

Intercession List for December 2023

Please pray for:

David, Bishop of Manchester

Matthew, Bishop of Bolton

Stephen, Bishop of Beverley

Mark, Bishop of Middleton

Rob, Bishop of Ebbsfleet

The Dean: Rogers Govender

Archdeacon of Salford & Bolton, Rachel Mann

Archdeacon of Manchester, Karen Lund

Archdeacon of Rochdale, David Sharples

Also:

Our companion Link Dioceses of:

Namibia, the clergy and people, together with their bishop, the Rt Revd Patrick Djuulume.

Lahore, the clergy and people, together with their bishop, the Rt Revd Nadeem Kamran.

Our partnership with the Diocese of Tampere, Finland, (Porvoo Communion) the clergy and people together with their bishop, the Rt Revd Matti Repo.

Our historic friendship with the Diocese of Melbourne, Australia, the clergy and people, together with their bishop, the Most Revd Philip Freier and the regional bishops.

Note: entries marked (Porvoo) are taken from 'The Porvoo Churches Invitation to Prayer'.

Entries marked (ACP) are taken from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

Parishes are prayed for daily in the Cathedral at Evening Prayer, using this list. Clergy and parishioners are welcome to attend on any day, and especially when their parish or benefice is remembered.

- 1 Fri *Charles de Foucauld, hermit, 1916*
Dr Kershaw's Hospice
ACP: The Diocese of Bangor - The Church in Wales
- 2 Sat Failsworth, St John
Rev Aysha St Giles
St John's CE Primary School, Failsworth
Give thanks for their ongoing work with children and families and prayers for their new initiative with a monthly contemplative prayer space.
ACP: The Diocese of Banks and Torres - The Anglican Church of Melanesia
- 3 Sun **The First Sunday of Advent**
Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Chester, Bishop Mark Tanner, Bishop Julie Conalty, Bishop Sam Corley; Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Kuopio, Bishop Jari Jolkkonen
ACP: The Church of North India (United)
- 4 Mon *John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith, c.749;*
Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637
Glodwick, St Mark with Christ Church
Vacant
Pray for this benefice.
Tampere link: pray that the parishes of Tampere will share the joy and peace of Christmas with those they serve in the coming weeks and months
ACP: The Diocese of Barbados - The Church in the Province of the West Indies
- 5 Tue Houghton Green, St Mary the Virgin
Rev Mark Glew; Rev Lydia Taylor
Pray that the Spirit helps them obey Jesus to be light in the world, so that people see their good deeds and glorify their Father in heaven
ACP: The Diocese of Bari - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 6 Wed Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326
Houghton, St Anne
Rev Jules Mambu
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Baringo - The Anglican Church of Kenya

- 7 Thu Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397
Hey, St John the Baptist
Rev Chris Steel
Hey With Zion CE/Methodist Primary School
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Barisal - The Church of Bangladesh
- 8 Fri The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Heyside and Royton
Rev Liz Devall
St Anne's CE Primary School, Royton
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Barrackpore - The Church of North India (United)
- 9 Sat High Crompton and Thornham
Rev Katy Cunliffe; Rev Josh Gaskell; Rev Paul Pritchard; Rev Matt Sanderson; Rev Bec Wilkinson
St Mary's CE Primary School, High Crompton; Thornham St James' CE Primary School, Thornham
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Bath and Wells - The Church of England
- 10 Sun **The Second Sunday of Advent**
Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, Bishop Paul Williams, Bishop Andy Emerton; Church of Norway: Diocese of Borg, Bishop Kari Mangrud Alfsvåg
ACP: The Church of Pakistan (United)
- 11 Mon Hurst, St John the Evangelist
Rev Carol Schofield
Give thanks for their hard working leadership team and volunteers, and pray for growth in their ministry to children and families.
Namibia bidding: pray for the clergy and people, together with their bishop, the Rt Revd Patrick Djuulume
ACP: The Diocese of Bathurst - The Anglican Church of Australia
- 12 Tue Leesfield, St Thomas
Rev Daniel Ramble
St Agnes' CE Primary School, Knowls Lane; St Hugh's CE Primary School, Holts; St Thomas' CE Primary School, Leesfield
Thank God for all those who are taking the spirit and meaning of Christmas to people who are unable to attend church. Pray for people who are struggling with fuel and food costs, and praise God for volunteers providing food and warm spaces.
ACP: The Diocese of Bauchi - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 13 Wed Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304; *Samuel Johnson, Moralist, 1784*; Ember Day
Mossley
Rev Denise Owen
Micklehurst All Saints CE Primary School; Milton St John's CE Primary School, Mossley; St George's CE Primary School, Mossley
Pray for the activities planned for Advent and Christmas. May people meet the Lord at their services and in our outreach.
ACP: The Diocese of Belize - The Church in the Province of the West Indies
- 14 Thu John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591
Oldham (Moorside), St Thomas
Rev Dr Paul Monk
St Thomas' CE Primary School, Moorside
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Bendigo - The Anglican Church of Australia

