

Cycle of Prayer

01 - 31 March 2025



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Chester

01 March 2025

Goostrey, St Luke

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Christine Broad

Please give thanks with us for our ecumenical friendships, and please pray with us for our links with local schools, toddler group, family services and our work with families seeking baptism as we seek to engage with more young people and families in our village. Please pray with us also that we would see more young people and families coming to faith. Also please pray with us for wisdom and resources so that we will soon see our 18th century building updated to include an indoor accessible toilet and hot and cold running water.

Anglican Communion: Maine, The Episcopal Church

02 March 2025

Transformed

'All of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.'

2 Corinthians 3: 18

We are what we eat, nutritionists like to tell us. Paul says that, spiritually speaking, we are what we see. Because of Jesus, he says, the Christian has the privilege of Moses, seeing the glory of God. And as we fix our gaze on him and see his wisdom, love, authority, obedience, patience and goodness, we find ourselves absorbing some of his character. We come to reflect in some small way the glory of God, we find ourselves transformed, and through this we bless the world. As Lent begins this week, we pray that through the coming weeks we would see him more clearly and reflect his love more faithfully.

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Burundi

03 March 2025

Church Lawton, All Saints

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Sister Heather Kemball

Lay Workers: Ms Bev Boulton, Mrs Margaret Cruyton

Please pray as we seek to share the love of Jesus with our Community, go deeper in our discipleship and for our building project to put a toilet inside church.

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

04 March 2025

Odd Rode, All Saints, Little Moreton Hall Chapel, The Good Shepherd, St Luke.

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Philip Atkinson

Anglican Communion: Makamba, The Anglican Church of Burundi

05 March 2025

Woodcock's Well C of E School

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Makueni, The Anglican Church of Kenya

06 March 2025

Sandbach, St Mary

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Bee Boyde, Revd Rachel Pendleton

Lay Workers: Mrs Joan Plowman

Tonight Alpha starts; pray that people come and encounter God. Give thanks for the connections being made with St John's school and Lego Bible club! Prayers for courage as we try to share Gods love and grow His Kingdom.

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

07 March 2025

Sandbach Heath with Hassall Green, St John the Evangelist, St Philip

Please pray for our...

Lay Workers: Mr Alan Warburton

Anglican Communion: Malabar, The Church of South India (United)

08 March 2025

Sandbach Heath St John's C of E School

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Malaita, The Anglican Church of Melanesia

09 March 2025

Worshipping

'Jesus answered the devil, 'It is written, Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.''
Luke 4:8

Lent is a time to regain focus and perspective. It calls us to attend to God, to worship, when so many other things clamour for our attention. William Temple says 'Worship is the submission of all our nature to God. It is the quickening of conscience by His holiness, the nourishment of the mind with His truth, the purifying of the imagination of His beauty, the opening of the heart to His love, the surrender of the will to His purpose.' That may sound a little intimidating. Perhaps Jesus' summary works as well – serve God only. Growing as worshippers is the struggle and privilege of our lives.

Almighty God whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:

give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;

and as you know our weakness,

so may we know your power to save;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God now and for ever.

Amen

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Canada,

10 March 2025

Smallwood, St John the Baptist

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Steph Morris

Our new incumbent Heather as she begins her ministry with us.

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

11 March 2025

Smallwood C of E Primary Academy

Please pray for our...

Dear Lord, Please bless Smallwood CE Primary Academy, the teachers, staff and all the pupils. Fill us with happiness as we discover more about the world and guide our creativity to express ourselves in art, music and movement. Help us to share, care for and love one another. Help us to be ready to learn, be kind to others, keep ourselves safe and respect everyone in school. In times of sadness or difficulty, please be with us and wrap your loving arms around us. Please come and be a part of everything we do today, Lord. Amen.

Anglican Communion: Lake Malawi, The Church of the Province of Central Africa

12 March 2025

Swettenham, St Peter

Please pray for our...

Lay Workers: Mr Howard Lawton

Anglican Communion: Northern Malawi, The Church of the Province of Central Africa

13 March 2025

Siddington with Capesthorpe, Holy Trinity, All Saints

Please pray for our...

Lay Workers: Mr Howard Lawton, Mr Douglas Wisener

Anglican Communion: Southern Malawi, The Church of the Province of Central Africa

14 March 2025

Marton, St James and St Paul

Please pray for our...

Lay Workers: Mr Howard Lawton, Mr Douglas Wisener

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

15 March 2025

Marton & District C of E School

Please pray for our...

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

16 March 2025

Partner dioceses in DRC

The conflict in eastern Congo has rumbled for 30 years. It recently flared as rebels from Rwanda captured the cities of Goma and Bukavu, a little distance south of our partner dioceses of Aru and Boga. We pray for the Archbishop Ande and Bishop William, for diocesan staff, clergy and all Christians, and especially for the church in the areas most directly affected, that their life and work would commend Christ, that they would be protected and provided for, and given wisdom, generosity and peace in Christ. May the church of Christ shine as a city on a hill in their dark days.

Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

17 March 2025

Barnston, Christ Church, St Michael and All Angels

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Chris Slater

Lay Workers: Mrs Lynn Alexander, Mrs Marjorie Burden, Ms Eileen Hindley, Ms Jane McCallum, Mr David Reed, Mrs Ann Vassie, Mr David Williams

Anglican Communion: Malek Rup, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

18 March 2025

Bebington, St Andrew, Townfield Church

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Andrew Field-Davies, Revd Dr Al Rodgers, Revd David Vestergaard

Lay Workers: Miss Judith Battersby, Mrs Amy Haigh, Mr Ian Halliday, Mr David Jack, Mrs Helen Thomas

Pray for fruitful ministry for our clergy & staff/ministry team, that we will reach out effectively to our community with the Gospel message, and grow together as a community of disciples.

Anglican Communion: Malindi, The Anglican Church of Kenya

19 March 2025

Bebington St Andrew's C of E School

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Manawa o Te Wheke, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

20 March 2025

Frankby with Greasby, St Nicholas, St John the Divine

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Simon Stride

Anglican Communion: Manchester, The Church of England

21 March 2025

Great Meols, St John the Baptist

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Gillian Rossiter

Lay Workers: Mrs Chris Branch, Mr Alex Calvert, Mr Andy Liston, Mr David Moss, Mrs Sheena Wilson, Mrs Lesley Young

Loving God, we give thanks for the ministry and love shared with us by Revd Canon Gillian

Rossiter and we ask for your guidance and support to draw us together in your name as we move forward. Amen

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

22 March 2025

Heswall, St Peter, The Lighthouse Church

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Martin Cannam, Revd Josh Carlson

Lay Workers: Capt Michael Barritt, Mrs Jennie Hewitt, Prof Peter Twin, Mrs Brenda Wilson
Lasting fruit from our recent Parish weekend away; development of lay leadership during our Rector's time on Sabbatical; discernment of a new churchwarden; our outreach with families, the bereaved, Heswall's night economy, Singing Café.

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

23 March 2025

Partner Province of Melanesia

'Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
Let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
Let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
And to our God for he will abundantly pardon.' Isaiah 55: 6-7

On December 17, 2024, in our partner Province of Melanesia, two powerful earthquakes struck near Vanuatu's capital, Port Vila, triggering landslides and causing widespread destruction across the island: 14 lives were lost, including one Anglican priest; at least 80,000 people, including over 40,000 children, are in need of humanitarian support. The Province of Melanesia has provided practical help ever since. As they reach out to comfort, heal and rebuild, they consciously reflect the mercy of God, and provide a picture of the spiritual renewal that God provides for any who return to him. May their generosity be a model for our own, a self-giving that brings life and peace

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

24 March 2025

Heswall St Peter's C of E School

Please pray for our...

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

25 March 2025

Higher Bebington, Christ Church

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Eunice Blackmore

Lay Workers: Ms Helen Byrne, Mrs Pam Hollinshead, Mrs Lynn Ion

Anglican Communion: Mara, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

26 March 2025

Hoylake, St Hildeburgh

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Dr John Harrison, Revd Paul Rossiter

Lay Workers: Dr Peter Ham, Miss Jill Rawcliffe

Please pray for our church and our community of Hoylake as we journey through vacancy together. Pray for God's guidance in all things. For strength, patience, discernment, wisdom and love for each other.

Anglican Communion: Maralal, The Anglican Church of Kenya

27 March 2025

Hoylake Holy Trinity C of E School

Please pray for our...

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

28 March 2025

New Ferry, St Mark the Evangelist

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Andy Greenhough, Revd Joe Hadfield

Lay Workers: Mr Jim Cartwright

Give thanks for regeneration building work in New Ferry, and pray that it would be beneficial for the area. As new residents move in, pray the church family would welcome them, and boldly share the invitation to know Jesus.

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

29 March 2025

Newton West Kirby, St Michael and All Angels

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Sarah Batchelor, Revd Cheryl Coverley

Lay Workers: Dr Anthony Hart, Mr Martin Smith

Anglican Communion: Marsabit, The Anglican Church of Kenya

30 March 2025

Mothering Sunday

'As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.' Colossians 3: 12

The readings for Mothering Sunday remind us of the joy and the pain of parenting – Moses' mother losing and recovering him, and losing him again: Hannah pained for so long by childlessness. Mothering Sunday brings the same confusion: delight and comfort, longing and loss. We thank God for the blessings of family life, for the care of our mothers and the privilege of motherhood, even as we cry out to him for all the ways in which family life is not what it should be. And we pray for the church, the eternal family given by God, that it would grow to be more like Jesus, and be a great blessing to all of our human families.

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

31 March 2025

Thurstaston, St Chad, St Bartholomew

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Gaynor Kydd, Revd Jane Turner, Revd Capt Ailsa Whorton

Lay Workers: Mr Alan Jones

Give thanks for the work of our Warm Hub and "Tots and Tinies". Please pray that through these and other social activities we may deepen relationships in the community and that some of those will lead to new disciples of Jesus.

Anglican Communion: Maryland, The Episcopal Church