



DIOCESE OF BRISTOL

TRANSFORMING CHURCH. TOGETHER.

**Sept
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.



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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AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2026

Date	Place/Team	Lead	Schools	TC.T Prayers	World Church
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
Tuesday 01	St Augustine, Swindon	Fr Toby Boutle		Creation Restored	The Diocese of Belize – West Indies
Wednesday 02	St Augustine, Whitchurch	Revd Sam Sheppard		Humanity Reconciled	The Diocese of Bendigo – Australia
Thursday 03 Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604	St Chad, Patchway	Revd Dave Brae	St Chad's CE VC Primary School	Mission Areas	The Diocese of Beni – Congo
Friday 04	St Christopher, Brislington	Revd Dr Andrew Schuman		New Christian Communities	Diocese of Benin – Nigeria
Saturday 05	St Cuthbert, Brislington	Revd Ian Garrett		The Coaching Programme	The Episcopal Diocese of Bentiu – South Sudan



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Date	Place/Team	Lead	Schools	TC.T Prayers	World Church
Sunday 6 14th Sunday after Trinity	St Edyth, Sea Mills	Revd Sally Thomas		New Locally Commissioned Lay Ministries	The Episcopal Province of Alexandria
Monday 7	St Francis, Ashton	Revd Neil Shepherd		The Priority Communities Network	Diocese of Bermuda – (Extra Provincial)
Tuesday 8 The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	St Gregory, Horfield	Revd Jones Mutemwakwenda		Clergy and their Teams in Priority Communities	The Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem
Wednesday 9	St John, Haydon Wick	Revd Patches Chabala		Positive Change against Injustice	Diocese of Bhopal –North India
Thursday 10	St John the Baptist and St Andrew, Swindon	In Vacancy		Racial Justice	Diocese of Bida –Nigeria
Friday 11	St Luke, Brislington	Revd Sarah Hancox		Partnerships between Schools and local Churches	Diocese of Biharamulo – Tanzania
Saturday 12	St Luke with Christ Church Barton Hill and St Matthew Moorfields, Bristol	Revd Nicola Coleman		Children and Young People	Diocese of Birmingham – Church of England



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Sunday 13 15th Sunday after Trinity John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407	St Ambrose and St Leonard, East Bristol	Revd Nicola Coleman		Protecting God's Precious Creation	Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
Monday 14 Holy Cross Day	St Martin, Knowle	Revd Samuel Denyer		Carbon Net Zero	Diocese of Blackburn – Church of England
Tuesday 15 Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258	St Mary Magdalene, Stoke Bishop	Revd Jema Ball	Stoke Bishop CE VC Primary School	Welcome of People from Different Backgrounds	Diocese of Bo – West Africa
Wednesday 16	St Mary Redcliffe with Temple Bristol and St John the Baptist Bedminster	Revd Dr Brutus Green	St Mary Redcliffe & Temple CE VA Secondary School	Gifts of Listening and Empathy	Diocese of Boga –Congo
Thursday 17 Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179	St Mary, Rodbourne Cheney	Revd Nick Lines		Continuing Generosity around Parish Share	Diocese of Bolivia – South America
Friday 18	St Matthew and St Nathanael, Bristol	Revd Ian Tomkins		Roll out of income building initiatives	Diocese of Bondo – Kenya
Saturday 19	St Michael and All Angels, Bedminster	Revd Neil Shepherd	St Mary Redcliffe CE Primary School	Diocesan Rhythm of Life	The Episcopal Diocese of Bor –South Sudan



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Sunday 20 16th Sunday after Trinity John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, Martyr, 1871	St Monica Trust	Revd Jo Morris		Evangelism	The Anglican Church of Australia
Monday 21 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	St Nicholas, Bristol BMO	Revd Toby Flint		Future of our Church Buildings	Diocese of Botswana – Central Africa
Tuesday 22	St Nicholas, Whitchurch	In Vacancy		Partnerships in Local Communities	Diocese of Brandon – Canada
Wednesday 23	St Paul's, Bristol	Revd Melanie Otto		Volunteers in our Churches	The Scottish Episcopal Diocese of Brechin
Thursday 24	St Peter, Bishopsworth	Revd James Manning	St Peter's CEVC Primary School, Bishopsworth	Development of pilot admin centres	Diocese of Brisbane – Australia
Friday 25 Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester 1626	St Oswald, Bedminster Down			TC.T value: openess & Creativity	Diocese of Bristol – Church of England
Saturday 26	St Peter, Chippenham	Revd Si Dunn	St Peter's CE Academy	TC.T value: bravery & generosity	Diocese of British Columbia – Canada



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Sunday 27 17th Sunday after Trinity Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (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