

Cycle of Prayer

01 - 31 May 2022

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1 Peter 1: 1 – 2

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Grace and peace be yours in abundance.'

As he starts his letter, Peter writes a rich greeting. He tells his readers some things about themselves that they may not fully have understood. They are people known and chosen by God, people in whom the Spirit of God has been working, people who could be sure of God's forgiveness, people called to follow Jesus Christ.

In the Department for Outreach this call to follow Jesus shapes our work. Our aim is to support churches as they live out the five marks of mission. This is the Anglican Communion's way of expressing the missional purpose of Jesus Christ and so of the church. Christians are people who want to see others coming to faith in Jesus Christ, and growing as his disciples; they want to care practically for people and see an end to injustice; and they want to show a responsible and selfless attitude to God's creation. And we know that this mission is lived out by Christians as part of churches in local communities, so our focus is on equipping and inspiring churches to do these things better and better, by paying attention to children and youth work, to accessibility and inclusion, to generosity and giving, to evangelism and discipleship, to counselling and pastoral supervision.

We would be very grateful for your prayers:

Give thanks for the team and their support for one another, and their commitment to their work.

Pray that we would listen well to churches, many of which are facing a challenging and complex time, and know how best to advise them.

Pray for Martin Smith as he retires after 22 years service to the diocese, that he would know God's peace and provision as a new chapter starts.

Pray that we would look ahead with God's wisdom and work well with the rest of Church House and the diocese in supporting churches.

Anglican Communion: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

02 May 2022

High Lane

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Hannah Hupfield

Lay Workers: Prof Tony Berry; Mr John Wilson

Please pray for Ashleigh Askwith as she prepares to join us as curate in July following her ordination. Also pray for our ongoing eco projects and planned development work, giving thanks for the support from the wider community..

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

03 May 2022

Low Marple

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Timothy Hupfield

Lay Workers: Mrs Debbie Moores; Mr Tony Doust

Please pray especially for our growing children's ministry, and for our soon-to-be curate Ashleigh Askwith as her ordination approaches.

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

04 May 2022

Marple

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Daniel Currie; Revd Jeb Beatty; Revd Lesley Currie

Lay Workers: Mr Keith Frost; Mr Martin Palmer; Mr Dennis Watson

Anglican Communion: Lebombo, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

05 May 2022

Compstall (or Werneth)

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Lynn Boyle; Revd Wendy Atkinson

Lay Workers: Mr Mick Boyle

Anglican Communion: Leeds, The Church of England

06 May 2022

Whaley Bridge

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Frances Eccleston

Lay Workers: Mrs Beryl Axcell; Mrs Stephen Eccleston; Mrs Sue Mellor

Our new Families@4 ministry at Holy Trinity For our "Open Doors" ministry at Taxal

Anglican Communion: Leicester, The Church of England

07 May 2022

Mellor

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Tracy Ward

Lay Workers: Mr David Sherclif

Anglican Communion: Lesotho, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

08 May 2022

Self-Supporting Ministers.

Across the Diocese, the nature of ordained ministry varies hugely, and within that overall picture, the role of Self-Supporting Ministers is very important, not least as it has sometimes been described as the 'ministry that ministers where other ministries cannot reach'!

SSMs are usually licensed to a parish although some operate as sector ministers and/or work in secular employment. However, it is important to note that 'no-one size fits all'! It is also worth noting these expressions of ministry complement and enhance 'traditional' stipendiary ministry.

Like all expressions and callings in and to ministry, SSM ministry can bring both joys and challenges. Please pray for our SSMs, that they will:

- strike an appropriate balance between ministry and their secular jobs or other responsibilities
- continue to discern what it means to be an ordained presence within their contexts

- nurture good relationships with stipendiary colleagues who may face different challenges
- Anglican Communion:** Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda,

09 May 2022

Alvanley and Manley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Ron Iveson, Hilary Merrington, Jane Parry

Lay Workers: Dr Anne Davidson- Lund, Audrey Griffiths

For increasing commitment to God and one another and the calling he has placed up all of us to serve the mission of the church for the spread of the gospel

Anglican Communion: Lexington, The Episcopal Church

10 May 2022

Dunham-on-the-Hill

Please pray for...

Anglican Communion: Liberia, The Church of the Province of West Africa

11 May 2022

Frodsham

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Elaine Attack (Vicar)

Retired clergy: Revd David Leslie, Revd Kath Williamson, Revd Joy Clarke, Revd Russ Naylor, Revd Phil Attack

Lay Workers: Andrew Rudd

We pray for our outreach and mission to the community of Frodsham as we emerge into a new normal. Also for our roof repairs following lead theft - and for a vision for our building as we work alongside our new architect. For our new pastoral link team.

