

Cycle of Prayer

01 - 31 October 2025

01 October 2025

Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon, St Peter

Clergy: Revd Paul North

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

02 October 2025

Nantwich, St Mary

Clergy: Revd Dr Mark Hart, Revd Dorothy Woods

Lay Workers: Mrs Mary Harris, Mr Paul Ramsey

Anglican Communion: Oxford, The Church of England

03 October 2025

Weston, All Saints and St Mark

Lay Workers: Mrs Gaynor Brace, Mrs Margaret Hodgkinson

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

04 October 2025

Wistaston, St Mary the Virgin and St Luke

Clergy: Revd Mike Turnbull

Lay Workers: Mrs Rachael Rivers, Mrs Ann Stubbs

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

05 October 2025

Harvest Sunday

'Jesus answered them, 'Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.'" John 6:26 – 27

Today's lectionary readings bring together the physical and spiritual, recognising that both come from the creative and saving will of God. At the EcoChurch Celebration Day that took place in the cathedral yesterday, people from across the diocese were expressing their wonder and gladness at God's creating work, and their determination to reverse the damage we are causing the environment. In John's gospel, the crowd of 5000 had eaten well and rightly recognised that God, in Jesus, had provided for them. But Jesus will not have them stop there – seek spiritual food, he said, seek the Giver as well as the Gift. This was the refrain of the Old Testament - at the Harvest to pour out praise to God and to lift him in their thinking and speaking and living. At our Harvest we thank God for providing for us, so extravagantly and consistently. We also pray that we would recognise our true purpose not in our own pleasure and comfort, but in the glory of God, and reflect His generosity in the care and generosity of our lives.

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and give us the fruits of the earth in their season;
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Tanzania

06 October 2025

St Oswald's, Worleston C of E School

Dear Lord, We pray for St Oswald's school and community. May we grow as a family in love, nurture and understanding as we welcome new children and support our families. May our new woodland area be a place where we can learn about your world and grow together. Amen

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

07 October 2025

Wrenbury, St Margaret

Clergy: Revd Amanda Pike

Lay Workers: Mrs Elizabeth Falding, Mrs Cynthia Gorton, Dr Roger Howarth, Mrs Debbie Rowlands

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

08 October 2025

Wybunbury, St Chad

Clergy: Revd Alison Fulford, Revd Jill Russell

Lay Worker: Mrs Anne Draper

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

09 October 2025

Wybunbury Delves C of E School

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

10 October 2025

Stapeley Broad Lane C of E School

Anglican Communion: Paraguay, The Anglican Church of South America

11 October 2025

Wettenhall, St David

Clergy: Revd Anne Lawson

Lay Workers: Mrs Isobel Burnley, Mrs Ann Nicholas

Anglican Communion: Paraná, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

12 October 2025

A tale of two cities

'Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find welfare.' Jeremiah 29:7

The Christian is often described as being an exile – someone who has a home in the city of heaven but now live in another place. To be in exile is to be unsettled and vulnerable, as so many in our country experience at the moment. But how does the Christian in spiritual exile live? Just waiting, turned in and marking time till we get to God and home? Through Jeremiah God told his exiled people to seek the welfare of the city they found themselves – sent there by God, praying and working for its wellbeing. And in the famous prayer of St Augustine that is today's collect we are encouraged to pray for ourselves, that the love of God poured into our hearts will sustain us and enable us to do this. We pray that we would be looking ahead, serving those around and strengthened by God within.

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last you your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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 Uganda

13 October 2025

Warmingham, St Leonard

Clergy: Revd Paul North

Lay Worker: Mrs Helan Isherwood

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

14 October 2025

Warmingham C of E School

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

15 October 2025

Wheelock, Christ Church

Clergy: Revd Dr Jane Lloyd

Lay Workers: Mrs Patricia Baker, Mr Carleton Morris, Mrs Anne Thompson

Anglican Communion: Pelotas, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

16 October 2025

Alvanley and Manley, St John the Evangelist

Anglican Communion: Pennsylvania, The Episcopal Church

17 October 2025

Dunham-on-the-Hill

Clergy: Revd Noel McGarrigle

Anglican Communion: Central Pennsylvania, The Episcopal Church

18 October 2025

Frodsham, St Laurence and Foxhill Chapel

Clergy: Revd Elaine Attack

Lay Worker: Mr Andrew Rudd

We pray for our "Giving in Grace" scheme, giving thanks to all who contribute. Plans to install new heating. Our continued mission here as a team - welcoming and bringing the love of Christ to all.

