



Cycle of Prayer

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1 DECEMBER—7 DECEMBER

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PETERBOROUGH DEANERY

Rural Dean: Revd Jackie Bullen

Lay Chairman: Frank Smith

Sunday 1 December

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

The Porvoo Churches – Dunkeld and Dunblane, Porvoo

Monday 2 December

The workplace: Everyday faith – Monday to Saturday (as well as Sunday)

Heavenly Father, help us to see how our time of worship and prayer can help to better nurture our faith and support for each other, even if we cannot be in the same place together. Help us to share our faith and support for each other, even if we cannot be in the same place together. Help us to share our faith and our prayers in our everyday life across the week in our work and leisure. We give thanks for those we meet who share their faith with us and encourage us in your name. Amen

The Diocese of Kitale – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Tuesday 3 December

Peterborough Mental Health Chaplaincy

Chaplains: Jane Pope, Mohammed Rashid
Please pray for chaplains, peer support and the many volunteers who work in our “Heart and Soul Team”, as the chaplaincy is known within our mental health context. We work together to build community amongst those who identify as having mental health challenges, through weekly Coffee Clubs, Friendship Groups, bereavement support groups and 1:1 support. 2025 will see some changes to the team as our Lead Chaplain retires and we seek to restructure around current needs. Pray that new appointments will be made that complement those already in post and help us to extend our reach. In a world “gone mad” sometimes the most sane are those who have been labelled by the world as unfit: may we continue to come alongside, listen to and learn from them, and hold a candle of hope in the darkness.

The Diocese of Kiteto – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Wednesday 4 December

Cathedral of St Peter, St Paul and St Andrew

Dean: The Very Revd Chris Dalliston

Vice Dean: The Revd Canon Tim Alban Jones

Canon Precentor:

The Revd Dr Rowan Williams

Growing Faith Chaplain:

The Revd Lex Bradley-Stow

Please pray for our developing work and partnerships with Kings (The Cathedral) School and St John’s Church through our new growing faith chaplaincy. Please also pray for our Chapter and Trust as we continue to work towards financial sustainability.

The Diocese of Kitgum – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Thursday 5 December

Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Berringers

President: Alistair Donaldson

O God our Father, by whose providence the art and science of bellringing was discovered, grant that all who hear the bells calling from your house may find in them an invitation to come to you to find rest for their souls; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen

The Diocese of Kitui – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Friday 6 December

Seoul Diocese: Gangnam Church

The Revds Gregory S Yang, Luke J Yang, Benedict B Hur

The Diocese of Kivu – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Saturday 7 December

Church communications

Pray for all who communicate news through traditional and social media on behalf of the Church, and for those who communicate within the Church (parish magazine and notice sheet editors, and website managers) – that through their work the gospel may be communicated and people encouraged.

The Diocese of North Kivu – Province de L’Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Sunday 8 December

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that, whereas through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

The Porvoo Churches – Chester, Kuopio

Monday 9 December

The workplace: All who are in jobs just for the Christmas season

8 DECEMBER—14 DECEMBER

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PETERBOROUGH DEANERY

Rural Dean: Revd Jackie Bullen

Lay Chairman: Frank Smith

Lord, we pray for all those who are in jobs just for the Christmas season. For some, this will mean extra spending money for the vacation. For others, this will give temporary relief to their financial difficulties. We give thanks for those providing this work. Let them feel welcomed in their places of employment, and to experience the true meaning of Christmas, Emmanuel—God be with us, as they help us to get ready. Amen
The Diocese of Kobe – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Tuesday 10 December

Peterborough City Hospital

Lead Chaplain: Revd Helen Fyall
Ordained Chaplain: Revd James Thomson
Revd Emily Davis
Revd William Booker
Revd Reuben Mugweru
Muslim Chaplain: Tausif Khan
Lay Catholic Chaplain: Sally Smith

Almighty God, may the foundation of the work of all the staff and volunteers be that of caring, helping and sharing the healing love of God amongst all the people they are called to serve.
The Diocese of Koforidua – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Wednesday 11 December

