



DIOCESE OF BRISTOL

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**Aug
2026**

Diocese of Bristol

CYCLE OF PRAYER





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A prayer for use during the Vacancy in See

God of calling,
you call shepherds to lead your people –
Rachel who was the ancestor of your people,
and David who was their king –
guide by your Holy Spirit
all who are entrusted
with discerning who you are calling
to be our Bishop
Give us a shepherd after your own heart,
who will serve with humility and vision,
to guide and lead us in your ways.
May this time of waiting
be filled with grace, anticipation, and a
renewed sense of your mission in the world,
as we seek to follow Jesus, serve others
and transform the communities of this
diocese.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Good Shepherd.
Amen.

Vacancy in See

Praying for the appointment process of the next Bishop of Bristol.

The Rt Revd Vivienne Faull, 56th Bishop of Bristol, retired on 2 September 2025.

The Diocese of Bristol is looking ahead with hope to the appointment of a new Bishop of Bristol as work continues towards our shared mission.

The Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) has agreed a revised timetable for the appointment process:

Shortlisting 22 September 2026

Interviews 19-20 November 2026

The Rt Revd Neil Warwick is Acting Bishop of Bristol until the election of the next Diocesan Bishop.

We are invited to pray for Bishop Neil in his leadership of the diocese alongside others.

In this season of waiting and discernment, let us pray also for the recruitment process. The adjacent prayer has been written specifically for this period.





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About the Cycle of Prayer

How to use the Cycle of Prayer

There is always somewhere, something or someone we can pray for. This prayer diary is for everyone across the Diocese of Bristol. You are welcome to use it in whatever way suits you best – as a personal pattern of prayer, as part of your church community or prayer group, within Intercessions or through storytelling and social media.

Praying for the Whole People of God

Each week, in our Cycle of Prayer, we pray for churches, chaplaincies schools, people and communities throughout the Diocese of Bristol. Over the course of the year, we remember dioceses across the Anglican Communion including our world church links. When we do this, we pray for the whole people of God in that place – all who lead, serve and worship plus the wider community.

Transforming Church. Together

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer may help to guide individuals and worshipping communities in praying for the outworking of our diocesan strategy – Transforming Church. Together (TC.T). Each day offers a prayer point on this theme. **Further information about TC.T can be found at:** <https://www.bristol.anglican.org/visionandpriorities/>

Amendments, comments and queries

The information in the Cycle of Prayer is checked and updated as near as possible to the time of production. For accessibility reasons, a limited amount of information can be included. **If you have any comments or queries, please contact the Bishop's Chaplain, Revd Lucy Cleland:** bishop.chaplain@bristoldiocese.org | 01454 777728



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JULY – AUGUST 2026

Date	Place/Team	Lead	Schools	TC.T Prayers	World Church
Sunday 26 8th Sunday after Trinity Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Virgin Mary	MOD Corsham	Revd Wanda Morris		Diocesan Rhythm of Life	The Anglican Church of Tanzania
Monday 27	Mothers' Union	Revd Sarah Wyman		Evangelism	Diocese of Armagh – Ireland
Tuesday 28	Alveston	North Severnside benefice Revd David Moss	St Helen's CE VC Primary School	Future of our Church Buildings	Diocese of Armidale – Australia
Wednesday 29 Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Jesus	Elberton			Partnerships in Local Communities	Diocese of Arochukwu/Ohafia – Nigeria
Thursday 30 William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano, Thomas Clarkson Anti-Slavery Campaigners 1833, 1797, 1846	Littleton-on-Severn			Volunteers in our Churches	Diocese of Aru – Province of the Congo
Friday 31	Olveston with Aust		Olveston CE VC Primary School	Development of pilot admin centres	Diocese of Asaba – The Church of Nigeria
Saturday 01	North West Swindon and Lydiard Millicent	Revd Fran Youings	Lydiard Millicent CE Primary School	Creation Restored	Diocese of Asante - Mampong – West Africa



