

Cycle of Prayer

01 - 30 November 2025

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Norton St Berteline's C of E School

Anglican Communion: Popondota, The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

02 November 2025

All Saints Day

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.' Luke 6: 27 – 28

On All Saints Day, celebrated by some today, we remember the fellowship of the church, across time and place. In particular we thank God for those who have gone before, looking to their lives of faith as an example and an encouragement. In our fractious and anxious age, it is very easy for us to be drawn into anger or self pity. But the lives of the saints remind us of a better way. St Stephen, praying for those who stoned him, Corrie Ten Boom praying for her guards in Auschwitz, Christian de Cherge, a Cistercian monk who wrote a letter of blessing to the terrorist who he knew would shortly kill him. These are extraordinary examples, from extreme times, but they remind us how wonderfully God is able to work in us and through us. May we be the loving light of Christ to our troubled world.

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace to so follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love 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: The Church of the Province of West Africa,

03 November 2025

Runcorn, All Saints

Clergy: Revd Karen Andrews, Revd Jill Elston

Anglican Communion: Portsmouth, The Church of England

04 November 2025

Runcorn All Saints C of E School

Anglican Communion: Pretoria, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

05 November 2025

Runcorn, Holy Trinity

Lay Worker: Revd Jill Elston

Anglican Communion: Puerto Rico, The Episcopal Church

06 November 2025

Runcorn Weston, St John

Clergy: Revd Karen Andrews

Lay Workers: Mrs Lyn Blackmore, Mr Terry Hawes, Mrs Margaret Hodgkinson

Anglican Communion: Pune, The Church of North India (United)

07 November 2025

Runcorn, St Michael and All Angels

Clergy: Revd George Roach, Revd Helen Browne, Revd Gill Younger

Please Pray for St Michael & All Angels, and the Clergy Fr. George Roach, Revd's Helen Browne and Gill Younger who are leading the church on an Journey of growth, with new disciples growing strongly in Jesus Christ.

Anglican Communion: Pungue River, Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

08 November 2025

Thornton-le-Moors with Ince & Elton, St James the Great and Elton Church Hall

Clergy: Mr John Hellewell

Lay Workers: Mrs Nicola Brown, Mr Simon Eardley, Mrs Karen Hellewell

Anglican Communion: Pyay, The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

09 November 2025

Remembrance Sunday

'For I know that my redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.' Job 19:25

In many places around us the earth is scarred by violence. We are all too familiar with seeing destroyed cities in Gaza and Ukraine, of plundered villages in Myanmar and eastern Congo. The ruins of homes, hospitals, roads and factories are a reflection of the much greater harm done to bodies, families and communities. On Remembrance Sunday we fall silent, to mourn these innumerable losses, to repent of the selfishness that causes it, to express gratitude for the sacrifices that have brought some measure of peace, and pray for God's true and lasting peace, looking forward to the day when the redeemer will stand again upon this ravaged earth and bring healing.

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your believed Son, the King of all;
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
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 in the Province of the West Indies

10 November 2025

Crowton, Christ Church

Lay Workers: Dr Anne Davidson Lund

We give thanks for the joy of the recent Harvest and the sharing of God's gifts throughout our benefice and beyond. We pray for God to guide the minister who will come to lead, shepherd and inspire us as we look to the future in hope. May God bless our

Anglican Communion: Qu'Appelle, The Anglican Church of Canada

11 November 2025

Crowton Christ Church C of E School

Loving God, We thank You for the gift of our school community. For our children, staff, families and governors. Bless our learning, guide our teaching and help us to grow together in faith, hope and love. May our school be a place of joy, curiosity and

Anglican Communion: Quebec, The Anglican Church of Canada

12 November 2025

Blessed Carlo Acutis RC/C of E High School

Anglican Communion: North Queensland, The Anglican Church of Australia

13 November 2025

Stockport and Brinnington, St Mary, St Luke's Parish Centre of Worship, St Thomas and St Andrew

Clergy: Revd Chris Blunt, Revd Andrew Crook

Lay Worker: Mrs Brenda Baxendale

Anglican Communion: Raiwind, The Church of Pakistan (United)

14 November 2025

Offerton, St Alban and St John

Clergy: Revd Marie Flint, Revd Debbie Kelly

Anglican Communion: Rajasthan, The Church of North India (United)

15 November 2025

Edgeley and Cheadle Heath, St Matthew

Clergy: Revd Jeb Beatty

Lay Workers: Mrs Heather Adams, Mr David Brown

Anglican Communion: Rayalaseema, The Church of South India (United)

16 November 2025

Safer churches

'Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right' 2 Thessalonians 3: 13

