

Calendar of Intercessions

October 2025

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1	Deanery of Wath Area Dean (pray for an appointment soon to this role with the Ardsley role, noted below), Lay Chair Michael McDonald	Praying for parishes this month: think beyond the church name & the listed clergy to congregation members and the wider community (and for schools beyond the name of the head teacher)
2	Bishop's Council meets tonight; for God's guidance on all decisions	For Julie Upton, Associate Archdeacon Transition Enabler, in Tankersley & Wath deaneries. For her support of clergy & churches in their mission
3	Christ Church, Ardsley: for the appointment process of a new minister in Ardsley to work with Sarah Maughan & Jo Twigg	October theme: planting, grafting & new congregations. Give thanks for the places where an influx of new people has led to further growth
4	Diocesan Development Day: one body, many parts: pray that this event, taking onsite and online, as we celebrate & learn from fruitful ministry across the diocese & in the North of England	For keynote speaker Mark Powley & all those involved in offering workshops
5	Holy Trinity, Wentworth: Marie Raffay	Wentworth CE Primary School: Gemma Platts
6	All Saints, Darfield and St Michael and All Angels, Great Houghton: as they seek to appoint a new Oversight Minister to work alongside Sarah Maughan, Jo Twigg	All Saints CE Academy, Darfield: Catherine Green
7	Rachel Baker, settling into her role, working to grow & equip our Young Leaders' Community	Renewed: for John Hibberd, heading up this part of our strategy & for fruitful partnership with Lights for Christ
8	St Helen, Thurnscoe: Sarah Maughan, Jo Twigg	Released: for the Church Buildings team, supporting parishes in regular maintenance but also development for mission & community use
9	Adwick / Snaith & Hatfield Twin Deanery event: with Bishop Leah, Bishop Pete & others	Rejuvenated: for John Marsh helping people to pioneer new things

10	Baby loss week. Pray for all those directly affected by this trauma & for research to prevent causes of early childhood death	The Orgreave Enquiry. For +Pete in his role in chairing this. That there will be a clear & honest assessment of all that took place
11	St John the Baptist Penistone & St Saviour Thurlstone; St Aidan, Oxspring; St Anne Carlecotes; St James, Midhope: David Hopkin; Chris Herbert	St John the Baptist Penistone CE Primary School: Suzie Arnold
12	Lay Parish Evangelists, supporting their churches in mission & evangelism	Sian Brews, CPW at Penistone, running parent & toddler group, engaging with schools, hosting Messy Church & working on an all-age service
13	St Andrew the Apostle, Bolton-upon-Dearne; St John the Evangelist & St Mary Magdalene, Goldthorpe & St Wilfrid, Hickleton: Carl Schaeffer; Allen Briscoe	For small groups in our churches & all they offer to help people grow as disciples. For churches trying to start such groups for the first time
14	Grants Committee meeting tomorrow. Pray for wisdom in allocating funds & for each church seeking assistance	Cyber security, particularly as support for Windows 10 ends, with the potential for disruption
15	Clergy Open Day: clergy from outside our diocese can come to explore our vision, strategy & current vacancies	Network Gathering: to encourage & equip all those involved in ministry with children & young people
16	Assistant Bishops Richard Blackburn, Tim Ellis, Stephen Race & Rob Munro	Ukraine: continue to pray for a way towards a just & lasting peace, despite the lack of progress so far
17	St Peter Hoyland & St Andrew Hoyland: pray for the churchwardens in the vacancy	For refugees & asylum seekers & those who work with them, especially as they face increasing hostility in our society
18	Luke the Evangelist: 'In my former book' (Acts 1:1). Give thanks that Luke gave us both a Gospel & an account of the early Church. Three churches in our Diocese celebrate a patronal festival today	Youth Wild Away Day (for 11-18s): pray for another fun & inspiring day for these young people Lament & Hope: all-day event at Rotherham Minster to mark the Season of Creationtide
19	Christ Church, Brampton Bierlow: Charles Burton, John Parker	Brampton Ellis CE Primary School: Adam Minor
20	All Saints, Wath-upon-Dearne: Charles Burton, John Parker	Wath CE Primary School: Paul Beevor
21	Diocesan Advisory Committee	Centenary Project Worker, Rachel Parker working in Wath & Brampton Bierlow in schools, Messy Church, toddler groups & much else
22	Wilson Carlile Centre and the work of Church Army Evangelists across our diocese. Matt Barlow, the new CEO	Courage to begin new congregations, perhaps to reach a different group of people

