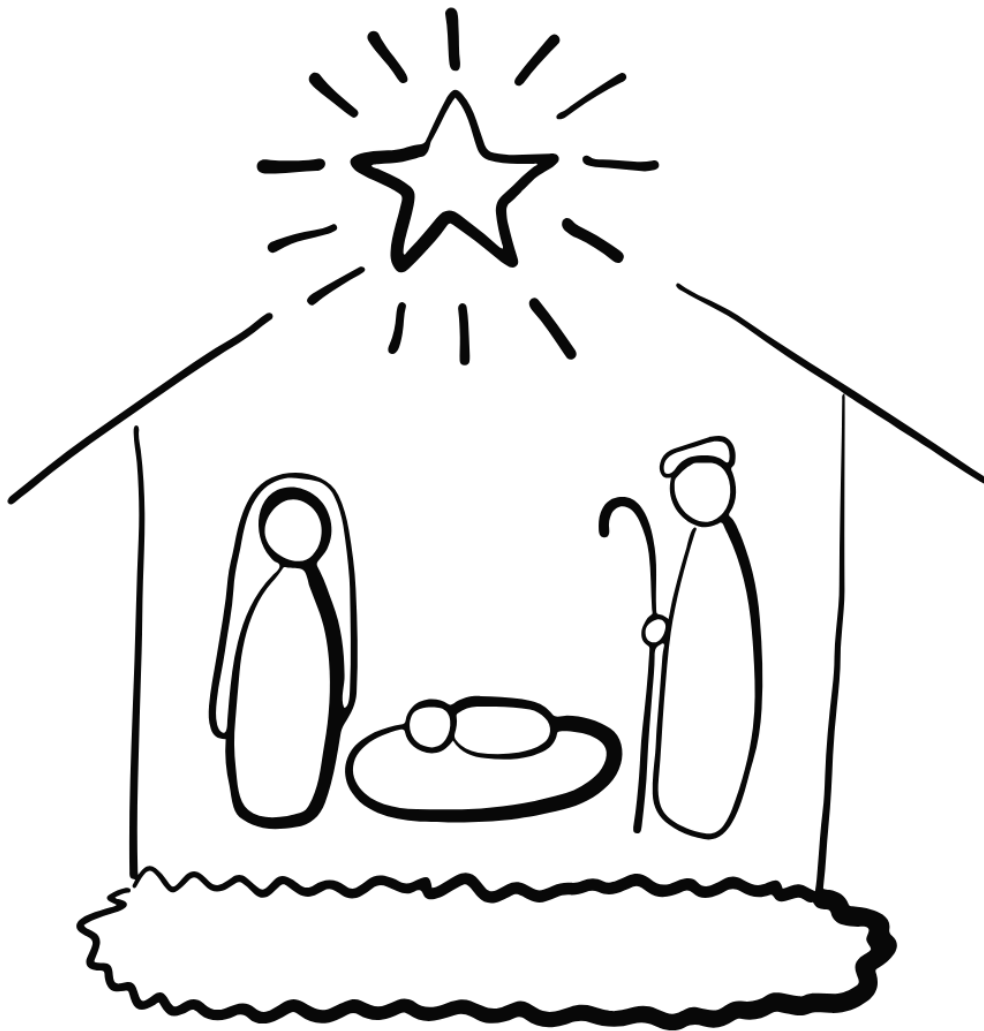




**Diocese
of Salisbury**
Making
Jesus Known

• DECEMBER CYCLE OF PRAYER •



1 December: The First Sunday of Advent

Lord Jesus,

Today on The First Sunday of Advent, we pray for your blessing on our diocese, on all those who worship and live within it. We ask you will continue to guide them in living out your word. We pray too for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Amen

2 December: Devizes Deanery.

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for all who worship and serve in the parishes of the Devizes Deanery. We pray for your blessing over all those who lead, in lay, ordained, and in volunteer roles. We pray for Rural Dean, Jonathan Poston, Assistant Rural Dean, Keith Brindle, and Lay Chair, Carole Jones. We pray that You would equip them for the work You have called them to do.

