

Cycle of Prayer

01 - 31 August 2025

01 August 2025

Stalybridge St Paul

Clergy: Revd Emma Handley

Lay Workers: Mr John Clements, Mrs Jacintha Manchester, Mrs Helen Whitelegg

Anglican Communion: Niger Delta North, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

2 August 2025

Stalybridge St Paul's C of E School

Anglican Communion: Niger Delta West, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

3 August 2025

The God who fulfils

'He satisfies the hungry soul and fills the hungry soul with good.' Psalm 107: 8

Psalm 107 describes for us God's eagerness to rescue and restore those who are in trouble.

In the first part we see people lost in the desert, with no place to settle, hungry and thirsty.

It is a vivid picture of genuine physical need, but also a picture of the spiritual or emotional

needs we experience. We too face times when we feel lost or unsettled or fearful that our

needs will not be met. In these times it is a deep blessing to hear again about God's desire to

meet us with love and generosity. He satisfies those deepest longings, by his Spirit, through

His church, through the goodness of the world that he has created.

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ your son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Anglican Communion: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

4 August 2025

Tintwistle

Clergy: Revd Bruce Perrin

Lay Workers: Mrs Joyce Blundell

For growth in faith and trust of all who worship, and to find where Jesus is leading us next.

Anglican Communion: Niger West, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

5 August 2025

Tintwistle C of E School

Anglican Communion: Nike, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

6 August 2025

Ashton Hayes

Clergy: Revd Dr Phillip Weston

Lay Workers: Dr Alan Dowen, Mrs Margaret Papworth

For Richard Groves and Melanie Webb as they join our ministry team as a new Occasional
Worship Leader (OWL) and Placement Ordinand respectively.

Anglican Communion: Nimule, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

7 August 2025

Barrow

Clergy: Revd Julian Osborne

Lay Workers: Mr Martin Welch

Anglican Communion: Nnewi, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

8 August 2025

Barrow C of E School

Anglican Communion: Northern Izon, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

9 August 2025

Chester St John the Baptist

Lay Workers: Mr Keith Allen

Anglican Communion: the Northern Territory, The Anglican Church of Australia

10 August 2025

The God who calls

The Lord, the most mighty God has spoken
and called the world from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth;
our God comes and will not keep silence.' Psalm 50: 1 – 2

It has been my experience that the more commanding I try to appear, the more ridiculous I am. Imagining that my words alone carry weight, simply because I say them, is deluded. But not so for God. The Psalm set for today describes how God's spoke and called the whole world in to being, from the rising of the sun to its setting. God continues to work in the world, being present and active, he is not holed up in heaven, watching from a distance. And he continues to speak: the Psalmist wants us to know that the creative power of God is still transforming the created order. And this makes sense of our praying. As one writer said – by prayer we move the hand that moves the world. Perhaps our words can have more effect than I earlier said...

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Anglican Communion: Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

11 August 2025

Chester Holy Trinity Without-the-Walls (Blacon)

Clergy: Revd Tina Upton

Lay Workers: Mr Sarah Dutton, Mrs Lindsay Tanner

Please pray for our Outreach to local families through holiday meal and activities each week, for Sue and all the volunteers, and for grace-filled Spirit-led Kingdom-focussed conversations throughout.

Anglican Communion: Norwich, The Church of England

12 August 2025

Chester St Mary Without-the-Walls (Handbridge)

Clergy: Revd Antony Dutton

Lay Workers: Miss Linda Manning

Anglican Communion: Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, The Anglican Church of Canada

13 August 2025

Overleigh St Mary's C of E School

Anglican Communion: Nsukka, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

14 August 2025

Chester St Paul with St Luke

Clergy: Revd Canon Andy Stinson

Lay Workers: Mrs Jenny Gilbertson, Mr John Somerville, Mr Keith Taggart, Mrs Marian Watts
Lord Jesus, you called the children to come to you, help grow our work with children and their families that they may learn to follow you. Amen.

Anglican Communion: Nyahururu, The Anglican Church of Kenya

15 August 2025

Christleton

Clergy: Revd Dr Stefan Collier

Lay Workers: Mrs Lesley Morgan

For funding, energy, and wisdom as we seek to deliver the church development project in 2026. For the development of vocations and vision and gift of your Spirit as we step into emerging future.