23	For our safeguarding team, Sian Checkley, Rachel Tankard, Elina Penttila, Claire Sayce & Deborah Corker-Vaughan, as they handle enquiries, offer training & support victims	Those preparing for baptism or confirmation, including the 20+ adults & 11 children at the deanery baptism service in Rotherham tonight
24	St Mary, Wombwell and St George, Jump: John Armstrong	Hemingfield Ellis CE Primary School: Emily Edwards
25	For the Partners Together group & clergy families	Centenary Project Worker, Steph Peake, working across two churches & the church school
26	Centenary Project: Sarah Beardsmore (Project Manager), Nicola Adams (Admin), and the central support team: Steph Darbyshire, Dave Ludbrook & Hannah Robinson	Argentina link diocese , Mendoza. For the Lord of the Vine church and Andrew Walker, the minister
27	WYFF (Wear Your Faith Fortnight) & Streets of Light as Christians across all denominations in our diocese show a visible sign of their faith & aim to reflect the light of Christ.	Argentina link diocese , Arias: for lay leaders of this church in a small town in the middle of the Pampas
28	Simon & Jude, Apostles: 'Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ' (Jude 1:1). Pause & reflect, then re commit yourself to serve Jesus. Patronal Festival in Thurcroft	Argentina link diocese , St Paul's Córdoba: for the lay leaders who have oversight from the Cathedral (500 miles away!)
29	For Arise Sheffield, encouraging Christians across denominations to pray & to be a light for Christ	Argentina link diocese , Los Cocos: another lay-led church in a small town in the Córdoba Hills
30	St Andrew, Kendray: Pete Jackson	The Gathering '25: pray for 24/7 prayer movement as they gather, 30 Oct to 1 Nov. Join free online for some great teaching. See info: https://www.24-7prayer.com/event/gathering25/
31	Wedding of Rev Debbie Coyne (of the Rivers Team) & Ben Fearn (from our comms team) at Sheffield Cathedral	Argentina link diocese: their diocesan retreat (31 – 2 Nov) begins today. Time together as a diocesan family but also learning streams for clergy, lay people and children / youth. Pray this will bless them profoundly as a whole diocese

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1	All Saints Day: give thanks for those who encourage you now in the faith & those who did so in the past. 11 churches in the Diocese celebrate a patronal festival	Rotherham Deanery: Area Deans Phil Batchford & Lynn Broadhead, Lay Chair Peter Rainford
2	For Julie Bacon, Associate Archdeacon supporting churches & mentoring clergy as Transition Enabler in Laughton & Rotherham Deaneries	Praying for parishes this month: pray for engagement with the community through Remembrance and regular weekly events
3	Holy Trinity Thorpe Hesley LEP: Lynn Broadhead, Ali Middleton	November theme: living sustainably. At the personal level, to resist the temptation to always want more & to consider our impact on the planet
4	Bishop's Council meets	Oliver Coppard, South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner
5	Doncaster / West Doncaster Twin Deanery event: Bishop Leah, Bishop Pete & others	After a very dry year, pray for the replenishment of our reservoirs over this winter
6	Rotherham Minster & St Paul's Masbrough: Phil Batchford; Sue Armstrong, Justine Smith, Louise Castle, Lizzie Ilsley	Louise Castle in her role as Bishop's Advisor in Healing & Wholeness
7	St Mary Rawmarsh with Parkgate & St Mary Greasbrough; Sami Ellmore & Ali Middleton in her pioneer role across the mission area	For sustainable & imaginative ministry on tough estates and in former pit villages in our diocese & across the North of England
8	Hope Pilgrimage final stage: Higgarr Tor to Eyam	That those suffering from famine, particularly in Gaza & Afghanistan, that blockages to adequate food supplies will be removed
9	Remembrance Sunday: pray for all those in our churches leading events in their community today	King Charles & the Royal Family: for all the engagements they fulfil, including those on this day
10	Laughton & Rotherham twin deanery event Bishop Leah, Bishop Pete & others	For the United Nations and its leader, António Guterres

11	Armistice Day: pray for one country where they need peace to break out today	For those who serve in our Armed Forces, including chaplains
12	St Nicholas Ryecroft & Holy Trinity, Dalton	Dalton Trinity Croft CE Infant & Junior School: Maria Allen and Amy Gurner
13	St John Kimberworth Park & St Thomas Kimberworth: Lynn Broadhead; Diane Etchell, Ali Middleton in her pioneer role	For all those who serve in local government in our area
14	Katie Bell, in her leadership role as Diocesan Secretary & CEO of the diocese, recently returned from maternity leave	Victims of abuse & violence, intolerance & prejudice
15	Churchwardens' Conference: for good content to equip them as they serve in this important role	Hope Pilgrimage final stage (second group, led by Claire Welch): Higgarr Tor to Eyam
16	All Saints, Aston cum Aughton with Swallownest. Vicky Camber set to become Oversight Minister here	Aston CE Primary School: Rebecca Webster
17	Ecclesfield / Hallam Twin Deanery Event: Bishop Leah, Bishop Pete & others	General Synod is not now meeting in Nov. Give thanks for our reps, including Fr Andrew Howard, recently elected
18	David Gerrard's installation as Archdeacon of Sheffield & Rotherham. Pray for him & his family as he settles into a new ministry here	Renewed: that the Prayer Community can continue to pray thoughtfully about the issues we face as a diocese
19	Net Zero Group meets: pray for fruitful & creative ways to engage churches & individuals with this urgent issue	Released: for Beth Burras, overseeing lay ministry including Focal Ministry, with Rachael Williams as administrator
20	Javaid Iqbal, Archdeacon of Doncaster: for clarity & wisdom in addressing the wide variety of responsibilities that fall to him	Rejuvenated: continuing to grow 'young' new expressions of church, alongside traditional structures, to reach new groups of people
21	The Rivers Team (Brinsworth, Tinsley, Catcliffe, Treeton & Waverley): Phil Barringer, Debbie Coyne, Eddie Short	Treeton CE Primary School: Emma Minhas
22	Diocesan Synod: for the presidential address, budget presentation, and other contributors, plus the discussion of these matters	Sarah Clayton, CPW with the Rivers Team, working with families from First Steps to Messy Church, School Assemblies and follow up for baptism families
23	Christ the King: 'Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom' (Luke 23:42). Pray for people might reach out to Jesus & find salvation	Living sustainably: pray for companies & governments to play their part. To make a difference, we need laws & policies at (inter)national level that take creation care seriously
24	Tankersley / Wath Twin Deanery Event: Bishop Leah, Bishop Pete & others	Those who work in retail, in shops or online, in the busy period up to Christmas

25	St Peter and St Paul, Todwick and Holy Trinity Ulley: Vicky Camber	Bondo Diocese: for Bishop David, Bishop Emily and all the lay & ordained leaders in the diocese. For more news, see: http://bondoack.org
26	For Harry Steele, Bishop Pete's chaplain	The Chancellor's autumn statement; that, in difficult economic times, it will prove effective in growing the economy & also offer hope to people who are struggling financially
27	Planning for the July 2026 Diocesan Conference: pray for the group overseeing this	Bondo Diocese. for the continuing work to build a new Cathedral, including God's financial provision
28	St John the Baptist, Wales; All Hallows, Harthill and St Peter, Thorpe Salvin: Gary Schofield	Bondo Diocese. For the outreach by boat into some of the islands on Lake Victoria
29	For Stephanie Mason, Programme Management Officer, helping us to make strategic use of central funding. And for Alex Shilkoff, Strategic Programme Director	Community Centres: all they provide by way of a warm space, activities, and a place to socialise
30	Advent Sunday – Hope. Candle prayers. We light this candle to remember those who waited in hope for the Messiah. We light one candle and hope that the brightness will grow as we travel through Advent to Christmas	For hospital chaplains. For the many families and individuals they support across the Diocese of Sheffield