The Peterborough School

Chaplain: Revd Jennifer Paddison
Headmaster: Mr Adrian Meadows
Provost: Revd Justine White (will be
Leaving this post soon)

Pray for the school community of pupils, families and staff, as a Church of England foundation in the Woodard family. Pray for new pupils and staff starting this term and for those who have left, for the next stage of their lives. Pray that the lives of students and staff will be enriched and deepened through their engagement with chapel services and the chaplaincy.
The Diocese of Kolhapur – The Church of North India (United)

Thursday 12 December

Adviser for Inter-Religious Affairs

Pray for respect and understanding for all those engaged in dialogue with people of other faiths in our Diocese. Pray too for the trouble spots of the world, where religious differences are used as an excuse to create social and political conflict.

The Diocese of Kollam – Kottarakkara – The Church of South India (United)

Friday 13 December

Diocesan Secretary: Andrew Roberts

Pray for all the diocesan administrative staff.

The Diocese of Kondoa – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Saturday 14 December

Seoul Diocese: Hanam Church

The Revd Paul J Lee

The Diocese of Kongor – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Sunday 15 December

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Porvoo Churches: Southwell and Nottingham, Borg
The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

Monday 16 December

The workplace: For an appropriate balance between work and life, and for our leisure activities

Lord, we pray that you help us to find a balance where our work and leisure activities give us a fulfilling life. Let our work be fresh, busy and satisfying so our resting be deep and peaceful. Whether at work or at leisure may we give you the glory. Help us to remember that God rested on the seventh day and to not let work take over our lives. Amen

The Diocese of Kongor – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Tuesday 17 December

Deanery of Towcester

Heavenly Father, we hold before you the Deanery of Towcester and ask for your continual blessing and guidance in all areas of mission in which you have

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DEANERY OF TOWCESTER

Rural Dean: Revd Canon Richard Stainer
Lay Chair: Sharron Bland

called us to be partners with one another and with you. Encourage us to walk together as we continue to be your love and healing presence in each community. Amen

The Diocese of Kontagora – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wednesday 18 December

Lambfold Benefice:

Blakesley cum Woodend St Mary; Adstone All Saints; Farthingstone St Mary the Virgin; Litchborough St Martin; Maidford St Peter and St Paul

Rector: Revd Sue Stanley

Reader: David Cockshott

Blakesley CEVC Primary School

Head: Alison Rose

Faithful God, we give thanks for our congregations, the members of our PCCs and for all who work hard to keep church buildings in good order. As we continue to seek growth we pray that through the guidance of your Holy Spirit we may be inspired and strengthened to share our faith and find new and creative ways to draw others into our church family. We pray for our school in Blakesley, for all the staff and pupils, and we pray that we may continue to grow the links between school and church. Amen

The Diocese of Kootenay – The Anglican Church of Canada

Thursday 19 December

Blisworth St John the Baptist; Alderton St Margaret; Grafton Regis St Mary; Milton Malsor Holy Cross; Stoke Bruerne with Shutlanger St Mary the Virgin

Rector: Revd Canon Richard Stainer

Assistant Curate: Revd Graham Brack

Stoke Bruerne CEVC Primary School

Head: Eliza Hollis

Milton Parochial Primary School

Head: Rachel Scott

Dear Lord, we thank you for the life and witness of our Benefice. May your spirit guide us to deepen relationships and direct us to follow where your will leads us. Amen.

The Diocese of Eastern Kowloon – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Friday 20 December

Self-supporting Ministers

Northampton Archdeaconry: Vacant

Oakham Archdeaconry: Vacant

Lord, we give thanks for our SSMS. We pray that their ministry in their community or workplace (and their parish) will be fruitful and led by your Holy Spirit. May they know their value as your servants. Help us to keep a balance in work and service.