In today's epistle reading Paul addresses a fairly narrow issue – how the church should challenge people who have stopped working and are relying on others to feed them. He concludes with this more general instruction – do not be weary in doing what is right. The instruction implies many things: that doing what is right may not be easy; that we are good at being good for a while, but less good at being good consistently; that it is sometimes necessary to encourage each other to do the right thing, as Paul encourages these Christians. These all apply to our safeguarding practice. We know that growing a safer church is a good and right thing to be doing: it is about positive and beneficial culture change, about developing all of us, not condemning a few, about growing churches that can welcome all people safely. But at times it can feel like hard work, for PSO's and clergy, for PCC's, for those undertaking training and reviewing policies. But even if it is hard we should not be weary, that is discouraged or lacking in motivation. Remember how good this safeguarding work is, how it reflects and honours the character of God. Do not be weary in doing what is right!

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;

that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Anglican Communion: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria,

17 November 2025

Edgeley St Matthews C of E School

Anglican Communion: Recife, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

18 November 2025

Stockport, St Saviour

Clergy: Revd Jessica Piper

Lay Worker: Mrs Madeleine Watts

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

19 November 2025

Stockport St Thomas' C of E School

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

20 November 2025

Stockport, St George

Clergy: Revd Jane Crook, Revd Dr Jenny McKay

Lay Workers: Dr Alan Brown, Mrs Sue Cordingley, Mr Peter Hall, Mr Andrea Millington, Mrs Rita Waters

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

21 November 2025

Stockport St George's C of E School

Anglican Communion: Rhode Island, The Episcopal Church

22 November 2025

Norbury Hazel Grove, St Thomas

Clergy: Revd Dr Heidi Munn

Lay Workers: Mr Peter Cheslett, Mr Richard Crocker, Mrs Val Gilchrist, Dr Nick Munn

Anglican Communion: Rift Valley, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

23 November 2025

Christ the King

'The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous branch and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land' Jeremiah 23: 5

Today is stir up Sunday. It is by tradition the day when people stir their Christmas pudding before cooking it and soaking it for weeks. (Some people like to soak for longer, and are today stirring next years pudding!) The post communion prayer below combines stirring and fruit and plenteous reward, so fits well with pudding making. But in the prayer it is the pudding makers who are to be stirred, by the quiet working of God inside us. And perhaps we are also stirred by recognition of the rule of Jesus Christ, on this Feast of Christ the King, the ending of the church's year. 'The liturgical year which begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty' says the Church of Eng-

land All Saints to Advent resource. And as we see and experience his rule more fully, we are stirred up to work for greater justice and righteousness in the world.

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia,

24 November 2025

Daresbury, All Saints and Milner Church Institute

Clergy: Revd Jo Mackriell

Lay Workers: Mr James Baird, Mr Gavin Hall, Mr Simon Lomas, Mrs Linda Mill, Mrs Jocelyn Squires

Anglican Communion: Riverina, The Anglican Church of Australia

25 November 2025

Grappenhall, St Wilfrid

Clergy: Revd Mark Orrell, Revd Kate Pwaisiho

Lay Workers: Mrs Christine Hunter, Mrs Margaret Kitchen, Mr John Prytherch, Mrs Gill White

Anglican Communion: Rochester (England), The Church of England

26 November 2025

Grappenhall St Wilfrid's C of E School

Anglican Communion: Rochester (USA), The Episcopal Church

27 November 2025

Great Budworth, St Mary and All Saints, St Marys Chapel

Clergy: Revd Alec Brown, Revd Christina Westwell

Anglican Communion: Rockhampton, The Anglican Church of Australia

28 November 2025

Great Budworth C of E School

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

29 November 2025

Latchford, Christ Church

Clergy: Revd Rob Icke

Lay Workers: Mr Ian Burton-Baddeley

Anglican Communion: Rorya, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

30 November 2025

Advent Sunday

'The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light.' Romans 13: 12

It is that time of year, the long nights, the cold and the wet, when getting up in the morning can be a trial. How hard it is to grope for the light switch, to get out from under the covers, to hurry into your slippers and dressing gown. But good news, it will brighten up, the light will come and we must get dressed - there is clothing fitting for the day. This daily ritual, so familiar as to be unquestioned, is Paul's picture of our preparation for the return of Jesus

Christ. On this Advent Sunday, this is where our thoughts are fixed. We start to live now in way that is fitting for the presence of Jesus. The clothing is armour – Paul is warning us that this may not always be easy! But it is armour of light, made of the love and justice of the coming King of heaven. So what will you wear today?

Almighty God,
give us grace that we may 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 quick and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Australia