Anglican Communion: Northwestern Pennsylvania, The Episcopal Church

19 October 2025

Written on the heart

'This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.' Jeremiah 31: 33

Old habits die hard. We have all experienced the truth of this – struggling to change the way we treat other people or our time or our own bodies. But of course it is not just habits that cause the trouble - again and again the Bible points to our instincts and desires, to our deepest motivations, and says that this is what causes us to hurt one another. Jesus himself said: 'For from within, out of human hearts, come evil thoughts...'. And this makes the promise of Jeremiah so astonishing – a change of heart, God's good ways inscribed deep within us, so that more and more we long for the things of God. The collect for today is a prayer that this work would continue, that the gift of faith would grow in us so that God's way is something that we want to run along. Not a duty but a delight, not a burden but a blessing, for us and for those around us.

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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

20 October 2025

Frodsham C of E School

Dear God. We thank you for our school full of love, kindness, caring and fun. We thank you that we are a family who work, play and love together for the good of everyone. We thank you for our teachers and all the adults that help us to learn lots of new skills and make our learning interesting and exciting and we thank you for all the friendships we make. We thank you that we can always be forgiven when we do things wrong and help us to forgive others who upset us. Help us when things are difficult to persevere and strive towards always doing our best. Help us to be ready to do your will and to be open to your plans for us. We know we are surrounded with your love, help us try our best to share that love with others just as Jesus commanded us to do. Thank you God for being with us each day. Amen.

Anglican Communion: Perth, The Anglican Church of Australia

21 October 2025

Grange, St Andrew

Clergy: Revd Hannah Harvey, Revd Emma Speake

Anglican Communion: Peru, The Anglican Church of South America

22 October 2025

Hallwood Ecumenical Parish, St Mark and Bethesda

Clergy: Revd Karen Gardiner

Lay Workers: Mrs Barbara Brighton, Mrs Lynne Percival, M Elizabeth Stokes

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

23 October 2025

Halton, St Mary and Christ Church

Clergy: Revd Simon Skidmore

Lay Workers: Mr Allan McGuire BEM,

For the growing links with our community and our local schools. For financial support for the work on our church hall. For our Christmas Preparations and the new events we are seeking to do this year.

Anglican Communion: Peterborough, The Church of England

24 October 2025

St Mary's Halton C of E School

Anglican Communion: Central Philippines, The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

25 October 2025

Helsby, St Paul

Clergy: Revd Noel McGarrigle

Anglican Communion: North Central Philippines, The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

26 October 2025

Bible Sunday

'Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.' Romans 15:4

In many denominations today is marked as Bible Sunday, a day for us to express our gratitude to God for the blessing of the Scriptures. For Jesus himself, Paul says, for the people of his day and for us the Scriptures show a model of life. But they do more than that, they also provide encouragement, a strengthening, an inner change, they lead us to Jesus himself, and by that work of the scriptures in us we have hope! One Christian writer says that we peer into the Scriptures in order to see Jesus, as we peer into a cradle to see the baby that lies within. How blessed we are to have these words in a language we can understand. Of the more than 7000 documented languages in the world today, over half do not have written Christian Scriptures. This means that 209 million people do not, or cannot, possess any part of the Bible in their own heart language. As we thank God for the Bible, we pray that it would increasingly bring us encouragement and hope, and that it would be available to many more across the world.

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning;
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our 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 in Wales

27 October 2025

Kingsley, St John the Evangelist

Lay Worker: Mrs Audrey Griffiths

Anglican Communion: Northern Philippines, The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

28 October 2025

Kingsley St John's C of E School

Anglican Communion: Southern Philippines, The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

29 October 2025

Norley, St John the Evangelist

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

30 October 2025

Norley C of E School

Anglican Communion: Pittsburgh, The Episcopal Church

31 October 2025

Norton, St Berteline and St Christopher

Clergy: Revd Danny Sedano

Lay Worker: Mrs Christine Greeve

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