Seoul Diocese: Bucheon & Gwangmyoung Churches

The Revds Kifrian M Kim and Margaret S Min
The Diocese of Western Kowloon – Hong Kong Sheng Kung

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Saturday 21 December

Ecumenical Officers

Pray for the Diocesan Ecumenical Officer Revd Stephen Trott, Caroline Hutchings, County Ecumenical Development Officer for Peterborough and Rutland, and Allison Shefford, County Ecumenical Development Officer for Shire and Soke.

The Diocese of Krishna-Godavari – The Church of South India (United)

Sunday 22 December

God our Redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Porvoo Churches: Oslo, Durham, Moray Ross and Caithness
The Church of the Province of Uganda*

Monday 23 December

The workplace: All who will be working on Christmas Day

Lord, on the day we remember your birth and that you came not to be served but to serve, we pray for all who need to work on Christmas day, especially those who work for the emergency services and the NHS. Let all those working to make this a special day for others feel appreciated for what they do. We give thanks for their dedication to help others on this special day. As they work, let them meet with you, risen Lord, in the guise of a stranger. Amen

The Diocese of Kubwa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tuesday 24 December

CHRISTMAS EVE

Passenham with Old Stratford St Guthlac with Deanshanger Holy Trinity

Rector: Revd James Pennington

PTO: Revd Jim Blackett, Revd Lesley Holman
Father, build Your Kingdom here. Fill these churches with the joyful hearts of prodigals returned home, and their brothers and sisters delighted to welcome them too. Help us to be your love and truth in word and deed, that all may see your love in us, and may we share the blessing of knowing you with a world in need. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

The Diocese of Kuching – Church of the Province of South East Asia

Wednesday 25 December

CHRISTMAS DAY

Seoul Diocese: Incheon Gyeyang & Seochoang Churches

The Revd John S Lee

The Diocese of Kumasi – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Thursday 26 December

Amelcote Benefice:

Pattishall Holy Cross; Cold Higham St Luke;

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DEANERY OF TOWCESTER

Rural Dean: Revd Canon Richard Stainer
Lay Chair: Sharron Bland

Gayton St Mary; Tiffield St John the Baptist

Rector: Revd Marion Reynolds

Reader: Sue Titheridge

Lay Pastoral Minister: Jean Pugh

Gayton CEVC, Tiffield CEVA and Pattishall CEVC Primary Schools

Head (Gayton and Tiffield): Eliza Hollis

Head (Pattishall): Emma McLean

We give you thanks, Lord, for this Benefice and those who faithfully worship in our four churches. Help us to encourage all who come to our outreach events to become your followers too. Give us the gifts we need to sow the seeds of faith in them. We pray for the teachers and pupils attending our CofE Schools, that you will help them to follow Jesus and to know his love. Let us show faith, compassion, generosity and love to all who come into our churches and those we meet in our everyday lives. We pray for those leading worship through word and music, fellowship and fun. We give thanks and pray for our Churchwardens, PCC members and all the Church Family who help to share the loved Christ in these Communities.

The Diocese of Kumi – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Friday 27 December

South Cleley Benefice:

Potterspury St Nicholas with Furtho St Bartholomew and Yardley Gobion St Leonards; Cosgrove St Peter and St Paul; Wicken St John the Evangelist

Rector: Vacant

Readers: Mary McVay, Monty Lynds

Mentor during Vacancy:

Venerable David Painter

Yardley Gobion CEVC Primary School

Head: Eliza Hollis

Faithful God, we pray that your Spirit will be with us as we continue to discern how we can bring your good news to our friends and neighbours in our villages. We give thanks for all the fellowship we enjoy, and for the work with young people and families; some with loss of work and others mental strain. We give thanks for the work of our Readers, churchwardens, PCCs and all our congregations as they continue to offer worship and kindness to the people in our villages. We ask for wisdom as we go forward into the future.

The Diocese of Kurunegala – The Church of Ceylon (Extra Provincial)

Saturday 28 December

The Diocese of Kushtia – The Church of Bangladesh