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1 Dec 2023	<i>Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916</i>	Abbots Leigh with Leigh Woods	Frampton Cotterell CE VC Primary School, Headteacher Hannah Hornig. Iron Acton Primary School Executive Headteacher Mr Riches	Vacancy DCC Wardens – Helen Woodfield (Holy Trinity) Michael Bothamley (St Mary the Virgin)	The Diocese of Bangor – The Church of Wales	<p><i>Church of England:</i> Diocese of Chester, Bishop Mark Tanner, Bishop Julie Conalty, Bishop Sam Corley</p> <p><i>Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland:</i> Diocese of Kuopio, Bishop Jari Jolkkonen</p>	The homeless and those who support them
2 Dec 2023		All Hallows Easton		Vacancy Churchwardens Sue Davey & Mr Kay Gyimah-Sarpong	The Diocese of Banks and Torres – The Anglican Church of Melanesia		The police, probation, ambulance and fire services
3 Dec 2023	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	All Saints Fishponds	Fishponds CE Academy, Headteacher: Michelle Omoboni	All Saints and Saint Mary, Fishponds	The Church of North India (United)		Local government
4 Dec 2023	<i>John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith, c.749</i> <i>Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637</i>	Saint Mary, Fishponds		Vicar: Revd Lizzie Kesteven, Curate: Revd Diane Simms, LLM's Mark Simms, Richard Bond & Graham Biddlecombe	The Diocese of Barbados – The Church in the Province of the West Indies		The health sector
5 Dec 2023		All Saints Swindon		All Saints and St Barnabas Swindon	The Diocese of Bari – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)		Our Members of Parliament
6 Dec 2023	Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326	St Barnabas Swindon		Vicar Revd Dr Cathy Mark Okoronkwo: Associate Minister, Revd Barbara Sheppard: LLM: Brenda Young	The Diocese of Baringo – The Anglican Church of Kenya		Victims of human rights abuses
7 Dec 2023	Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397	All Saints with St John Clifton	St John's CE VC Primary School, Clifton, Headteacher Mr Hoye	Vicar Revd Charles Sutton: Associate Minister, Revd Paul Hawkins: LLM's Helen Clifton, Liz Badman, Jessica Smith	The Diocese of Barisal – The Church of Bangladesh		Those working in hospitality, tourism and the Arts

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8 Dec 2023	The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Bishopston and St Andrews		Team Vicar, Revd Wayne Massey, LLM's Michael Hillman, Anne Iles	The Diocese of Barrackpore – The Church of North India (United)		The Armed Forces
9 Dec 2023		Ashley			The Diocese of Bath and Wells – The Church of England		The Media
10 Dec 2023	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Charlton			The Church of Pakistan (United)	<i>Church of England:</i> Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, Bishop Paul Williams, Bishop Andy Emerton	The natural world and climate justice
11 Dec 2023		Crudwell	Crudwell CE VC Primary School Headteacher Ben John	Braydon Brook Rector: Bob Molton Associate Minister, Revd Sarah Wyman LLM's Richenda Milton-Daws, Rachel Swatton, Martin Green	The Diocese of Bathurst – The Anglican Church of Australia		Those suffering from addiction
12 Dec 2023		Hankerton			The Diocese of Bauchi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)	<i>Church of Norway:</i> Diocese of Borg, Bishop Kari Mangrud Alfsvåg	Industry and business
13 Dec 2023	Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304 <i>Samuel Johnson, Moralist, 1784</i>	Minety	Minety CE VC Primary School Headteacher Johnathon Howard		The Diocese of Belize – The Church in the Province of the West Indies		The legal profession, judges, magistrates, court officials
14 Dec 2023	John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591	Oaksey	Oaksey CE VC Primary School, Headteacher Denise Bray		The Diocese of Bendigo – The Anglican Church of Australia		The unemployed and those who work with them

