DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

January 2024 – February 2024
1 January – Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Weymouth & Portland Deanery

* Please pray for the strategic planning for the Deanery regarding investment of resources for the next 5 to 7 years.

* Give thanks for new appointments; Rev Juliet Stephenson (Holy Trinity) and John Mackenzie (Wyke Regis).

2 January

Radipole and Melcombe Regis with Chickerell, Weymouth & Portland Deanery


* We give thanks for finances to sustain our Youth Pioneer post.

* We give thanks for many children and young people growing in faith and coming forward for baptism.

* We pray for the Parish as Team Rector, Nick Clarke retires in the middle of February; for the recruitment process.

Weymouth St John's CE VA Primary School

3 January

Weymouth Holy Trinity, Weymouth & Portland Deanery

Clergy: Juliet Stephenson.

* Please pray for churchwardens Philippa and Trudi. Please pray for us as we explore fully what it means to be an Inclusive church in the town of Weymouth. For our outreach and mission in local community, with the RNLI in this 200th year of their existence, and for our church school and head teacher Fiona Daykin.

Weymouth Holy Trinity CE VC Primary School

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the Rt Revd Onesimo Lado Yugusuk, Bishop of Lomega in South Sudan.
4 January

**Weymouth St Paul with Fleet, Weymouth & Portland Deanery**

Clergy: Gregory Lipovsky.

*May we be renewed in the spirit or charity, prayer, and service and so promote the spread of the Gospel in our parish and beyond.*

*May our students, teachers, staff find Christ, his love and truth, through their daily search for what is true and good.*

Weymouth Beechcroft, St Pauls CE VA Primary

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**5 January**

**Wyke Regis All Saints with St Edmund, Weymouth & Portland Deanery**

Clergy: John MacKenzie.

*Our watch words for the coming year are Inclusion, accessibility and welcome - please pray that we may more understand what these mean to us as a community and learn to live them out in our common life.*

Weymouth Wyke Regis CE VC Primary Federation

Weymouth All Saints CofE Academy

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**6 January - Epiphany**

**Portland, Weymouth & Portland Deanery**

Clergy: Tim Gomm. LLMs: Karen Gomm, Georgie Menzies.

*Please pray for all within the benefice.*

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**7 January – Baptism of Christ**

**Weymouth Ridgeway, Weymouth & Portland Deanery**


*Please pray that Christ would be exalted in our churches and ministry. In particular, we would like to see growth and fruitfulness in discipleship- and people coming to faith in Jesus. Please pray for our children and young people, for their spiritual growth, and for our youth/children's outreach.*

Weymouth St Nicholas & St Laurence CE VA Primary School

Weymouth St Andrew's CE Primary School (Academy (VA) School)

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Please pray for The Scottish Episcopal Church

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**8 January**

**HMP/YOI Portland**

*Please pray for all staff, volunteers and residents. That they may all work well together to find ways to make stays more bearable, and to work towards education and rehabilitation as best as possible.*
9 January
Sherborne Deanery
Please pray for all within the deanery, and for all that they do.

10 January
Melbury, Sherborne Deanery
That we would find ways to “Make Jesus known” in an attractive way, so that people in our villages get to see and know who Jesus Christ is. We also need God’s wisdom to explore how to structure the team for the future in a way that is sustainable with decreasing resources.
Maiden Newton Greenford CE VC Primary School
Evershot Sticklands CE VA Primary School
Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the Rt Revd Samuel Lomude Eluzai, Bishop of Mundu in South Sudan.