Amen

3 December: Bratton Edington & Imber Erlestoke and Coulston, Devizes Deanery.

Creator God,

We pray for the communities of Bratton Edington & Imber Erlestoke and Coulston, that they may be blessed by your presence and your peace. We pray that all those who lead in the community may be inspired and renewed by your word.

Amen

4 December: Devizes St John and St Mary.

Almighty God,

We pray today for your blessing on the communities of Devizes St John and St Mary; for all who live, work, pray and play there. We pray for the worship leaders, school leaders, churchwardens, treasurers, PCC members. We pray for the clergy, Jonathan Poston and Caroline Spindlow, in this benefice. We thank you for their service and dedication and ask for your blessing on them.

From our prayers for our diocesan link to the Sudans, we lift to you The Rt Revd Hassan Osman Assistant Bishop of Kadugli & Nuba Mountains in Sudan.

Amen

5 December: Devizes St Peter.

Lord God, Prince of Peace,

Today we raise to you the community of Devizes St Peter, praying particularly for those who provide services of all kinds, in the community, in church, in school. We pray you will equip them and bless their leadership. We ask for your guidance and your blessing on this benefice as it continues in vacancy.

Lord, we remember especially those areas of the world riven by conflict, and particularly our link dioceses of Sudan and South Sudan. May your healing peace be felt by all who suffer and may your justice prevail.

Amen.

6 December: Rowde and Bromham, Devizes Deanery.

Dear God,

We pray today for Your abundant blessing on all who live in the benefice of Rowde and Bromham, Devizes and clergy, Heather Smith, that they would know Your presence and guidance with them this week.

We thank you for the schools of Rowde C of E Primary Academy and Bromham St Nicholas CE VC Primary School, for all who study and work there. Would you shine Your light on them today, in the name of Jesus.

Amen

7 December: St James, Devizes Deanery.

Loving God,

We pray today for the clergy, lay leaders, PCC members and all who worship in the benefice of Southbroom St James, Devizes. We thank you for the ministry of Keith Brindle and Richard Saint. We ask that you would fill them with Your wisdom, love and joy.

We pray for Your blessing upon the students, families and staff of Devizes The Trinity Primary Academy and Southbroom St James Academy

Amen

8 December: The Second Sunday of Advent.

Lavingtons Cheverells and Easterton, Devizes Deanery.

Eternal God,

On The Second Sunday of Advent,

We pray for all those living in Lavingtons Cheverells and Easterton today.

As they continue in their vacancy, we pray for all who help to put on services in schools, churches, and the wider communities. We pray all may be blessed by their service.

We raise to you the staff, pupils and families of Great Cheverell The Holy Trinity CE Primary Academy and Market Lavington St Barnabas CE VC Primary School

We pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Amen

9 December: Cannings & Redhorn, Devizes Deanery.

Loving Lord Jesus,

In our prayers today, we hold before you the benefice of Cannings & Redhorn, Devizes and its clergy, Richard Curtis, Sam Park and Robert Sanday.

We pray for all the staff, students and families of Urchfont CE VC Primary School, Chirton CE VC Primary School, Bishops Cannings CE VA Primary School and All Cannings CE VC Primary School.

We pray that they know You are with them today, and always.

Amen

10 December: Wellsprings, Devizes Deanery.

Dear God,

We pray today for Your abundant blessing on the benefice of Wellsprings, Devizes, all who lead and worship there, for clergy Gerry Lynch and Caroline O'Neill. We pray that they will know Your presence and guidance with them this week.

We raise to you the schools of Five Lanes CE VC Primary School and Seend CE VA Primary School, all who study and work there. Would you shine Your light on them today. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

Amen

11 December: HMP Erlestoke, Devizes.

Living Lord,

We pray today for the prisoners in HMP Erlestoke Devizes. We pray your Holy Spirit will move in this place, and we ask for your blessing on chaplain Steve Ibbetson.

In our link diocese, we pray for The Rt Revd Isaac Deu Chol Bishop of Kapoeta in South Sudan.

Amen

12 December: Society of St Francis at Hilfield.

O Lord,

We pray for your blessing upon the Society of St Francis at Hilfield, for all those who worship and live there, and those who visit for respite and reflection. We thank you for the faithfulness of these places of prayer in our diocese.

We name before you in prayer chaplains John Hennings and Jonathan Herbert.