Anglican Communion: Nyamlel, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

16 August 2025

Dodleston

Clergy: Revd Hana Amner

Anglican Communion: Nyang, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

17 August 2025

The God who nurtures

'Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,
And the branch that you made so strong for yourself.' Psalm 80: 12

The writer of the today's Psalm uses a familiar picture for Israel – they are a vine, taken from Egypt, planted in the land, bearing fruit for God and as a blessing to the nations around them. It is a picture of life and growth and purpose. And it is a picture that John's gospel takes up and applies to the church, finding its life in connection with Jesus. This is good for us to see, as the church of God in our particular communities. We are established by him in these places, we are given life by him, we find our purpose in serving him, we make a difference as

we bear fruit for him. So with the Psalmist we pray that God would cherish and nurture us, so we can bear good fruit of love and generosity, and by it would bless the communities that we serve.

Almighty God,
who sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church:
open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit
in love and joy and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Anglican Communion: The Scottish Episcopal Church

18 August 2025

Dodleston C of E Primary School

Dear Lord, We thank You for the gift of Dodleston Church of England Primary School—for its warmth, its joy, and the strong bonds that knit it into the heart of the village. Bless all who learn and teach here. May every child feel safe, valued, and cher

Anglican Communion: Southern Nyanza, The Anglican Church of Kenya

19 August 2025

Eccleston & Pulford

Clergy: Revd Dr Steve Torr

Lay Workers: Mrs Jeanette Howe

Anglican Communion: Nzara, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

20 August 2025

Eccleston C of E School

Anglican Communion: Del Occidental, La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

21 August 2025

Guilden Sutton

Anglican Communion: Offa, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

22 August 2025

Guilden Sutton C of E School

Anglican Communion: Ogbaru, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

23 August 2025

Hoole

Clergy: Revd Craig Gaudion

Lay Workers: Ms Vicki Bulgin, Mr Bill Holt, Mrs Tina Trevett, Canon Dr Jeff Turnbull

Anglican Communion: Ogbia, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

24 August 2025

The God of all ages

'Upon you have I leaned from my birth,
When you drew me from my mother's womb;
My praise shall be always of you.'
Psalm 71:6

One Christian writer describes Psalm 71 as 'A Psalm for old age'. It certainly contains a lot about the past, as the Psalmist remembers his youth and looks back to the time of his birth. He is anxious, feeling oppressed and uncertain. Maybe many of us feel this, and more and more as the years pass and we our strength and influence diminishes. But in these changing times the Psalmist is very encouraged by looking to the past: he sees there unchanging and deeply reassuring realities. God is a rock on whom he can rely today, just as he did when he was a powerless child. In our prayer we rely on God even for our praying. Let us learn to lean on him today, and everyday.

Let your merciful ears, O Lord,
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions
make them to ask such things as shall please you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Anglican Communion: Church of the Province of South East Asia

25 August 2025

Hoole C of E School

Anglican Communion: Ogbomoso, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

26 August 2025

Kelsall

Clergy: Revd Susan Banks

Lay Workers: Mr John Diggle

Anglican Communion: Ogoni, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

27 August 2025

Lache cum Saltney

Clergy: Revd Hennie Johnston, Revd Simon Chesters, Revd Kathryn Elmore

Anglican Communion: Ogorimagongo, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

28 August 2025

Plemstall

Anglican Communion: Ohaji / Egbema, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

29 August 2025

Tarvin

Clergy: Revd Adam Friend, Revd Barbara King

Lay Workers: Mrs Mary Burgess, Mr Colin Haworth, Mrs Jo Richard, Miss June Willis

Anglican Communion: Ohio, The Episcopal Church

30 August 2025

Dutton St Peter's C of E School

Anglican Communion: Southern Ohio, The Episcopal Church

31 August 2025

The God of surprising blessing

'Israel would I feed with the finest wheat
and with honey from the rock would I satisfy them.'
Psalm 81: 16

As Israel walked through the wilderness, God showed his power by providing water from a stone. Here is something even better – honey from a rock. Even in hard times, even when it seems unlikely, God is able to provide for his people. And he provides more than just a bare life sustaining minimum. Here is the finest wheat – literally the fat of the wheat – used for the best bread. And here is honey, both sweet and energy giving. As we reach the end of this month and, for some, thoughts turn to the start of an academic year, we pray that we would experience the mercy and pity of God, the chief expressions of his sovereign power.

O God, you declare your almighty power
most chiefly in showing mercy and pity:
mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace,
that we, running the way of your commandments,
may receive your gracious promises,
and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Anglican Communion: The Church of South India (United)