

Cycle of Prayer

01 - 31 July 2025

01 July 2025

Birkenhead, St James with St Bede

Clergy: Revd Keith Addenbrooke, Revd Jane Addenbrooke

Today our vicar attends a meeting of the "Cradle to Career" partnership serving our community. Thank you for all such opportunities to work with other local organisations to bless everyone in our parishes.

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

02 July 2025

Birkenhead, Christ Church

Revd Dan Harris

Lay Workers: Mrs Jackie Harness, Mis Judith Newburn

Anglican Communion: Natal, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

03 July 2025

Birkenhead, Christ Church C of E School

Anglican Communion: Navajoland, The Episcopal Church

04 July 2025

Oxton, St Saviour and St Andrew

Lay Worker: Mrs Amy Davies

Praying with Oxton, St Saviour's Church, as we prepare to greet our new incumbent, Rev Marc Wolverson and his wife Julie. We also pray for our new Church school Headteacher, Mrs Louise Grant-Jones, as a new chapter opens within our Parish.

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

05 July 2025

Oxton, St Saviour's C of E School

Anglican Communion: Nebbi, The Church of the Province of Uganda

06 July 2025

A Church of all peoples

'So Naaman went down and immersed seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God and he was clean.' 2 Kings 5: 14

Today's Old Testament reading tells the story of Naaman, the commander of the Aramean army, who was healed from leprosy when he did what the prophet Elisha told him and washed in the Jordan in Israel. Naaman had been unwilling to receive help from his enemies, but his servants encouraged him to overcome his pride. The story is one of many occasions in the Bible that God is shown to be the God of the whole world, with healing and grace for any who will receive it. How mistaken we are to think that God's grace belongs particularly to our own group or culture, but how persistently we do so. Our Diocesan strategy encourages us to be broader, to put aside pride and to live as a Church of all people. And so we pray today's collect, for ourselves and for all in our communities, of all races and backgrounds, that our Church might also be their Church.

Almighty God,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that we and all creation may be brought
to the glorious liberty of the children of God;
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 Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

07 July 2025

Prenton, St Stephen

Clergy: Revd Matt Graham

Lay Workers: Mr Peter Earp, Mr Brian McEvoy, Miss Brenda Tollady, Miss Anne Wise

Anglican Communion: Nebraska, The Episcopal Church

08 July 2025

Rock Ferry, St Peter

Clergy: Revd John Naudé, Revd Sam Rowan

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

09 July 2025

Tranmere, St Catherine

Clergy: Revd James Terry

Pray for young people going on Christian Ventures this summer, pray their faith would be encouraged through these residential holidays. Pray for those going as helpers and leaders, for God to strengthen them in his service.

Anglican Communion: Nevada, The Episcopal Church

10 July 2025

Tranmere, St Paul with St Luke

Lay Workers: Miss Beryl Smith, Mr Robert Vague, Mrs Carol Vague

Anglican Communion: New Bussa, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

11 July 2025

Woodchurch, Holy Cross

Clergy: Revd Sister Janet Arnold

Lay Worker: Mrs Susan Mountford

For all the staff & pupils in the parish's 12 centres of education, especially Woodchurch Primary and High schools, as the holidays begin; for our outreach Community Heritage Open Da, 13th September and preparations for an Angel Festival near Christmas.

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

12 July 2025

Woodchurch C of E School

Anglican Communion: New Hampshire, The Episcopal Church

13 July 2025

A Church of all backgrounds

'But a Samaritan while travelling came near; and when he was him, he was moved with pity.'

Luke 10: 33

Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan to a religious lawyer who wanted to test him, exploring the limits of the law of love. Jesus's answer challenges human selfishness today just as it did then. Our neighbour, Jesus said, is anyone in need, whatever their background or circumstances, and to love our neighbour means to show them unending generosity. We are challenged to look at our parishes and to consider who is not in our church. Will we welcome and include people we feel distant from, people who live in a different part of town or have a different background? Jesus would have us go even further: will we show this with our generosity, in money, time and care and in changing what we do to make sure that they too find a home? Today's collect is a prayer for God to help us to do this: that he would be our ruler and our guide, and that we would live today in the way of heaven.