Amen

13 December: Bradford Deanery.

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for all who worship and serve in the parishes of the Bradford Deanery. We pray for Rural Dean, Jake Eggertsen and Lay Chair, John Joy.

We pray for your blessing over all lay leaders in volunteer roles, that You would equip them for the work You have called them to do and bless their ministry.

Amen

14 December: Atworth with Shaw and Whitley, Bradford Deanery.

Jesus, Our Saviour,

In your name we pray for the communities of Atworth with Shaw. We pray for the people who live and work there, and those who minister to them, particularly in this time of vacancy. We thank and praise you for your blessing on them.

We raise to you the staff, pupils and families of Shaw CE VC Primary School, and Churchfields The Village School.

Today we pray too for all those in need of your healing presence in our diocese. May those who suffer know your peace today.

Amen.

15 December: The Third Sunday of Advent.

Broughton Gifford Great Chalfield and Holt St Katharine, Bradford Deanery.

Compassionate God,

Today we give thanks for the communities of Broughton Gifford Great Chalfield and Holt St Katharine, for all who work and live there. We raise to you the clergy, Andrew Evans and Ruth Mecredy. We ask for your blessing on the ministry of lay leaders in the benefice.

We pray too for the pupils, staff and families of Holt CE VC Primary School and Broughton Gifford St Mary's CE VC Primary School.

In our cycle of prayer for the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

Amen

16 December: Melksham, Bradford Deanery.

Loving Lord Jesus,

In our prayers today, we hold before you the benefice of Melksham, Bradford and its Clergy, Charlie Thomson and Francis Moloney. Would you fill all within that community with your Holy Spirit and guide them with your love.

We raise to you the staff, students and families of Melksham Manor CE VC Primary School and Forest & Sandridge CE VA Primary School.

We pray that they know You are with them today and always.
Amen

17 December: North Bradley Southwick Heywood and Steeple Ashton, Bradford Deanery.

Lord God, Prince of Peace,

Today we raise to you the community of North Bradley Southwick Heywood and Steeple Ashton for all who work and live there. We pray for Oliver Learmont and the retired clergy and lay leaders who minister in this place.

We pray too for the pupils, staff and families of

Southwick CE VC Primary School

North Bradley CE VC Primary School

Amen

18 December: Studley St John, Bradford Deanery.

Almighty God,

We pray for your blessing on the communities of Studley St John, Bradford Deanery for all who live, work, pray and play there. We pray for the worship leaders, school leaders, churchwardens, treasurers, PCC members and clergy of this benefice, and across the diocese.

In our link diocese, we pray for The Rt Revd Peter Joh Abraham Mayom, Bishop of Malek in South Sudan.

Amen

19 December: Canalside Benefice, Bradford Deanery.

Dear God,

We pray today for Your abundant blessing on the benefice of Canalside and all who lead and worship there. We pray for clergy, Chris Hunter and Joy Albone.

We pray they know Your presence and guidance with them this week.

We raise to you the staff, pupils and families of Staverton CE VC Primary School, Semington St George's CE VC Primary School, Hilperton CE VC Primary School.

Would you shine Your light on them today. In the name of Jesus.

Amen

20 December: Trowbridge St James and Keevil, Bradford Deanery.

Living Lord,

We raise to you in prayer the people and parishes of the Trowbridge St James and Keevil. We pray for clergy, Jake Eggertsen and for lay leaders and volunteers, that they may be refreshed and blessed in their ministry. We ask for your blessing on each community.

We pray for the pupils, families and staff at Keevil CE VA Primary School.

Amen

**21 December: Trowbridge St Thomas and West Ashton,
Bradford Deanery.**

Eternal God,

We pray for all those living, working and worshipping in
Trowbridge St Thomas and West Ashton.

We pray for all who help to put on services in churches,
schools, and the wider communities, that their service may
bless many.

We raise to you the staff, pupils and families of West Ashton
CE VA Primary School, Bellefield CE VC Primary and Nursery
School.

Amen

22 December: The Fourth Sunday of Advent.

North Bradford on Avon and Villages.

Everlasting Lord,

We pray to you today for the people who live and work and
pray in the benefice of North Bradford on Avon and Villages.
May you bless those who lead and serve, including clergy Katie
Jackson and Tessa Mann.