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Date	Place/Team	Lead	Schools	TC.T Prayers	World Church
Sunday 2 9th Sunday after Trinity	North Wiltshire Deanery LLMs	Dr Stephanie Hayton		Humanity Reconciled	The Church of the Province of Uganda
Monday 3	North Wiltshire Deanery Synod	Revd Steve Wilkinson		Mission Areas	Diocese of Saint Asaph – The Church in Wales
Tuesday 4	Oldland	Revd Bruce Goodwin	St Anne's CE VC Primary School	New Christian Communities	Diocese of Athabasca – Canada
Wednesday 5 Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642	Longwell Green			The Coaching Programme	The Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta
Thursday 6 The Transfiguration of Our Lord	Ordinands	Revd Becca Stevens		New Locally Commissioned Lay Ministries	The Episcopal Diocese of Attooch – South Sudan
Friday 7	Parish Safeguarding officers	Katheryn Caithness		The Priority Communities Network	Diocese of Auckland – Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
Saturday 8 Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221	Pattern Church BMO	Revd Joel Sales		Clergy and their Teams in Priority Communities	Diocese of North West Australia



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Sunday 9 10th Sunday after Trinity Mary Sumner, Founder Mothers' Union, 1921	PCC Secretaries and Treasurers			Positive Change against Injustice	The Episcopal Church
Monday 10 Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258	People (HR) and Safeguarding team	Geralyn Meehan		Racial Justice	The Episcopal Diocese of Aweil – South Sudan
Tuesday 11 Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares), 1253	Property and team	Joe Flatman		Partnerships between Schools and local Churches	The Episcopal Diocese of Awerial – South Sudan
Wednesday 12	Pucklechurch and Abson	Revd Elaine Jones	Pucklechurch CE VC Primary School	Children and Young People	Diocese of Awgu / Aninri– Nigeria
Thursday 13 Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, 1667	Purton	Revd Ian Tweedie-Smith		Protecting God's Precious Creation	Diocese of Awka – Nigeria
Friday 14	Redland	Revd Will Fairbairn		Carbon Net Zero	Diocese of Awori – Nigeria
Saturday 15 The Blessed Virgin Mary	Racial Justice team	Suzanne Semedo		Welcome of People from Different Backgrounds	The Episcopal Diocese of Ayod – South Sudan



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Sunday 16 11th Sunday after Trinity	Registry team	Lee Coley		Gifts of Listening and Empathy	The Church in Wales
Monday 17	Self-Supporting Ministers	Revd Ruth Harding		Continuing Generosity around Parish Share	Diocese of Badagry – Nigeria
Tuesday 18	Shine Pinehurst BMO	Revd Simon Halls		Roll out of income building initiatives	Diocese of Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands – West Indies
Wednesday 19	Shirehampton	Revd Alison Sowton		Diocesan Rhythm of Life	Diocese of Ballarat – Australia
Thursday 20 Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153	Almondsbury	South Sevenside Revd Anjali Kanagaratnam	Almondsbury CE VC Primary School	Evangelism	Diocese of Bangor – The Church in Wales
Friday 21	Compton Greenfield			Future of our Church Buildings	Diocese of Banks and Torres – Melanesia
Saturday 22	St Peter Pilning			Partnerships in Local Communities	Diocese of Barbados – West Indies



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Sunday 23 12th Sunday after Trinity	St Stephen Soundwell	Revd Sandy Cooper		Volunteers in our Churches	The Church of the Province of West Africa
Monday 24 Bartholomew the Apostle	St Stephen Southmead	Revd Gaby Doherty		Development of pilot admin centres	Diocese of Bari – Nigeria
Tuesday 25	St Anne Brislington	Revd Ian Garrett		TC.T value: openness	Diocese of Baringo – Kenya
Wednesday 26	St Aldhelm Bedminster	Revd Jacqui Kean		TC.T value: creativity	Diocese of Barisal – Bangladesh
Thursday 27 Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387	St Paul Southville			TC.T value: bravery	Diocese of Barrackpore – North India
Friday 28 Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430	St Andrew Hartcliffe	Revd Josh Bradshaw		TC.T value: generosity	Diocese of Bath and Wells – The Church of England
Saturday 29 The Beheading of John the Baptist	St Andrew North Swindon	Revd Sally Robertson	Tadpole Farm CE Primary Academy	Following Jesus	Diocese of Bathurst – Australia



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Sunday 30 13th Sunday after Trinity John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688	St Alban Westbury Park	In Vacancy		Serving Others	The Church in the Province of the West Indies
Monday 31 Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651	St Anne with St Mark and St Thomas Eastville	Revd Emma Langley		Transforming Communities	Diocese of Bauchi – Nigeria