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15 Dec 2023		Bradley Stoke		Vicar, Revd Rich Cresswell, LLM's, Simon Greener, Peter Moore, Mark Mitchell	The Diocese of Beni – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo		The hungry and those who support them
16 Dec 2023		Biddestone			The Diocese of Benin – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)	<i>Church of Norway:</i> Diocese of Oslo, Bishop Kari Veiteberg	Young people
17 Dec 2023	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>O Sapientia Eglantyne Jebb, Social Reformer, Founder of 'Save The Children', 1928</i>	Castle Combe			The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea		Those promoting inter-faith understanding
18 Dec 2023		Grittleton and Leigh Delamere	Bybrook		The Diocese of Bentiu – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan		<i>Church of England:</i> Diocese of Durham, Bishop Paul Butler, Bishop Sarah Clark
19 Dec 2023		Kington St Michael		Team Rector, Revd Marc Terry. Curates Revd Gillian Parkin, The Revd Anjal Kanagaratnam. LLM's Tim Woodward, Alison Flint, Diane Ross-Smith	The Diocese of Bermuda – (Extra Provincial)	<i>Scottish Episcopal Church:</i> Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, Bishop Mark Strange (Primus)	Migrants and refugees
20 Dec 2023		Littleton Drew			The Diocese of Bethlehem – The Episcopal Church		People living with disability
21 Dec 2023		Nettleton			The Diocese of Bhopal – The Church of North India (United)		The elderly

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22 Dec 2023		North Wraxall			The Diocese of Bida – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)	<i>Church of England:</i> Diocese of Chichester, Bishop Martin Warner, Bishop Ruth Bushyager, Bishop Will Hazlewood <i>Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland:</i> Diocese of Mikkeli, Bishop Seppo Häkkinen	Places of conflict and war
23 Dec 2023		Slaughterford		Bybrook (cont) Team Rector, Revd Marc Terry. Curates Revd Gillian Parkin, The Revd Anjal Kanagaratnam. LLM's Tim Woodward, Alison Flint, Diane Ross-Smith	The Diocese of Biharamulo – The Anglican Church of Tanzania		Victims of human trafficking and those enslaved
24 Dec 2023	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Christmas Eve	West Kington	Kington St Michael's CE VC Primary School, Headteacher Kate Cavey		The Episcopal Church in the Philippines		Those living in poverty
25 Dec 2023	CHRISTMAS DAY	Yatton Keynell	By Brook Valley CE Primary School. Headteacher Mr Pike		The Diocese of Birmingham – The Church of England		Survivors of abuse
26 Dec 2023	Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr	The Diocese of Mbale, linked with Bristol South Deanery		The Rt. Rev. John Wilson Nandaah, 8th Bishop of Mbale Diocese	The Diocese of Blackburn – The Church of England		Prisons and prisoners
27 Dec 2023	John, Apostle and Evangelist	Chippenham with Tytherton Lucas		Vicar – Vacancy Curate, Revd Anton Campbell,	The Diocese of Bo – The Church of the Province of West Africa		Primary, secondary and higher education
28 Dec 2023	The Holy Innocents	Bristol Diocese Mothers Union link with Pacong, South Sudan		Rt Revd Joseph Maker	The Diocese of Boga – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo		Banking and finance

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29 Dec 2023	Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170	Christ Church Hengrove		Priest in Charge, Revd Sam Sheppard. LLM's, Karen Brown, Katherine Bradley	The Diocese of Bolivia – The Anglican Church of South America	<i>Church of England:</i> Diocese of Chichester, Bishop Martin Warner, Bishop Ruth Bushyager, Bishop Will Hazlewood	The Government
30 Dec 2023		St Augustine Whitchurch			The Diocese of Bondo – The Anglican Church of Kenya		Victims of crime
31 Dec 2023	FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	Christ Church Swindon	King William Street CE Primary School Headteacher, Mrs Clarke	Vicar, Revd Canon Simon Stevenette Associate Minister, Revd Daphne Hardwick Minister [Metist], Revd Ajay Singh. LLM's Ailsa Palmer, Kevin Penfold, Genny Williams, Margaret Williams	Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda	<i>Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland:</i> Diocese of Mikkeli, Bishop Seppo Häkkinen	The retail sector

Amendments, comments and queries

The information in the Cycle of Prayer is checked and updated as near as possible to the time of production. If you have any amendments to suggest, or any other comments or queries, please contact the bishop's chaplain, Email: bishop.chaplain@bristoldiocese.org ; Tel: 01454 7777 28