

Calendar of Intercessions

July 2025

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1	Hallam Deanery. Area Dean Dan Brown & lay chair David Clark	Each time a parish comes up for prayer this month, please pray for lay leaders as well as clergy. Pray for your own parish now
2	For Associate Archdeacon Transition Enabler, Mike Gilbert, working with churches across Ecclesfield & Hallam deaneries	July theme: leadership. Pray for vacancies in the diocese; for mission-minded clergy to feel the call to 'come over and help us'
3	Thomas the Apostle. He is credited with taking the gospel to India. Pray for Christians to be creative in crossing cultural boundaries with the good news of Jesus	Ukraine. Despite much-trumpeted peace talks & some prisoner exchanges, currently the war continues with no sign of abating. Pray for a breakthrough & for all those suffering daily bombardment
4	Board of Education meets today	Gaza & Israel. Pray too for a breakthrough here, for aid to reach the starving & for an end to indiscriminate attacks on civilians. For the Iran – Israel / USA conflict too
5	Ordination of Priests. For all those being ordained today & for the places in which they continue to serve. Gill Briggs, Cathy Chapman, Rachel Crossley, Liz Gibson, James Gould, Stephen Holme, Lizzie Ilsley, David Johnson, Kath Lonsborough, Emily McDonald, Daniel McGinnis, Caroline Meadon, John Samuel Raj, Carol Rashid, Pete Sowards, Eddie Short	
6	Ordination of Deacons. For the new deacons & their parishes. Joël Carle (Christ Church Endcliffe), Ben Lacey (All Saints Ecclesall), Alasdair Munday (Christ Church Hackenthorpe), Jess Munday (Christ Church Heeley), Albert Ong (St Thomas Crookes), Will Stonham (Christ Church Fulwood), Sam Tudor (Sheffield Manor)	
7	Wadsley: Dan Brown, John Raj & Sara Goodman (at High Bradfield)	Scout and guide groups across the diocese
8	St Polycarp, Malin Bridge: Jamys Carter, Focal Minister; Dan Brown & Beki Otieno	Bec Ackroyd: children's & family worker as part of the Centenary Project
9	St John the Baptist, Owlerton: for the wardens and all those involved in the appointment of a new minister	Renewed: give thanks that nearly 1500 people have signed up to our Prayer Community. Pray for more to join

10	Collaboration & Team Building: pray for those attending this leadership formation day for clergy. Also for the speakers: Beth Burras, Mike Gilbert	Released. For individuals exploring a Personal Rule of Life & for churches doing this as a group
11	General Synod (11-15) in York: for our lay & ordained reps, contributing to debates & voting on proposals	Rejuvenated. For our Resourcing Churches looking to grow new things in Rotherham & Goole; for others looking to bring new life through grafts & church plants
12	St Cecilia Parson Cross & St Bernard of Clairvaux Southey Green; St Leonard Norwood: Keith Ryder-West; Andy Poultney	Keswick Convention (12 July – 1 Aug): give thanks for summer gatherings that strengthen Christians in their faith & discipleship
13	St James & St Christopher Shiregreen: for the congregation and wardens entering a time of vacancy	July theme: leadership. Pray for lay ministry across the diocese, particularly Focal Ministers
14	St Paul's Wordsworth Avenue: Andy Poultney, David Reynolds, Kath Lonsborough	Bondo Diocese: for senior leadership in the diocese. Bishop David Kodia is thinking about succession as he moves towards retirement in the next 3 years. For Bishop Emily Onyango
15	St Margaret of Scotland Brightside with St Thomas Wincobank: for the wardens & Focal Ministry team in this period of vacancy	Bondo Diocese: give thanks for good progress on the new cathedral. Pray for funds to complete the work
16	For the person preparing to join us as Archdeacon of Sheffield & Rotherham. For Claire Dawson as acting Archdeacon in the interim	Bondo Diocese: for mission work on Mageta Island with their new mission boat. It is a challenge to reach people who migrate rather than being in one place
17	Christ Church, Fulwood: Jonny Dyer, Pete Scamman, Matthew Lawes, Stephen Rae, Rob Mullock; Will Stonham as he begins his curacy	Pray for preparations for our annual 'Development Day' on Sat 4 Oct, this year on the theme 'One body, many parts'. For people beginning to book in
18	St Luke's Lodge Moor: Kim Mason	Couples getting married over the summer
19	Diocesan Synod. For a good & fruitful meeting	For all those who work in admin roles in local churches
20	Crosspool, St Columba: Tracey Morris	For farmers approaching harvest, after a lack of rainfall this spring
21	Peak Pilgrimage: pray for the group following this route 21-24 July, with Mike Gilbert leading them	July theme: leadership. Pray for Oversight Ministers, especially those new to the role, and for fruitful working in Mission Areas
22	Mary Magdalene 'he appeared first to Mary Magdalene' (Mark 16:9). Pray that you, like her, might be a faithful witness to the Risen Jesus	For those affected by violence or internal strife, including Mozambique, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo & many places in sub-Saharan Africa
23	Oughtibridge, the Ascension: Chris Tufnell, Michael Nicholson (associate)	Those who are working for justice in the world

24	Finance & Property Committee. Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee	School holidays begin today. For refreshing holidays for those able to get away
25	James the Apostle. 'James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ' (James 1:1). How would you describe your response to Jesus' call on your life? Pray about this	We also pray for those for whom the summer holidays bring real challenges, in terms of childcare or increased cost of living. For those who wish they could get away but cannot
26	Pause to Pray Retreat Day at the Cathedral. Pray for organisers & participants, experiencing different approaches to prayer	Eco Diocese: give thanks for increasing numbers of local churches with Eco Church awards. Pray for the challenging journey to Net Zero Carbon by 2030
27	St Timothy & the Vine: Will Briggs moving on in early August. For those in leadership during the vacancy	For those who work in manufacturing
28	Our Assistant Bishops: Stephen Race, Rob Munro, Richard Blackburn & Tim Ellis	Lights for Christ. For Hannah Sandoval returning to her role, working in partnership with Chrissy Moorey
29	St Cuthbert, Fir Vale: Pip Salmon	For churches running holiday clubs or holiday at home initiatives
30	St Peter Ellesmere LEP: Pip Salmon	New Wine (30 July – 4 Aug): pray for this week of Bible teaching & worship, for speakers & attendees
31	Christ Church Pitsmoor: Pip Salmon; Huw Thomas, Will Gowers	Pye Bank CE Primary School: Rhea Kurcewicz

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1	Tankersley Deanery: Area Dean David Hopkin & Lay Chair Martin Pearson	Each time a parish comes up for prayer this month, please pray the whole congregation and those on the fringes of joining. Pray for your own congregation now
2	For Associate Archdeacon Transition Enabler, Julie Upton, working across this large and diverse pair of deaneries	August theme: well-being. Pray for clergy and lay people taking a break, whether at home or on holiday that this will be genuinely relaxing & refreshing
3	St Luke's Worsbrough Common with St Thomas & St James Worsbrough: David Dean-Revill, licensed in May, as he settles into his new role	Elise Deput in her role as children's & families work with St Thomas & St James, as well as her wider diocesan role in liaison with schools
4	St Mary Worsbrough with Holy Trinity Elsecar: Stephen Chapman; Cathy Chapman	Holy Trinity Elsecar CE Primary School: Stephen Silverwood
5	For Bishop Pete in his leadership of the diocese & national responsibilities. For some rest over the summer	'Slow praying' the Diocesan Vision Prayer 'Living God ...' Enter into the presence of the Living God
6	The Transfiguration of Jesus. 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!' (Mark 9:7). How will you prioritise listening to Jesus?	'Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom ...' Reflect on Jesus' call on your life. Is there anything new in this season?
7	Leo Colton, Human Resources director & others involved in HR work for the diocese	'Renew us as we make your love known ...' Ask for an opportunity this week to make Jesus' love known by word or in actions
8	Diocesan Finance Department looking after budgeting, expenditure, Common Fund, and much more	'Release us to share freely together in mission...' Father, help your Church to join in with Your mission in the world
9	On Mary Sumner Day, we pray for the work of the Mothers' Union across the diocese and worldwide. For Richard Parker, their chaplain	'Rejuvenate us to be fruitful in your service' Where do you feel jaded & in need of God's renewal?

10	Diocesan Registrar, Kirsty Duxbury, and Tim Lewis, Registry Clerk	'Give us courage, wisdom and compassion' Which of these is weakest in your life?
11	For Alex Shilkoff and Steph Mason providing support and oversight to facilitate the significant projects funded by the Strategic Investment Board	'strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit ...' Pray 'Come Holy Spirit' & spend time receiving from God
12	For our safeguarding team, who deliver high quality training & offer invaluable & informed support when issues arise	'we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield, both flourish and grow through Christ our Lord. Amen' We pray for continued numerical growth, along with spiritual depth in discipleship
13	St Peter, Barnburgh with St James, Melton-on-the-Hill and St John the Baptist, Adwick-upon-Deane; Bilham: Jo Twigg	All Saints Hooton Pagnell CE Primary School: Helen Thorpe
14	St Thomas, Kilnhurst: Matthew Lawes	St Thomas, Kilnhurst CE Primary School Leyton McHale & Victoria Sherwood
15	The Virgin Mary said, 'My soul glorifies the Lord' (Luke 1:46). You might want to read v46-55. How might you glorify the Lord today?	Lydia Proudman, Youth Children's & Families Worker (CPW) in Kilnhurst, running a wide range of groups and activities, which includes links with the schools
16	Archdeacon Javaid Iqbal. For wisdom in his very varied role across Doncaster Archdeaconry. Give thanks for the growth of Urdu language congregation	August theme: well-being. For spiritual renewal through worship, reading, quiet days, support from spiritual accompaniers or a spiritual director
17	St Margaret, Swinton: Chris Barley	For the Coastguard, Mountain Rescue, all those involved in the hospitality & holiday industry
18	St John the Baptist, Mexborough: Ed Morrison	St John the Baptist Mexborough CE Primary School: Rachel Idell
19	Diocese of Argentina. We pray for the following parishes: Rosario, St Bartholomew (Jonathan Bertin), San Marcos, Hurlingham (Fran Lutteral), San Miguel y Todos los Angeles, Martinez (Jose Luis Guelli Saavedra), Bahía Blanca, St Paul (Jorge Bontempi & Andy Lenton) & Lomas de Zamora, Holy Trinity (Mario Ágrede)	
20	Diocese of Argentina. For their celebrations, as they give thanks for 200 years of faithful witness & build for the future	Retired clergy: for the valuable ministry they offer in many parishes, particularly in the holiday period
21	Diocese of Argentina. For a visit this month from a SOMA team (Sharing of Ministries Abroad)	Greenbelt Festival (21-24): pray for this long weekend Christian gathering to bless & challenge all who attend
22	Diocese of Argentina. For pastoral accompaniment to support churches in the interior of the country	Released. For those exploring the transition to being a Festival Church

23	Clergy families and for the Partners' Together network	Rejuvenated. For John Marsh, Mission Development Advisor for this part of the strategy, as he supports / resources people in starting new things & provides small grants to facilitate this
24	Bartholomew the Apostle. We might not know as much about him, but Bartholomew was 'with Jesus'. Pray that you will remain faithful, even if you're never in the limelight	For those seeking asylum, often having to make very dangerous journeys & facing potential exploitation or trafficking. For speedier processing of their claims
25	St Peter Tankersley; Holy Trinity Thurgoland; St Leonard Wortley: Chris Herbert, David Hopkin (associate)	St Peter Tankersley CE Primary School: Vicky Harrison Thurgoland CE Primary School: Dale Jordan
26	Cornerstone Partnership Diocesan Secretary: St John the Evangelist Deepcar with Stocksbridge & St Mary Bolsterstone: Keith Crookes, James Grayson, Chris Herbert (associate)	Deepcar St John's CE Primary School: Louise Jones
27	Ukraine. Make use of current news headlines to inform your prayers, asking God to bring peace, justice & freedom	August theme: well-being. For physical health & fitness through good sleep, diet and appropriate exercise
28	Katie Bell on maternity leave & LJ Buxton acting as CEO and Diocesan Secretary in her absence	For governments to commit to tackle the climate emergency, despite economic & other challenges
29	For Local Ecumenical Projects within our diocese & for wider ecumenical cooperation	For the health of our oceans, facing serious issues of (plastic) pollution & over-fishing. For endangered coral reefs
30	Communications team (LJ Buxton, Ben Fearn & Kellianne Montgomery): for creativity and clarity in all they do	For the protection of habitats to promote biodiversity – in our own nation but also in particularly sensitive ecosystems such as rainforests and coral reefs
31	Training department team: Bill Goodman, Graham Sandersfield, Kelliane Montgomery & Suzanna Schofield	For local community leaders where you live: parish councillors and those running any kind of agency that serves local people

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1	Laughton Deanery: Area Dean Vicky Camber & Lay Chair Peter Hutchinson	Each time a parish comes up for prayer this month, please pray not just for the church but also for the community that they serve. Pray for your own area now
2	Bishop's staff. First strategy meeting of the autumn & welcoming new people into the team	For Associate Archdeacon Transition Enabler Julie Bacon, serving in these deaneries, where there are still a several key posts to be filled
3	For Stephen, Archbishop of York, and for the appointment process for a new Archbishop of Canterbury	September theme: children & youth. For schools & especially for pupils attending a new school this term
4	Director of Vocations and Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Dan Christian & his assistant, Jane Truman For Tim Fletcher and others involved in IME (initial ministerial education)	Final preparation for Development Day, which takes place a month from today. For all those preparing to give input, including our keynote speaker, Mark Powley
5	St Leonard Dinnington; Miranda Hayes, Dave Johnson	As a new term begins, pray for all those who work in schools: teachers, caretakers, caterers, crossing patrol, admin, etc.
6	Celebration of Lay Ministries (at the Cathedral) as we celebrate the ministry of the whole people of God	Hope Pilgrimage stage 2: Hope to Higgarr Tor, postponed by adverse weather in June
7	St James Anston: Kirsty Massey (licensed in July) as she settles into her new role	Receiving the light of Christ. For every Christian to be nourished by prayer, personal Bible reading & good teaching
8	St Martin Firbeck, St Peter Letwell & St George Woodsetts: Kirsty Massey, Miranda Hayes, the Focal Ministry team in Firbeck & Letwell	Walking in the light of Christ. For each of us to live out of faith 24-7 in work, family, leisure & all the ways we use our time
9	DAC: for Simon Chesters-Thompson (secretary), Jane King (administrator) & the others in today's meeting	Reflecting the light of Christ. For each of us to be let the light of Jesus shine in our words & actions
10	St Francis Bramley & St Leonard's Thrybergh: Helen Terry, James Gould	Thrybergh Fullerton CE Primary School: Matthew Webb & Amy Gurner

11	Bishop's Advisers: Christine Herbert (disability), Denise Teal (the deaf) & Louise Castle (healing)	On the anniversary of 9/11, for all those working to counter radicalisation, extremism & terror threats
12	Bishop's Advisers: Huw Thomas (inter-faith), Cathy Rhodes (environment) & Jackie Butcher (world development)	All those preparing for baptism or confirmation
13	St Jude, Thurcroft: Miranda Hayes, Dave Johnson	Hope Pilgrimage stage 2 (second group, led by Claire Welch): for spiritual refreshment
14	St Alban Wickersley, St James Ravenfield, St James Braithwell & St John the Baptist Hooton Roberts: pray for those taking responsibility in each church during the vacancy	St Alban's Wickersley CE Primary School: Lucy Higson & Amy Gurner
15	Centenary Project. Sarah Beardsmore and the central team supporting current & new Centenary Project Workers across the diocese	September theme: children & youth. For churches seeking to develop the faith of young people, especially in places where numbers are low or they are just starting
16	Finance & Property Committee. Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee	Consecration of the new Bishop of Doncaster, Leah Vasey-Saunders at York Minster. Pray for her on at this significant moment in her ministry
17	Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel meets	For our churches looking to address accessibility needs
18	St Bartholomew, Maltby; St Simon: Beth Langner	For all volunteers working with children & youth in our churches, and in toddler groups
19	All Saints, Laughton-en-le-Morthen and St John the Baptist, Throapham: Beth Langner	All Saints' Laughton CE Primary School: Julie Armitage
20	Service of Welcome at Sheffield Cathedral for Bishop Leah, our new Bishop of Doncaster. Pray for her as she begins ministry here & also gets to know people	Hattingen-Witten. We pray for the parish of Winz-Baak: Bodo Steinhauer and Birgit Crone
21	Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist had a radical career change, from collecting taxes. Pray for someone you know who is considering a radical change of direction in life	In our link with Hattingen-Witten , we pray today for the parish of Welper-Blankenstein: Uwe Crone, Annette Krueger and Birgit Crone
22	Diocesan Conference planning team meets	For King Charles & other serving royal family members
23	For Mike North as advisor in children, youth & families ministry	September theme: children & youth. For our young leaders' network to grow in numbers, confidence & to contribute to all that we are doing together as a diocese

24	St Cuthbert, Herringthorpe: Karen Skidmore, Caroline Wyman, Louise McInnes	Renewed. For John Hibberd, leading this part of the strategy & looking for ways to deepen engagement in prayer
25	Net Zero Steering Group meets	Released. For Anesia Cook promoting a more diverse diocese, as Racial Justice officer, valuing the contribution of people from different ethnic backgrounds
26	Annual Catholic Evangelism Lecture: Rt Revd Stephen Race, Bishop of Beverley	Rejuvenated. Pray school-based congregations as a new term begins, and for growth in the number of these
27	Rotherham Borough Cycle & Prayer event: following up Arise Rotherham, as we pray for spiritual renewal across the whole borough	For universities & other places of higher education beginning a new academic year. For those starting out as new students
28	St James Clifton & St Mary Magdalene, Whiston: Caroline Wyman, Karen Skidmore, Louise McInnes	Lucy Lucock, Children & Families Worker (CPW) in Whiston & Herringthorpe, working with uniformed organisations, toddler groups, all-age worship, a mums' group & Open the Book in schools
29	St Michael & All Angels. 'Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon' (Rev 12:7). Give thanks that Satan has been thrown down	Pray for our diocesan deliverance ministry team; for wisdom & protection, as they respond to requests from local churches
30	Bishop's Advisers: Gina Kalsi (ecumenical mission), Julian Raffay (spirituality), Patricia Hunt (pastoral care)	Theological colleges and local training schemes and their new cohort of students. Pray especially for St Hild's locally