Anglican Communion: Lichfield, The Church of England

12 May 2022

Grange

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Emma Speake; Revd Deborah Dalby

Lay Workers: Mr Ian Abram

Schools & families work, building project, growth in faith & number, finding new ways to share the Good News of Jesus, recovery of health of us, and church family, after covid.

Anglican Communion: Limerick & Killaloe, The Church of Ireland

13 May 2022

Hallwood Ecumenical Parish

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Lisa MacInnes

Lay Workers: Mrs Barbara Brighton; Mrs Penny Hennessey; Mrs Ann-Marie Jones; Ms Elizabeth Stokes; Mr Alan Ventham; Mr Iain MacInnes; Mrs Lynne Percival; Mr Colin Roberts

Anglican Communion: Lincoln, The Church of England

14 May 2022

Halton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Tony Mitchell

Lay Workers: Mr Allan McGuire BEM

Anglican Communion: Litoral Ecuador, The Episcopal Church

15 May 2022

Please pray for...

Anglican Communion: The Scottish Episcopal Church,

16 May 2022

Helsby

The chaplaincy for the North West Ambulance Service is a relatively new venture that began around the onset of the pandemic. It presently consists of the service chaplain with support from the Equality Diversity and Inclusion Advisor who are both responsible for exploring the potential growth of the chaplaincy across the whole trust area of 5,400 square miles.

The trust itself is under constant stress and pressure with ever increasing demand, this has an impact on all front-line Emergency responders who see and deal with every form of emergency medical incident that comes through 999. They are therefore exposed many times a day to extreme suffering, sickness and severe trauma of all ages which does take its toll on the most robust and experienced person.

The present chaplain, Revd. George Roach is a volunteer working around his curacy, but having many years working front line in the emergency services he is well suited to the stress and strain of ministry in this very specialist area.

Prayer requests:

1. For the continued conversation and potential expansion of the chaplaincy service to cover the whole Trust.
2. For the stress and pressure on our corporate management services as they lead the second largest service in the UK through demanding times.
3. For the stress and pressure of the control room staff as they juggle difficult workloads and stressful situations.
4. For the front-line Emergency Medics as they deal with the ever-growing pressure on resources, along with their own mental health and overall wellbeing.
5. For the chaplain, Revd. George Roach, to be strengthened by the Holy Spirit as he works with people and in an environment exposed to such heavy amounts of trauma and stress.

Anglican Communion: Liverpool, The Church of England

17 May 2022

Kingsley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Ron Iveson, Hilary Merrington, Jane Parry

Lay Workers: Dr Anne Davidson- Lund, Audrey Griffiths

For increasing commitment to God and one another and the calling he has placed up all of us to serve the mission of the church for the spread of the gospel

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

18 May 2022

Norley

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Lay Workers: Dr Anne Davidson- Lund, Audrey Griffiths

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Anglican Communion: Llandaff, The Church in Wales

19 May 2022

Norton

Please pray for our...

Lay Workers: Mrs Christine Greeve

For someone to lead us with the right skills to support the needs of our church and community

Anglican Communion: Lodwar, The Anglican Church of Kenya

20 May 2022

Runcorn All Saints

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Derek Guest

Lay Workers: Mrs Emma Jones

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

21 May 2022

Runcorn Holy Trinity

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Derek Guest

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

22 May 2022

Please pray for..

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

23 May 2022

Runcorn Weston St John

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Vivien Gisby

Lay Workers: Marney Hearn

Terry Hawes

Please pray for the mission of the church during the upcoming vacancy

Anglican Communion: London, The Church of England

24 May 2022

Runcorn St Michael and All Angels

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Karen Brady; Revd Helen Browne

Lay Workers: Mr Bob Browne

God's wisdom, power and blessing as we continue 'Growing Together'. Equip the necessary people and provide the necessary funds to broaden our worship, widen our welcome and improve our building so that we may share God's love within our community.

Anglican Communion: Long Island, The Episcopal Church

25 May 2022

Thornton-le-Moors with Ince & Elton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd John Hellewell, Revd Jen Pilling, Revd Heather Cooper (Methodist)

Lay Workers: Nicola Cornish-Brown, Simon Eardley, Karen Hellewell

Judy Ford (Methodist), Neville Ford (Methodist)

For the developing links with our communities, for a clear vision for work with children and young people to be targeted and effective. and for the developing our ecumenical links.