O God the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lost not our hold on things eternal:
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
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 North India (United),

14 July 2025

Woodchurch High School

Please pray for our pupils and staff at Woodchurch High School, that they may continue to live out our school vision of Matthew 5:16. May our learning community be one where each individual recognises their value and worth and is encouraged to flourish in

Anglican Communion: New Jersey, The Episcopal Church

15 July 2025

Dukinfield, St John

Clergy: Revd Tim Hayes

Lay Worker: Miss Pat Bradshaw

Anglican Communion: New Westminster, The Anglican Church of Canada

16 July 2025

Dukinfield, St John's C of E School

Anglican Communion: Central New York, The Episcopal Church

17 July 2025

Dukinfield, St Mark

Clergy: Revd Jenny Dunlop, Revd Karl Williams

Lay Worker: Ms Chantelle Tunnicliffe

Anglican Communion: Newala, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

18 July 2025

Gee Cross, Holy Trinity

Clergy: Revd Canon Helen Scarisbrick

Lay Workers: Mrs Katy Jones, Mrs Tracey Millican, Mrs Wendy Slinger, Mrs Wendy Stockton

Anglican Communion: Newark, The Episcopal Church

19 July 2025

Gee Cross, Holy Trinity C of E School

Anglican Communion: Newcastle (Australia), The Anglican Church of Australia

20 July 2025

A church of all abilities

'He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.' Colossians 1: 18

The Church really isn't our Church. While it sometimes makes sense to use the word 'our', it is clear from today's epistle reading that the ruler and the source of the Church is Jesus Christ. We make up the church, we are the entities of which the church is formed. So it is strange for us to decide, explicitly or by assumption, who can fully belong. Disabled and neurodivergent people often find it hard to play a full part in the life of the Church: the way we arrange our activities throws up barriers and hurdles. Our Diocesan strategy is explicitly encouraging us to be broader, to change our buildings, practices and attitudes so that everyone can play their part. We need each other, but more importantly, we all belong to Christ's Church.

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:
Hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
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: The Church of Pakistan (United),

21 July 2025

Hattersley, St Barnabas

Clergy: Revd Sam Durdant-Hollamby

Lay Worker: Mrs Pam Whittaker

Those being baptised on July 20th, and our church trip to New Wine.

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

22 July 2025

Hollingworth, St Mary

Clergy: Revd Bruce Perrin

Lay Workers: Mrs Joyce Blundell, Mrs Jan Malpas

For continued growth in numbers and relationships through our warm spaces ministries, and for the provision that we need not just to survive, but to flourish as a Jesus centered community.

Anglican Communion: Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, The Anglican Church of Canada

23 July 2025

Hyde, St George with St Thomas

Clergy: Revd Jeremy Bentliff

Lay Workers: Mr Barbara Hollington, Mr David Hollington, Mrs Marjorie Trueman

Anglican Communion: Central Newfoundland, The Anglican Church of Canada

24 July 2025

Hyde, St George's C of E School

Anglican Communion: Western Newfoundland, The Anglican Church of Canada

25 July 2025

Millbrook, St James

Clergy: Revd Gary Kennaugh

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

26 July 2025

Mottram-in-Longdendale, St Michael and St Mary Magdalene

Clergy: Revd Adele Bridle

Lay Workers: Mr Mick Boyle, Mr Allen Standeven

For those being baptised and confirmed and those exploring faith in Jesus. For children and young people. That we may be one in Christ.

Anglican Communion: Niagara, The Anglican Church of Canada

27 July 2025

A Church of all ages

'As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thankfulness.' Colossians 1: 6-7

Today we continue in Paul's letter to the Church in Colosse. He had maybe not met them face to face – it seems to have been one of his friends who founded the Church. But Paul knows that they need to hear: they need to be encouraged to keep Jesus Christ at the centre of their lives. There are vivid pictures here – they are a plant with roots in Christ, they are a building growing higher in him. These imply a long life lived in Christ and that there is a place for people of every age. Our diocesan strategy encourages us to be a younger church, not because older people are less valued, but because younger people are so often absent. Our churches are to serve a lifetime of faith, and we all have a role in helping one another, whatever our ages, to continue in Christ.

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,

may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea,

28 July 2025

Mottram C of E School

Anglican Communion: Niassa, Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

29 July 2025

Broadbottom C of E School

Anglican Communion: Nicaragua, Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

30 July 2025

Newton in Mottram with Flowery Field, St Mary

Clergy: Revd Sheila O'Flaherty

Lay Worker: Mrs Linda Marshall

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

31 July 2025

Stalybridge, Holy Trinity

Clergy: Revd Gary Kennaugh, Revd Charlie Laver

Lay Workers: Mr Barry Edge, Mr Chris Gascoigne, Mr Clive Hustwick

Please pray for the plans for September's Alpha course, all church family attending New Wine to have a powerful encounter with God. For our young people away on summer camps to grow in their walk with Jesus.

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

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