11 January
Queen Thorne, Sherborne Deanery
Clergy: David Bond.
We pray for our brothers and sisters in Ezo, South Sudan and the strengthening of links between Trent Youngs Primary and Masumbu Primary Schools.
Trent Young's CE VA Primary School

12 January
Sherborne with Castleton, Lillington and Longburton, Sherborne Deanery
Clergy: Martin Lee.
Sherborne The Abbey CE VC Primary School
Sherborne The Gryphon School

13 January
Three Valleys, Sherborne Deanery
Clergy: Anthony Gilbert.
Yetminster St Andrew's CE VC Primary School
Bishop's Caundle All Saints CE VC Primary School
Bradford Abbas St Mary's CE VC Primary School
Thornford CE VA Primary School
**14 January – Second Sunday of Epiphany**

**Blackmore Vale Deanery**


*On this second Sunday of Epiphany, as we hear the call of our Lord to Philip and Nathanael, “Follow me,” we pray that people throughout the Blackmore Vale may hear the same call and be drawn to service in Christ’s name.*

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Please pray for Church of the Province of South East Asia

**15 January**

**Hazelbury Bryan & the Hillside Parishes, Blackmore Vale Deanery**

Clergy: Vacant. LLM: James Hepburn.

*Almighty God, Once again the days and months of a new year stretch out before us as a blank canvas. Help us to seek your will for our endeavours in your service in these parishes and graciously grant unto us the wisdom and courage to fulfil it. Amen.*

**16 January**

**Marnhull, Blackmore Vale Deanery**

Clergy: Gaenor Hockey, Angus Mayhew.

*Please pray for the effectiveness and impact locally of our parish life of worship, welcome and witness here at St Gregory's and also our working together with the other Pilgrim Group churches on joint ventures in 2024.*

St Gregory’s CE Primary School - Interim Head: James Stanford

**17 January**

**Okeford, Blackmore Vale Deanery**

Clergy: Andrew Gubbins.

*We pray today for the communities, congregations and officers of Child Okeford, Hammoon, Manston, Okeford Fitzpaine and Shillingstone. We give thanks for the vibrancy of the CE VA academies of Child Okeford and Shillingstone, praying for their Heads (Jill & Jane), staff and families. Lord grant us joy in the faith, wisdom from learning, and love for a shared journey.*

Shillingstone CE VA Primary School

Child Okeford St Nicholas CE VA Primary School

**Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** Please pray for the Rt Revd William Mading Machar, Bishop of Maper in South Sudan.
18 January

Spire Hill, Blackmore Vale Deanery

Clergy: Richard Hancock, Belinda West. Pioneer Minister: Rachel Page. LLM: Judy Wait. LWLs: John Worth, Sue Bollen, Vinny Taylor.

We pray today and give thanks for the work with the Bumblebee outreach cafe at Stourton Candle and pray for the Jesus and Jam breakfast Club to be launched in February. We pray for our four parishes all struggling financially and particularly St Mary’s Stalbridge dealing with large maintenance challenges. We hope our new 10 year benefice plan leads to growth and more involvement in the community. We pray for the rest of our ministry team and for those exploring ministry. We pray for our sisters and brother at Stalbridge Congregational church and the good relationship that has been developed and their ministers Sandra and John. We pray for Stalbridge CofE School and all the staff and pupils and the Prayer Space we will run this term.

Stalbridge CE F Primary School

19 January

Stour Vale, Blackmore Vale Deanery

Clergy: Clare Dean. LLMs: Fiona Hedges, Carol Hibbert.

Please pray for all in need in our communities - the lonely, the sick, the bereaved, those struggling financially. For guidance and strength as we seek to tailor our ministry response to them. We particularly pray for our efforts to build on our ministry in Stower Provost School and the events in the local pubs.

20 January

Sturminster Newton, Hinton St Mary and Lydlinch, Blackmore Vale Deanery


Please pray for us as we seek to continue to bless our parishes in familiar and new ways, and grow together as a mutually supportive Benefice and part of the Pilgrim Group of Churches. Please pray for all who enable the life and witness of our church communities and for people to join them.
21 January – Third Sunday of Epiphany

Shaftesbury, Blackmore Vale Deanery

Clergy: Donna Gibbs, Helen Williams, Maggie Crosbie.

