ALPHA course starting at the end of January as we look to invite as many people as possible from outside the church to come along. Please pray for us as a parish as we consider our vision for 2024 and in particular how we can reach out to the 20,000 people who don't know Jesus.

Anglican Communion: Caledonia, The Anglican Church of Canada

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