Anglican Communion: Los Angeles, The Episcopal Church

26 May 2022 - **Thy Kingdom Come - Ascension Day Acts 1: 12 - 14**

'Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives. When they arrived they went upstairs to the room where they were staying... They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.'



During Thy Kingdom Come we pray for ourselves, for family and friends and for the world. We do so with gratitude to God for Jesus Christ, risen, ascended, glorified, and with our hearts and lives set on him. Pray that through the coming days our hearts would be opened to God and our eyes lifted to the world-wide family of God. We join in prayer with Christians in our partner dioceses of Aru, Boga and Melanesia, that we would strengthen and encourage one another and grow together in the likeness of Christ.

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

27 May 2022 - **Thy Kingdom Come - Day 1 - 1 Peter 1: 1 - 2**

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To God's elect, exiles, scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bythina, who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance.'



Christians are marked by the Spirit and equipped by the same Spirit to serve one another and the wider world. At her coronation there were prayers for the Queen, that she would be blessed with all the gifts that she would need. So Christians, those who are 'in Christ', are equipped by the Spirit to live distinct and Christ-like lives. Pray that Christians would grow in their willingness and their ability to serve others, in imitation of Christ.

Gracious and Holy Father, give us the wisdom to discover You, the intelligence to understand You, the diligence to seek after You, the patience to wait for You, eyes to behold You, a heart to meditate upon You, and a life to proclaim You, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

St. Benedict

28 May 2022 - **Thy Kingdom Come - Day 2 - 1 Peter 1: 12**

'It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.'



We all have a desire for meaning in our lives. People are perhaps even more aware of this desire at times of economic difficulty, when those things that we habitually turn to for security or for pleasure may be taken from us. Pray that churches would be people known for the sacrificial kindness, offering practical help as well as gospel hope to those in need. Pray that the welcome of God would be experienced, as well as heard, by all.

**Lord God,
graciously comfort and care for all who are imprisoned,
hungry, thirsty, naked and miserable;**

**also all widows, orphans, sick and sorrowing.
In brief, give us our daily bread,
so that Christ may abide in us and we in him forever,
and that with him we may worthily bear the name of Christian. Amen.**

Martin Luther

29 May 2022 - **Thy Kingdom Come - Day 3 - 1 Peter 2:2**

'Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.'



Just as children thrive physically when they are fed, so God's people thrive spiritually when fed on his love and his word. We pray for our churches, bringing God's love and God's word to their communities, that many would grow spiritually as a result. Pray for the Everyday Faith initiative in the diocese, that churches might be increasingly effective in growing whole-life disciples of Christ. In particular pray that churches would be enabled to grow a new, younger generation of disciples.

**Lord make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, Joy.
O Divine Master grant that I may
Not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

The Prayer of St Francis

30 May 2022 - **Thy Kingdom Come - Day 4 - 1 Peter 2:5**

'You also, like living stone, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.'



We pray for deeper and stronger foundations in Jesus Christ, foundations that would enable us to live generous lives. Pray that Christians would be marked by selfless living, concerned for people they do not know, across the world and through the generations. Pray for the way we treat the world and use its resources, that our generosity would bring security and blessing to others. We pray this particularly for the sake of our sisters and brothers in Melanesia, whose lives are directly affected by the climate emergency.

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for your gracious providing may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church of England Environment Programme

31 May 2022 - **Thy Kingdom Come - Day 5 - 1 Peter 2: 9 - 10**

'But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.'



Peter reminds us that God's people have a status that is given, not earned. Knowing that we have this standing before God has sustained many through the difficult years of the pandemic. We thank God for the encouragement that many have found, especially when they were isolated, anxious or grieving. As we reflect on the last two years, we continue to pray for healing and peace. We pray as well for ongoing work to contain the virus, in particular for efforts towards global vaccination.

Lord God, we entrust to you the families and communities affected by Coronavirus, wherever they may be.

We pray especially for health care workers, that you may guide and protect them.

We pray that your Spirit might inspire those researching and distributing new vaccines, medicines and treatments.

And in the midst of this, keep us strong in faith, hope and love. Grant us the courage and perseverance to be good neighbours.

May the words of your Son Jesus Christ in the Our Father,

be our prayer as we entrust ourselves and all of us who are affected to your infinite power and love. Amen

Caritas Guinea.