In Team Shaftesbury Benefice we would value prayers for our vision development which includes growing in vocation. And for our local schools and estates.

We give thanks for our Team Vicar Helen Williams, curate Maggie Crosbie

Shaftesbury CE VC Primary School
Motcombe CE VA Primary School
Shaftesbury The Abbey CE VA Primary School
Shaftesbury VC School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for The Church of South India (United)

22 January

Gillingham, Milton on Stour and Silton, Blackmore Vale Deanery

Clergy: Tim Heaton, Angus Mayhew. LLM: Barbara Priest.

We pray for a revival of lay ministry and service in our parishes during this vacancy, and we give thanks to God for all the laity who currently are working very hard to help keep the show on the road and to make Jesus known across the benefice.

Milton-on-Stour CE VA Primary School
Gillingham St Mary the Virgin CE VA School

23 January

HMP Guy’s Marsh

Please pray for all that work hard to make each day as calm and bearable as possible. For all the residents, staff, volunteers, that they may all find ways to help and support each other.

24 January

The Dean of Guernsey

The Very Revd Tim Barker.

Please pray for Tim in his ministry across the Bailiwick of Guernsey, and for wisdom in decisions about priorities and making best use of opportunities for Making Jesus Known.

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the Rt Revd Joseph Maker Atot, Bishop of Pacong in South Sudan.

25 January – Conversion of Paul

Alderney, Guernsey Deanery

Please pray for a good response to the advertisement for the next Vicar of Alderney and for the appointment of the right person for this very unusual post. Give thanks for the locum priests who are sustaining the ministry of word and sacrament in Alderney.
26 January

St Matthew, Cobo, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Gill Nobes, Jim Sykes.

*We pray for the process of review and revision of our parish mission action plan in 2024 as we look at how we may make Jesus known in our Parish.*

27 January

Forest, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Claire Claxton. LLM: Margaret Boden-Heaume.

*We thank God for the 'Churchyard for nature' project and the positive impact that has had on the environment.*

*We pray for those who have dementia as we explore ways of making our worship more user-friendly and offering support where needed.*

*We pray for creative and expert advice as we seek to improve the church social area.*

Forest Primary School

Le Rondin School & Centre

28 January – Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

St Andrew, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Tim Barker.

*Please pray for St Andrew’s church, situated in the centre of Guernsey, as we seek to develop the facilities in the parish church, to enable a better welcome to the whole community.*

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Please pray for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

29 January

St Martin, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Daniel Foot.

*Please pray for St Martins Church, Guernsey, as we prepare to launch our new family ministry - Bubble Church.*

30 January

St Peter Port (Town Church), Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Penny Graysmith, Peter Graysmith, Jill Mabire.

*Give thanks for our choral scholars, our Director of Music and all who enhance our worship by their faithful commitment.*

*Please pray for those who seek shelter here today, especially for those are homeless, hungry or in need of comfort.*
31 January

Holy Trinity, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Jon Honour.

Please pray for the church community as we seek to discern what it means to be a church that actively waits on divine action. Please pray for the gift of discernment, for our LLMs Bryan, Sarah and Eileen and also pray for the wider staff team. Please pray for Jon Honour (vicar) who is currently on sabbatical.

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the Rt Revd Gabriel Angok Arok, Assistant Bishop in Nimule, South Sudan.

1 February

St Stephen, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Joe Thompson, John Luff.

We pray that God continues to guide us as we look to rebuild the parish following three years of interregnum. We pray for our family ministry to really take hold and to see the introduction of younger adults into the mainstream life of the Church. We pray for our aging congregation and especially for those who are struggling with dementia. We pray for God’s blessing to be on all at St Stephen’s and for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of those outside of the Church that they may be drawn in through our loving service.

2 February – Presentation of Christ in the Temple

St Pierre du Bois, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy : Adrian Datta.