- 15 Fri Ember Day
Oldham and Werneth
Rev Nick Andrewes; Rev Zahra Shafiei
St Thomas CE Primary School, Werneth
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Beni - Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
- 16 Sat Ember Day
Oldham, St James with St Ambrose
Vacant
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Benin - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 17 Sun **The Third Sunday of Advent**
Porvoo: Church of Norway: Diocese of Oslo, Bishop Kari Veiteberg; Church of England: Diocese of Durham, Bishop Paul Butler, Bishop Sarah Clark; Scottish Episcopal Church: Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, Bishop Mark Strange (Primus)
ACP: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
- 18 Mon Oldham, St Mary with St Peter
Rev Canon Daniel Burton; Rev Canon Jean Hurlston
Holy Cross CE Primary School
Thank God for the children and young people in their Sunday School and for excellent links with Holy Cross CE Primary School and Blue Coat Secondary School.
Lahore link: pray for the ministry of Dave Mackie recently ordained in Lahore Cathedral, for his wife Mary and all the family. For Pakistan, for those suffering discrimination throughout the country.
ACP: The Diocese of Bentiu - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- 19 Tue Royton, St Paul
Vacant
St Paul's CE Primary School, Royton
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Bermuda - (Extra Provincial)
- 20 Wed Saddleworth
Rev Sachin Awale; Rev Barbara Christopher; Rev Prof Michael Donmall; Rev Hilary Edgerton;
Rev Pat Gillian; Rev Canon Sharon Jones; Rev Richard Lambert; Rev Philip Williamson
Christ Church CE Primary School, Denshaw; Holy Trinity CE School, Dobcross; St Anne's CE Primary School, Lydgate; St Chad's CE Primary School, Saddleworth; St Mary's CE Primary School, Greenfield
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Bethlehem - The Episcopal Church
- 21 Thu Shaw, Holy Trinity
Rev Katy Cunliffe; Rev Josh Gaskell; Rev Paul Pritchard; Rev Matt Sanderson; Rev Bec Wilkinson
Crompton House CE School
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Bhopal - The Church of North India (United)
- 22 Fri Stalybridge, St George
Rev Denise Owen
Pray for their young people and their leaders. May the church grow in faith and in numbers as they seek to share the love of God with people in their community.
ACP: The Diocese of Bida - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 23 Sat Deanery of Rochdale: Area Dean - Revd Canon Karen Smeeton; Lay Chair - Susan Haworth
Pray for the retired clergy and Readers living and working in the Deanery
ACP: The Diocese of Biharamulo - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- 24 Sun **The Fourth Sunday of Advent / Christmas Eve**
Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Chichester, Bishop Martin Warner, Bishop Ruth Bushyager, Bishop Will Hazlewood; Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Mikkeli, Bishop Seppo Häkkinen
ACP: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

- 25 Mon **Christmas Day**
HMP Buckley Hall - Revd Hilary Edgerton
ACP: The Diocese of Birmingham - The Church of England
- 26 Tue **Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr**
Belfield, St Ann
Rev Gill Barnett; Rev Duke O'Baka-Torto
Reader: Wendy Cocks
Give thanks for the support of the faithful. Pray for their continuing Christian witness to all community and faith groups who meet during the week.
ACP: The Diocese of Blackburn - The Church of England
- 27 Wed **John, Apostle and Evangelist**
Castleton, St Martin
Rev Sydwel Isaac; Rev Stephen Shepherd
St Edward's CE Primary School, Castleton
Pray for their two primary schools, along with the teachers, staff and learners.
ACP: The Diocese of Bo - The Church of the Province of West Africa
- 28 Thu **The Holy Innocents**
Dearnley, Wardle and Smallbridge
Rev Rachel Battershell
St Andrew's CE Primary School, Dearnley; St James' CE Primary School, Wardle
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Boga - Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
- 29 Fri Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170
Deeplish and Newbold
Rev Anne Gilbert; Rev Natty Gray; Rev Pamela Parr; Rev Darren Quinlan
Reader: Susan Horobin
St Peter's CE Primary School, Rochdale
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Bolivia - The Anglican Church of South America
- 30 Sat Hamer and Healey
Rev Gill Barnett; Rev Duke O'Baka-Torto
All Saints CE Primary School (Hamer)
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Bondo - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- 31 Sun **The First Sunday of Christmas**
ACP: Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda