

Calendar of Intercessions

January 2024

Parishes (where there is an incumbent and / or other clergy, they are named): please pray for the communities and for any lay ministers you know in each church. Each month will feature parts of a paired deanery. **January = Attercliffe and Ecclesall**

Renewed, Released & Rejuvenated themes will be more prominent in this revised calendar along with everyday discipleship through *Lights for Christ*.

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer is available here:

<https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/2025-prayer-group-resources>

Date	Parishes, people & events	Other prayer themes
1	What are your hopes for 2024? Your concerns & struggles? Turn these into prayers & know that God hears you	Find a copy of the Diocesan Vision Prayer (https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/2025-prayer-group-resources). Pray it for yourself, your church, your Mission Area, and our diocese for the coming year
2	Attercliffe Deanery: Area Dean (currently in vacancy) & Lay Chair Sue Gentle	In praying for parishes this month, please also pray for the whole congregation and the community they serve
3	Sheffield Manor: Sibylle Nothelfer-Batten, Andrew Wooding (Church Army)	For all who are returning to work this week after the Christmas break
4	For the Associate Archdeacon, Chris Stebbing, supporting clergy and encouraging churches in these deaneries	Kirsty Dronfield, Children & Families worker, coordinating this work within church and community
5	St John the Evangelist, Park; David Eastwood	Emmaus RC & CE Primary School: Helen Simmerson
6	Epiphany. 'When they saw the star, they were overjoyed' (Matt 2:10). Pray that many spiritual seekers will be guided to Jesus this year, from all nations	Bishop Pete as he takes time out for study leave in these three months: that he may be renewed, released & rejuvenated in ministry
7	Foundations training for lay ministry, taking place today & on several other days during this period	Bishop Sophie: for time, energy & wisdom, as she shoulders additional responsibilities while Bishop Pete is away
8	Faith Empowered training for lay parish evangelists (tonight & regularly through to June 2024)	For the Holy Land – Gaza, Israel, the West Bank. Pray, using latest news updates but also for a lasting & just peace, for the injured & grieving, for innocent people living with the terror of war
9	Bishop's Senior Staff Team meets for the first time in 2024. Pray for 'courage, wisdom & compassion' in their discussions & decisions	For our Generous Giving team: Libby Culmer, Luke Bunting, Paul Sheridan, Caroline Langston & Claire Stinson helping churches to be creative in giving

10	St Alban Darnall & Church of Christ Attercliffe LEP; Lisa Quarmby	Centre of Mission: Kinder & Gina Kalsi
11	Christ Church, Heeley: Amy Hole, curate-in-charge	For the homeless & those who support them, particularly the Cathedral Archer Project & Centre of Mission evangelist, Stephen Ramshaw
12	St Leonard's Community Church: Lucy Sablan, Britt Webb	Renewed. Right back to Pentecost, prayer has always preceded any great move of God. Pray that our Diocesan Prayer Community can help to build the same sense of dependence on God in prayer
13	Peak Pilgrimage Stage 3: today (or 17 Feb, depending on the weather)	Released. Focal Ministers: the first of this year's learning and retreat days – that these will encourage & equip them as they develop in ministry
14	St Peter Greenhill: for Ben Shires whose appointment here has just been announced	Rejuvenated. For our links with schools (Elise Deput supporting this) For school-based congregations, those beginning a new term & for new ones to be formed
15	St James the Great Norton: for Ben Shires, due to be licensed here	Norton Free CE Primary School: Hazel Bell
16	St Paul Norton Lees: Jon Hidden	Lights for Christ: for churches thinking about discipleship in 2024 as a priority action from Mission Action Planning 2023. For Hannah Sandoval leading this work
17	St Chad Woodseats: Jon Hidden	Pray for all who work in hospitals. Winter tends to be when they are under the greatest pressure. For effective measures to address chronic under-staffing
18	Argentina link diocese. Cathedral Church of St John the Baptist, Buenos Aires, aiming to be a more community based church: Marcelo Centurion and Mónica Tompkins	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 January): we use the coming week to pray for unity and cooperation but also for each denomination to flourish
19	Argentina link diocese: Port Chaplaincy, Buenos Aires: Ariel Irrazabal. For their ministry to seafarers in the pandemic All Saints, Quilmes, Buenos Aires: Mónica Tompkins	Roman Catholic Churches: Bishop Ralph The Orthodox Church
20	Argentina link diocese: pray for Bishop Brian in his leadership role	Baptist Churches: YBA regional ministers Nike Adebajo, Graham Ensor & Alex Harris
21	St Peter & St Oswald Sheffield: Anesia Cook & for her role as BAME Vocations Champion	Clifford All Saints CE Primary School: Karen Smith

22	St Philip's Sheffield (Bishop's Mission Order): David & Sarah Ducker	Pentecostal and non-denominational churches, including those meeting to worship in other languages
23	Finance & Property Committee.	Methodist churches: Gill Newton as District Chair. For our unity covenant in Sheffield and any Local Ecumenical Projects
24	St Andrew Psalter Lane LEP: Naomi Cooke	United Reformed Church: Jamie Kissack, Yorkshire Synod Moderator
25	Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee.	Salvation Army: Jane Cowell, South Yorkshire Commander
26	Church Buildings Team: Jo Edwards, Josh Hunter, Chris Ellis & Georgina Davidson, helping churches to maintain & develop what they offer to their communities	For curates in Sheffield Diocese, who often have a residential during the month of January; that this may refresh & inspire them
27	Breathe Deep: that this annual event may encourage & equip children, young people and their leaders as they grow as disciples of Jesus Christ	Seek First , Sheffield Cathedral: 'gathering the whole church to seek first the Kingdom of God through worship, communion & prayer'
28	Holy Cross, Gleadless Valley: David Middleton	Prisons in our area: those who work there, prisoners & prison chaplains
29	St Catherine of Siena, Richmond Road: Philip Knowles	Those who work in the justice system: probation officers, solicitors, barristers, magistrates, judges and juries
30	St Mary, Handsworth: Keith Johnson	Police chaplain, Derek Pamment
31	Board of Faith & Justice meeting today	Alan Billings, South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner

February 2024

Parishes (where there is an incumbent and / or other clergy, they are named): please pray for the communities and for any lay ministers you know in each church. Each month will feature parts of a paired deanery. **February = Adwick and Snaith & Hatfield**

Renewed, Released & Rejuvenated themes will be more prominent in this revised calendar along with everyday discipleship through *Lights for Christ*.

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer is available here:

<https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/2025-prayer-group-resources>

Date	Parishes, people & events	Other prayer themes
1	Adwick-le-Street Deanery: Area Dean Dave Berry, Lay Chair Ann Gray	Grants Committee: meeting today to respond to requests for help with mission and building needs
2	Presentation of Christ in the Temple. 'Moved by the Spirit, he went ...' (Luke 2:27). Ask God to give you the same daily attentiveness to His voice that Simeon showed	Our universities (Hallam & Sheffield) & the work of the chaplaincy team. For any evangelistic missions taking place this term through Christian Union groups
3	For the Associate Archdeacon, Clive Hogger, working with churches here as they transition to new models of ministry	In praying for parishes this month, pray for the communities they serve (you could check out local news for current stories)
4	St Lawrence Hatfield: pray for the church seeking to appoint a new Oversight Minister; Gill Salter	Travis St Lawrence CE Primary School: Philippa Cousins
5	Pray for the bishops' chaplains, Harry Steele (+Pete) & Michael Reeder (+Sophie), as they support the bishops in their ministry	For Rachel Ridler: Youth, Children's & Families' worker at St Lawrence, Hatfield. For her work with Messy Church, schools, and new ventures
6	Bishop's Council.	Renewed: for the continued growth of our 2025 Prayer Community here & with our link dioceses
7	St Nicholas Thorne: Tim Mitchell	Released: for those developing a more robust & coordinated system of central response to needs from local churches
8	Link diocese of Bondo in Kenya. Visit their updated website & pray for the current needs you see there: (https://bondoack.org)	Rejuvenated: John Marsh seeking to support people to grow new congregations & to equip them to do so fruitfully
9	Link diocese of Bondo: pray for Bishop David Kodia & assistant Bishop Emily Onyango in their leadership of the diocese	LJ Buxton and the comms team: Jason Smedley, Ben Fearn, Kellianne Montgomery & Graham Sandersfield

10	Link diocese of Bondo: give thanks for a great response to the first stage of fund-raising for a new Cathedral & pray for God's provision	Safeguarding Team, led by Sian Checkley & Elina Penttila, with Chris Herbert providing training, plus Rachel Tankersley & Debs Corker-Vaughan
11	St Mary Stainforth: Jacqui Jones	Katie Bell, our Diocesan Secretary, with her responsibilities for diocesan planning, finance & governance
12	St Cuthbert Fishlake with Holy Trinity Sykehouse; St Mary Kirk Bramwith with Fenwick & Moss: Jacqui Jones	Diocesan Chancellor, Sarah Singleton, Deputy Diocesan Chancellor Sarah Spear & Diocesan Registrar, Kirsty Duxbury
13	St Helen, Burghwallis & St Mary Campsall: Chris Herbert	The Middle East: alongside recent events in Israel & Gaza, pray for Syria, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon & Yemen
14	Ash Wednesday. As we enter Lent, reflect on your life, come to God in confession for what needs to change & prayer for what needs to grow	Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name ... We begin Lent by praying as Jesus taught us: praising God who has adopted us as sons and daughters
15	Dan Christian, Director of Vocations & Diocesan Director of Ordinands. For wisdom as he guides those exploring God's calling for them	Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven ... In what ways will you pray for God's kingdom to come today?
16	St Leonard & St Jude, Doncaster with St Luke Scawthorpe: David D'Silva, Ray Parkin	Give us our daily bread; forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us ... Bring before God your practical needs, alongside those things that need to be forgiven to us or by us
17	St Philip & St James, New Bentley with All Saints, Arksey: David D'Silva	Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil ... Pray about the challenges you face or you see others wrestling with
18	RMM (Resourcing Mission & Ministry): combining the work of the Parish Support Team with training & vocations since early 2023. For Toby Hole, heading up this team	For Yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory. Amen. Offer your life afresh to God this Lent and commit to make His name honoured
19	Mission Development Advisors: Renewed (John Hibberd), Released (Mark Wigglesworth), Rejuvenated (John Marsh); Grant Naylor working particularly with churches in the Catholic tradition	For Lent courses taking place across the diocese. For those who are new to this, that they might develop a thirst to grow as disciples in regular small groups
20	Centenary Project: Sarah Beardsmore & her central team supporting CPWs across the diocese: Steph Darbyshire, Dan Fall, Dave Ludbrook, Hannah Robinson & Nicola Adams	For those preparing for baptism or confirmation & opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with their family & friends as part of this process

21	St Mary the Virgin, Sprotbrough: Amanda Barraclough; Robert Heaton, Christine Herbert	Pray for Christine Herbert also in her role as Disability Advisor
22	St Peter, Bentley: David Berry, Rachel Price	For the diocesan Cursillo community: Fiona Kouble, Jenny Moorby
23	General Synod (23-27th): pray for our representatives – (laity) Anna De Castro, Jane Patterson, Cathy Rhodes & Michaela Suckling; (clergy) Malcolm Chamberlain, Eleanor Robertshaw & Rick Stordy; Bishop Pete	Cathy Rhodes, Diocesan Environment Officer: leading on Net Zero carbon & Eco Diocese initiatives
24	Javaid Iqbal, Archdeacon of Doncaster, supporting churches in mission and ministry & working with the Associate Archdeacons (AATEs). Also supporting the persecuted church in Pakistan	Ukraine: today marks 2 years since the Russian invasion. Winter conditions tend to mark a pause in fighting but pray that a lasting & just peace will not be delayed
25	Sally Myers & Rachael Williams, supporting a growing number of Focal Ministers & helping them to develop the specific roles to which they feel called in their churches	We focus for a few days on those who face challenges with the basic needs. Today for those who cannot afford food & the many foodbanks offering them a lifeline
26	Short evening version of the Bishop's Annual Lecture. Pray for guest speaker, for other contributors & all who attend	For those who are unemployed or struggling on zero hours contracts
27	Bishop's Annual Lecture (full day): Rt Revd Graham Tomlin 'Sharing the Christian story: why public witness matters today'	For those who are homeless or at risk of losing their home. For any who are in temporary accommodation due to flooding or other issues
28	Diocesan Advisory Committee. For creative & helpful responses to the applications they receive	For those who have lost hope or who suffer with depression or other mental illnesses
29	An extra day this year = opportunity to be creative in your prayers. What would be your big prayer for our diocese, your church, and yourself today?	For the ministry of Readers, both in public worship and in their roles in the wider community / the world of work

March 2024

Parishes (where there is an incumbent and / or other clergy, they are named): please pray for the communities and for any lay ministers you know in each church. Each month will feature parts of a paired deanery. **March = Ecclesall & Attercliffe**

Renewed, Released & Rejuvenated themes will be more prominent in this revised calendar along with everyday discipleship through *Lights for Christ*.

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer is available here:

<https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/2025-prayer-group-resources>

Date	Parishes, people & events	Other prayer themes
1	Ecclesall Deanery: Area Dean Mark Brown & Lay Chair Giles Morrison	For Associate Archdeacon Chris Stebbing, working in Attercliffe & Ecclesall Deaneries in this time of change
2	Joined Up Conference: inspiration for speakers & encouragement to attendees working with families, children and youth	In praying for parishes this month, pray beyond the church building and any names of ministers. Pray for the mission of the church in words & deeds
3	St John the Evangelist Abbeydale & Holy Trinity Millhouses: Nicholas Noble, Angie Lauener	Renewed: that Lent will prove a renewing period for many people in their spiritual lives. For John Hibberd planning a further Peak Pilgrimage & other events in 2024
4	Whirlow Spirituality Centre: for the events & courses exploring prayer & spirituality. For chaplain, Alison Richards	Released, Lights for Christ: workshops to help people develop a Personal Rule of Life & that this will help people to grow in faith
5	St Gabriel's Greystones: Alistair Stevenson, Pete Gaunt	Rejuvenated: that we may 'grow younger' as a church by reaching out effectively to children, youth & families. For Mike North in his role as Children & Youth Advisor
6	Board of Education & Strategic Development Fund Programme Board both have meetings today	For the United Nations and António Guterres, the General Secretary
7	All Saints Totley: Ben Tanner	Totley All Saints CE Primary School: Mel Drake & Mo Andrews
8	For our finance & property departments, providing vital practical support	Those who are victims of racism. For more to be done, in society & in churches, to positively embrace people from different cultures & ethnic backgrounds
9	Diocesan Synod: for the president's address (Bishop Sophie) & each presentation, for good discussions & wise decisions	Teachers, teaching assistants & others who work in our local schools
10	Mothering Sunday: giving thanks for mothers, praying also for those for whom today is difficult for a number of reasons	Scout & guide groups (and other uniformed organisations) in the diocese & their links to local churches

11	Christ Church Dore: Andy Patrick	Those for whom life is painful due to fractured relationships in family, home, or church
12	All Saints Ecclesall: Mark Brown, Roland Slade, Godfrey Smallman, Simon Oatridge. Rosie Blackett (children's worker) & Cameron Catto (youth minister)	Our link diocese in Germany, Hattingen-Witten : Church District Superintendent Minister: Julia Holtz. Parish of Martin Luther, Witten: Dirk Schuklat
13	St Augustine Endcliffe: Ela Hall	Parish of the Trinity, Witten: Heike Bundt, Branko-Christian Uhlstein, Johannes Ditthardt and Mareike Gintzel. all Parish of St John, Witten (Hattingen-Witten) Wolfram Linnemann, Mareike Gintzel and Christian Holtz
14	St Mary Bramall Lane: Claire Dawson, Karen Cribb	Porter Croft CE Primary School: Cath Thomas
15	Malcolm Chamberlain, Archdeacon of Sheffield & Rotherham & Claire Dawson working as his assistant this year	We pray for political leaders for the next few days. Firstly your local MP and local parish & borough councillors
16	Clergy spouses and the Partners Together group, supporting family life in ministry	For the government & opposition parties & their leaders. Also for the forthcoming election: for honesty, vision & commitment to tackling long-term issues
17	St Cyprian Frecheville: Cliff Kay	For international politics. This calendar was produced 3 months ago. So focus today on 2 or 3 countries currently in the news
18	St Mary the Virgin Beighton & St James Woodhouse: Daniel Hartley	Dave Ludbrook, Youth & Families worker, running various discipleship groups & very involved in local schools. Dave is also Pastoral Manager for Centenary Project
19	Christ Church Endcliffe (Bishop's Mission Order): Ed Pennington Rob Bridgewater	For the emergency services – fire brigade, ambulance workers, paramedics & the police
20	Church House Heads of Department meet; for positive & creative working across different teams	The beginning of spring! Could you take a short prayer walk outside? Pray for issues of biodiversity, habitat loss, UK river quality, farming & access to green space
21	Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee. Finance & Property Committee	GPs, nurses & other health professionals in local surgeries & the challenges they face
22	St Mark Mosborough & Emmanuel Waterthorpe LEP: Sue Stewart, Peter Delafield	Emmanuel Anglican-Methodist Junior School: Leyton McHale and Jo Thorpe
23	St Matthew Carver Street: Grant Naylor, Alan Watson.	For Bishop Pete, as he returns from sabbatical into Holy Week & Easter

24	Christ Church Hackenthorpe: Claire Welch (curate-in-charge)	Churches preparing for APCMs in the coming month: those considering standing for PCC or to serve as Churchwardens
25	The Annunciation. 'I am the Lord's servant' (Luke 1:38). What is God calling you to do? Are there any ways in which you hang back? And for our Christm Eucharist	For Assistant Bishops Richard Blackburn, Tim Ellis, Stephen Race & Rob Munro. For any involvement they might have in Holy Week services
26	Christ Church Gleadless with St Peter Basegreen; Cliff Kay, Christine Rees, June Fox, Kathy Green	Care homes, intermediate / respite care & hospices. Give thanks for those who work in these settings & pray for their care they give to people at different stages of life
27	Cathedral Church of St Peter & St Paul Sheffield: Abi Thompson, Geoffrey Harbord, Justin Dodd, Casey Strine, Ian Maher, Michael Collyer, Richard & Ann Walton	Reflect on our Diocesan Vision Prayer with Jesus on the way to cross & resurrection 'Living God, Jesus calls his followers to seek first your kingdom ...' How will you pray about following Jesus in the light of Holy Week?
28	Maundy Thursday. 'Stay here & keep watch with me' (Matt 26:38). Do you have something for which you really need to pray? Or is there someone you can support in this way?	'Renew us ... release us ... rejuvenate us'. As we relive the events of the Last Supper & Gethsemane, what fresh insight do these prayers have for us?
29	Good Friday. 'From noon until three darkness came over all the land' (Matt 27:45). Reflect on the fact that Jesus' death was accompanied by extraordinary signs	'Give us courage, wisdom & compassion'. How do we see this in Jesus on the cross? How might we respond?
30	For worship leaders around the diocese and their warden, Chris Fone	'Strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit ...' Holy Saturday & Pentecost were both times of waiting. Wait on God today for a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit
31	Easter Sunday. 'He is not here; he has risen, just as he said' (Matt 28:6). Praise God that Jesus' words can be trusted 100%, then – and now	'That we may ... both flourish & grow through Christ our Lord' Easter & the resurrection announce new boundless possibilities. What will you pray for today?