Please pray that we will live our core values of hospitality, hope and humour where we can prayerfully and lovingly include those whose paths bring them to this ancient spiritual place.

3 February

St Sampson and St Mary, Guernsey Deanery

St Mary - LLM: John Le Page.

We are still hoping that the position of Rector for St Mary’s is going to be filled. Prayers please for this.

4 February – Second Sunday before Lent

St Saviour and Torteval, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Mark Charmley, Tracy Charmley, Linda le Vasseur. LLM: Sarah-Jane Allen.

From 10th – 12th February our “Ignite” youth group for 11-18’s will be going to the island of Lihou, just off the coast of Guernsey for our annual weekend away. Please pray for the 12 young people and 3 leaders, it’s a massively key time away to work on relationships and faith.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for The Anglican Church of South America
5 February  
Castel, Guernsey Deanery 

Please pray for the Rt Revd Nick Drayson as he adjusts to his new ministry at Castel after years of service as a bishop in South America, and for the growth in numbers, spiritual depth and variety at the parish church of Ste Marie du Câstel.

6 February 
Vale, Guernsey Deanery 

Clergy: Bev Herve. 

We pray for the parishioners of the Vale, for those who have lost loved ones recently and all those who come to our door seeking the presence of Christ. As our newly commissioned LPA begins her ministry, we pray that she may be strengthened and guided in all she does.

7 February 
The Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey Deanery 

Chaplain: Linda Le Vasseur. 

Health and Social Care  Guernsey Chaplaincy team would like prayers re: Plans going forward for the new spiritual care centre. For more chaplaincy volunteers. For the setting up of a chaplaincy service at Le Mignot Hospital, Alderney. 

We would like to give thanks for the growing use of our service.

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the Rt Revd Peter Gatbel Kunen Lual, Bishop of Maiwut in South Sudan.

8 February 
Elizabeth College, Guernsey Deanery 

Clergy: Peter Graysmith. 

Please pray for the staff and students who are using our new wellbeing area as a spiritual space. Please pray also for the many young people whose views on matters of faith are frequently and unhelpfully influenced by social media.

9 February 
St John and Guernsey Prison, Guernsey Deanery 

Clergy: Solveig Sonet. 

Please pray for us as we continue to develop our outreach in the local community, giving thanks for the success of our Community Hedge Veg.

Pray for the various groups and meetings happening during the week, and for all who volunteer and work to make these happen. For God’s continued inspiration to help us raise funds for our East Window appeal. And for our Pastoral Team, our Licenced Lay Minister and Churchwardens Annette Stewart and Paul Chambers, and our vicar Solveig Sonet.
10 February

St Peter, Sark, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: David Stolton, Tim Barker, Lorraine Nicolle. LLM: Terry Archer.

Creator God, we thank you for your gift of Creation and pray that we will play our part in stewarding and caring for the Earth amongst the challenges of Climate Change. We especially pray for peoples on islands like ours, but where sea level changes threaten their futures. In Christ's name, Amen

11 February – Sunday next before Lent

The Assistant Archdeacon of Dorset

The Revd Canon Lucy Holt.

Please pray for both Lucy as Assistant Archdeacon and Archdeacon Penny as they continue to work out a pattern of working together. As we model collaboration in our leadership can we help others to Make Jesus Known in Dorset.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

12 February

Purbeck Deanery

Rural Dean: Richard Bartlett. Lay Chair: Vacant.

Please pray for the four benefices in Purbeck Deanery, as we support one another in mission and ministry.

Please pray for our Deanery Synod meeting next month as we meet to discuss ‘Making Jesus known’, and for the appointment of a new Deanery Lay Chair.

13 February

Swanage and Studland, Purbeck Deanery

Clergy: Ian Bird, Jo Levasier, Tony Higgins, Dave Richards.

Please pray for continuing development of relationships with Swanage schools. For our Team Lent Course that it will help develop stronger unity. Please give thanks for the continuing ministry of our wonderful retired clergy who serve in many different ways.

Swanage St Mark's CE VA Primary School
14 February – Ash Wednesday

Wareham, Purbeck Deanery


Please pray for Deborah Swann and Neil Kelly, recently licensed as Team Vicars to the parish of Wareham, that they will settle well and know God’s blessing on their ministry as they discern how best to make their job-share effective and fruitful. Especial prayers for Deborah as she also ministers as part-time chaplain to St Ann’s hospital, Poole.

Wareham St Mary CE VC Primary School
Sandford St Martin’s CE VA Primary School
Stoborough CE VA Primary School

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the Abdu Elnur Kodi, Bishop of Port Sudan in Sudan.

15 February

St Aldhelm, Purbeck Deanery

Clergy: Vacant, Nick Webb. House for Duty Associate Pioneer Priest: The Revd Lindy Cameron (to begin in April).

Please pray for the St Aldhelm Benefice in this time of vacancy for the post of Rector, and for good new beginnings for our House for Duty Pioneer Priest, Lindy, who will join us in April. Heavenly Father, Be with all those who read the profile for our new Rector and help them as they reflect on whether this is the right place for them to serve you. Be with our benefice through this period of vacancy and new beginnings, and may your Holy Spirit guide all those involved in the selection process, as we endeavour to discern whom you are calling to serve alongside us in this place as our new Rector. Amen

Corfe Castle CE VC Primary Academy
Langton Matravers St George’s CE VA Primary School

16 February

West Purbeck, Purbeck Deanery

Clergy: Richard Bartlett, Jenny Alidina, Sandra Williams, David Chillman.

Please pray for our benefice wide Lent courses which begin this week, that they may bring opportunities for people from across our seven churches to grow together in fellowship and love, and deepen our faith and understanding.

Lulworth & Winfrith CE VC Primary School
Wool CE VA Primary School
17 February

**Milton and Blandford Deanery**

Rural Dean: David Miell. ARD: Carolyn Couzens. Lay Chair: Lizzie Patterson.

*We give thanks for the new projects which we are hoping to support in partnership with Bishop Emmanuel and the Diocese of Rokon, South Sudan. Please pray for us as we begin to review our Deanery Plan in the light of ongoing pastoral reorganisation and the Diocesan Vision & Priorities.*

**18 February – First Sunday of Lent**

**Blandford Forum and Langton Long, Milton and Blandford Deanery**


*Pray for mission and ministry activities amongst Children and Families (inc School's Work), Youth and Seniors and the continued growth of our year old 11am Contemporary Congregation. For the successful recruitment of a Children and Families Minister. Continued momentum in making our church building fit for ongoing mission.*

Blandford Milldown CE Academy

Blandford Archbishop Wake CE VA Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Please pray for Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

**19 February**

**Chase, Milton and Blandford Deanery**

Clergy: David Miell, Henriet Miell. LLMs: Pat Harris, Carol Neilson.

*We give thanks for the supportive relationships that have sustained the parishes of this benefice over many years. We pray for discernment as a 3-year period of transition in pastoral reorganisation draws towards its closing stages and new partnerships in mission and ministry begin to bear fruit.*

**20 February**

**Iwerne Valley, Milton and Blandford Deanery**

Clergy: David John.

*Prayers please for the new benefice prayer initiative and the 'Making Jesus known' - 'Could it be true' Mission 2024 which I am hoping to get up and running.*

Fontmell Magna St Andrew's CE VA Primary School
21 February

Pimperne, Stourpaine, Durweston and Bryanston, Milton and Blandford Deanery

Clergy: David Miell, Henriet Miell. LLMs: Martin Richley, Penny Wallis.