We raise to you the staff, pupils and families of Bradford on
Avon Christ Church CE VC Primary School and Winsley CE VC
Primary School.

And in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Church of
the Province of Uganda.

Amen

23 December: Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity Westwood and Wingfield.

Creator God,

We pray for the communities of Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity Westwood and Wingfield, that they may be blessed by your presence and your peace. We pray that all those who lead in the community may be inspired and renewed by Your word. We ask for your blessing on clergy Jenny Nelson and Sarah Jackson.

We give thanks for the parents, students and teachers of Bradford on Avon St Laurence School.

Amen

24 December: Christmas Eve.

Calne Deanery.

This Christmas Eve, we pray,

Holy Jesus,

by being born one of us and lying humbly in a manger, you show how much God loves the world.

Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts.

We raise to you the community of Calne Deanery, praying particularly for those who provide services of all kinds, in the community, in church, in school. We pray for Rural Dean, Jane Curtis, Assistant Rural Dean, Matthew Earwicker, Lay Chair, Mary Simpkins. We pray you will equip them and bless their leadership.

Amen

25 December: Christmas Day.

Oldbury, Calne Deanery.

This Christmas Day, we pray,

Christ born for us,
Son of God, given for us,
help us to know you,
to worship and to serve you.

Today we give thanks for the communities of Oldbury, Calne for all who work and live there. We raise to you the clergy, Matthew Earwicker and lay leaders and ask for your blessing on their ministry, that they may continue to step out courageously in your service.

We pray too for the pupils, staff and families of Cherhill CE VA Primary School and Heddington CE VA Primary School.

We pray for The Rt Revd David Kiir Mayath, Bishop of Panrieng in South Sudan.

Amen

26 December: Stephen deacon, first martyr.

Royal Wootton Bassett, Calne Deanery.

Dear God,

Today, as we reflect on Saint Stephen, Deacon and first martyr, we ask for Your abundant blessing on the benefice of Royal Wootton Bassett and all who lead and worship there, for clergy Jane Curtis and Katey Minshall.

We raise to you the schools of Royal Wootton Bassett St Bartholomew's Primary Academy and all who study and work there.

Amen

27 December: John Apostle and Evangelist.

Marden Vale, Calne Deanery.

Living Lord,

We raise to you in prayer the people and parishes of the Marden Vale benefice, Calne. We pray for the clergy, Caspar Bush and Sarah Errington and lay leaders and volunteers, that they may be refreshed and blessed in their ministry. We pray for the church's presence in each community, loving and all who live there.

We pray for your blessing on the pupils, families and staff at Derry Hill CE VA Primary School, Marden Vale CofE Primary Academy, Calne Holy Trinity CE Academy.

Amen

28 December: The Holy Innocents.

Lyneham and Woodhill, Calne Deanery.

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for all who worship and serve in the parishes of the Lyneham and Woodhill, Calne. We pray for your blessing over all those who lead, lay, ordained, and in volunteer roles, that You would equip them for the work You have called them to do. We pray for clergy Rachma Abbott and Richard Holness.

We ask for your blessing on the students, families and staff at Broad Town CE VC Primary School

Amen

29 December: The First Sunday of Christmas.

This First Sunday of Christmas, we raise to you, O Lord, our Bishops Stephen, Karen and Andrew, we pray you continue to guide them with Your word and bless their ministry.

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for The Episcopal Church in the United States.

Amen

30 December: Marlborough Deanery.

Lord Jesus,

Today we raise to you the communities of Marlborough, for all who live, work and worship there. We pray for the clergy, Rural Dean, Roger Powell, Lay Chair, Sarah Musgrave, for volunteers inside and outside churches who serve the wider community. We ask for your blessing on all those who worship in your name in this deanery.

Amen

31 December: Ridgeway, Marlborough Deanery.

God,

We give you thanks and praise for the clergy, lay leaders, PCC members and all who worship in the benefice of Ridgeway in Marlborough. We ask that you would fill clergy, Roger Powell and all who worship there with Your wisdom, love and joy today.

And we pray for Your blessing upon the students, families and staff of Ogbourne St George & St Andrew CE VC Primary School.

Amen