



DIOCESE OF BRISTOL

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**Oct
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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 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 Rt Revd Neil Warwick is Acting Bishop of Bristol until the election of the next Diocesan Bishop. Interviews will take place 19-20 November 2026

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.



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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SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2026

Date	Place/Team	Lead	Schools	TC.T Prayers	World Church
Sunday 27 17th Sunday after Trinity Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Lazarists, 1660	St Peter, Henleaze	Revd Canon Mark Pilgrim		Following Jesus	The Church of Bangladesh
Monday 28	St Philip and St Jacob with Emmanuel, Bristol	Revd Tim Jones		Serving Others	Diocese of Central Buganda – Uganda
Tuesday 29 Michael and All Angels	St Peter, Penhill, Swindon	Revd Lydia Morey		Transforming Communities	Diocese of West Buganda – Uganda
Wednesday 30	St Philip, Upper Stratton, Swindon			TC.T Programme Board	Diocese of Buhiga – Burundi
Thursday 01	St Saviour with St Mary Cotham	Revd David Stephenson		Creation Restored	Diocese of Bujumbura – Burundi
Friday 02	St Paul, Clifton			Humanity Reconciled	Diocese of Bukavu – Congo
Saturday 03	St Michael's Stoke Gifford	Revd Canon Si Jones	St Michael's CE VC Primary School, Stoke Gifford	Mission Areas	Diocese of Bukedi – Uganda



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Sunday 4 18th Sunday after Trinity Francis of Assisi, 1226	Stanton Fitzwarren	Revd Elveen Mead		New Christian Communities	The Episcopal Church of Brazil
Monday 5	Stratton Saint Margaret and South Marston		South Marston CE Primary School	The Coaching Programme	Diocese of Bukuru – Nigeria
Tuesday 6 William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, 1536	Swindon Deanery LLMs	Dr Stephanie Hayton		New Locally Commissioned Lay Ministries	Diocese of Bunbury – Australia
Wednesday 7	Swindon Deanery Synod	Co-Area Deans: Revd Sally Robertson & Revd Elveen Mead		The Priority Communities Network	Diocese of Bungoma – Kenya
Thursday 8	Swindon New Town	Fr Toby Boutle		Clergy and their Teams in Priority Communities	Diocese of Bunyoro- Kitara – Uganda
Friday 9	Transforming Church.Together team	Elizabeth Bergeron		Positive Change against Injustice	Diocese of Busan – Korea
Saturday 10 Paulinus, Bishop of York, 644	Trinity College	Revd Dr Sean Doherty		Racial Justice	Diocese of Busoga – Uganda



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Sunday 11 19th Sunday after Trinity	Bristol NHS Foundation Trust	Revd Neill Archer		Partnerships between Schools and local Churches	The Anglican Church of Burundi
Monday 12 Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709	University of Bristol	Revd Canon Ed Davis		Children and Young People	Diocese of Central Busoga – Uganda
Tuesday 13 Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066	University of the West of England (UWE)	Revd Dr Anthea Colledge		Protecting God's Precious Creation	Diocese of Butare – Rwanda
Wednesday 14	Ashton Keynes	Upper Thames benefice Revd Canon Debbie Dewes	Ashton Keynes CE VC Primary School	Carbon Net Zero	Diocese of Butere – Kenya
Thursday 15 Teresa of Avila, 1582	Cricklade		St Sampson's CE VC Primary School	Welcome of People from Different Backgrounds	Diocese of Buye – Burundi
Friday 16	Latton			Gifts of Listening and Empathy	Diocese of Byumba – Rwanda
Saturday 17 Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c.107	Leigh			Continuing Generosity around Parish Share	Diocese of Calabar – Nigeria



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Sunday 18 20th Sunday after Trinity Luke the Evangelist	Bitton	Revd Ness Brunner-Ellis		Roll out of income building initiatives	The Anglican Church of Canada
Monday 19 Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures, 1812	Syston			Diocesan Rhythm of Life	The Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real
Tuesday 20	Warmley		St Barnabas CE VC Primary School, Warmley	Evangelism	Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Australia
Wednesday 21	The Well BMO	Revd Paul Freeland		Future of our Church Buildings	Diocese of Canterbury – Church of England
Thursday 22	West Swindon and Lydiard Tregoze	In Vacancy	Oliver Tomkins CE VA Infant School	Partnerships in Local Communities	The Episcopal Diocese of California
Friday 23	Doynton and Dyram	Boyd Valley benefice		Volunteers in our Churches	The Episcopal Diocese of Northern California
Saturday 24	St Bartholomew Wick	Revd Elaine Jones	Wick CE VC Primary School	Development of pilot admin centres	Diocese of Cameroon – West Africa



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Sunday 25 21th Sunday after Trinity	Westbury-on-Trym	Revd André Hart	Westbury on Trym CE Academy	TC.T value: openness	The Church of the Province of Central Africa
Monday 26 Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, 899	Brinkworth	Woodbridge benefice	Earl Danby's CE VC Primary School, Brinkworth	TC.T value: Creativity	The Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real
Tuesday 27	Dauntsey			TC.T value: bravery	Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – Australia
Wednesday 28 Simon and Jude, Apostles	Garsdon			TC.T value: generosity	Diocese of Canterbury – The Church of England
Thursday 29 James Hannington, Bishop, East Africa, 1885	Great Somerford		Walter Powell CE School, Great Somerford	Following Jesus	Diocese of Cape Coast – West Africa
Friday 30	Lea and Cleverton		Lea and Garsdon CE VC Primary School	Serving Others	Diocese of Cape Town – Southern Africa
Saturday 31	Little Somerford	Revd Steve Wilkinson		Transforming Communities	Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba – the West Indies