*We give thanks for our continued ministry in our primary schools, in Pimperne and Durweston, and for our Foundation Governors. We pray for our trainees on the Lay Pastoral Assistants course, and for discernment in the appointment of a new Priest in Charge and the formation of a new benefice with neighbouring parishes.*

Durweston CE VA Primary School

Pimperne CE VC Primary School

**Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** Please pray for the Rt Revd Isaac Ephraim, Bishop of Ezo in South Sudan.

22 February

Red Post, Milton and Blandford Deanery

Clergy: Jane Williams, Caroline Chichester, Nigel Feaver.

*Please pray for the Red Post Benefice, our vicar, Jane Williams, retired priests Caroline Chichester and Nigel Feaver and all who minister across our churches and schools as we explore together what it means to ‘Make Jesus Known’ across our communities in 2024.*

23 February

Sixpenny Handley with Gussage St Andrew & Pentridge, Milton and Blandford Deanery

Clergy: David Miell, Henriet Miell.

*We give thanks for the continued ministry of our weekly café in church. Please pray for us as we look forward to filling the post of part-time Priest in Charge of the Benefice and for discernment in the formation of a new benefice with neighbouring parishes.*

24 February

Spetisbury with Charlton Marshall and Blandford St Mary, Milton and Blandford Deanery

Clergy: Carolyn Couzens, Steve Atkins, John Goodall. LLMs: Jane Griffin, Tony Parker, Osbert Tun Pe.

*Please pray for all the parishes as we work together, for a deepening of faith through our Lent Course and a blessing on the communities we are in.*

Spetisbury Hall & Sloper's CE VA Primary School

Blandford St Mary CE VA Primary School
25 February – Second Sunday of Lent

Winterborne Valley and Milton Abbas, Milton & Blandford Deanery

Clergy: Lewis Pearson, Jimmy Hamilton-Brown. LLM: Peter Wells.

Please pray that we will be attentive to the way that God is at work across our 6 rural communities. Please also pray for us as we explore new ways to engage with children and families in our context including links with Dunbury School and Milton Abbey School.

Dunbury Church of England Academy

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania

26 February

Wimborne Deanery

Rural Dean: Andrew Rowland. ARD: Jane Burgess. Lay Chair: Gillian Clarke.

Pray for the Parishes of Wimborne Deanery, and all our peoples Lay and Ordained as we work together to make our Lord Jesus Christ Known and serve all in His name

27 February

Alderholt, Wimborne Deanery

Clergy: Simon Woodley, David Dennis.

Give thanks that our Messy Church family is growing and ask for God’s help as we trying to deepen their fellowship and connection. Our children and families worker’s job will be renewed if generous giving allows, and we are exploring joining the Inclusive Church network.

Alderholt  St James’ CE VC First School

28 February

Canford Magna, Wimborne Deanery

Clergy: Mike Tufnell, Matt Smith, Peter Myres, Ralph Goldenberg, Bob Payne, Andrew Corke, Mike Pavlou, Anne Gee, Andrew Simpson. LLM: David Wells and several LPAs, LWLs, LPMs and LPW.

Please pray for our churches as we seek to grow disciples and make Jesus known, in word and deed and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Praise God for new believers and adult baptisms at the end of January. Pray also for the children’s outreach work at St Bs in Bearwood being led by Hannah Tarring our newly appointed Children and Families worker.

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the Rt Revd Peter Yuol Gur, Bishop of Tonj in South Sudan.
29 February

Colehill, Wimborne Deanery

Clergy: Suzanne Pattle, Martin Collett.

Please pray for Churchwardens Hilary and Graham, for PTO Priest Revd Martin Collett, for LWLs John and Jenny Spatchet, Graham Kewley, Hilary Gooding, and for LPAs Richard Ely, Barbara King, Liz White and Rod Chapman.

Pray for Headteacher Darren Ayling and all staff, pupils and parents at St Michael’s Middle School.

Pray for relationships with the wider community: for new volunteers to come forward to help run our community cafe and for all the parents and carers who attend our Cherubs Toddler Group.

Colehill St Michael's CE Middle School