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1	West Doncaster Deanery: Area Dean Paul Richardson & Lay Chair Noreen Sweed	Andrew the Apostle: 'The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah' (John 1:41). Pray for someone close to you & seek an opportunity to share the good news with them
2	Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee meets, as does the Finance & Property Committee	Praying for parishes this month: for the opportunities of Advent and Christmas, to deepen the faith of the faithful and to reach out with the good news of the Saviour's birth
3	Board of Education meets, as does the Diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel	For Stephen Edmonds, Associate Archdeacon Transition enabler in Doncaster & West Doncaster deaneries, giving thanks for the support he offers to churches & their leaders
4	Diocesan Advisory Committee	For improved access to mental health services for those who need this
5	St Mary, Tickhill with St Winifred, Stainton: Paul Richardson; Carol Lee	December theme: making Jesus accessible. Pray for our welcome to outsiders, avoidance of jargon & the courage to share the good news
6	St John the Baptist, Edlington with St Jude, Hexthorpe: Michael Dixon, as he settles into ministry here	Ukraine: check the latest news for the key issues on which to pray
7	Advent 2 - Peace. Candle prayers. We light this candle to remember God's promise of peace. We can know peace if we turn away from sin and accept God's forgiveness. The world can know peace if we love and forgive each other	Christingle events during December. Also, for the work of Children's Society & for Alison Cook (Diocesan Ambassador for this)
8	Bishop's Senior Staff residential: for space to give thanks, pray, and seek wisdom for the coming year	For the NHS during the winter season, when hospitals in particular face increased pressure

9	Holy Trinity and St Oswald, Finningley with St Saviour, Auckley: Neil Redeyoff; Carol Lee	St Oswald's Finningley CE Academy: Sharon Patton & Hannah Lambert
10	For Mike Reeder, as he continues his role as Bishop's chaplain, now with Bishop Leah's	Hannah Robinson, CPW at Holy Trinity & St Oswald's, running café church & also overseeing children's & youth hubs as part of the central team
11	Attercliffe / Ecclesall Twin Deanery Event: Bishop Leah, Bishop Pete & others	For churches & leaders of other denominations near you, as they prepare for the Christmas season
12	St Michael, Rossington: Neil Redeyoff; Carol Lee St Luke New Rossington: served by various other clergy	All Saints Rossington CE Academy: Stacey Parker-Browne St Michael Rossington CE Primary School: Jen Birks & Philippa Cousins
13	Advent quiet day for the diocese (provisional), based on the national Advent resources.	For all those who will be preaching over Christmas – clergy, Readers, others
14	Advent 3 - Joy. Candle prayers. We light this candle to remember the joy of God's blessing. God invites us to the festival of the kingdom where there is no more death, sadness, crying or pain	Making Jesus accessible: to include practical physical accessibility to our buildings. Pray for those churches working positively to address neuro-divergence too
15	St Peter, Conisburgh: Martijn Mugge, Tom Brown	Receiving the light of Christ: pray for Bible resources, prayer materials & preaching, things that help people to grow in their faith
16	All Saints, Denaby Main: Martijn Mugge, Tom Brown	Walking in the light of Christ: that we may apply our faith to work, our use of money & time, our relationships & our care for the world God has made
17	Doncaster Minster St George: for the wardens & congregation in a time of vacancy. Peter Das (curate)	Reflecting the light of Christ: for our witness, both by our words in sharing what Jesus has done and our deeds in seeking to transform society & serve those in need
18	For the Archer Project and other places offering support to homeless people, especially over Christmas	Our link with Hattingen-Witten Parish of Stockum: Aletta Dahlhaus
19	St Francis of Assisi, West Bessacarr: Richard Heard, Liz Gibson	Our link with Hattingen-Witten: prayers over the next 3 days for ... Parish of Wengern: Michael Waschhof and Juergen Krueger
20	Bishop Pete & Bishop Leah: for their leadership in the diocese, opportunities to share good news over the Christmas season & for some rest	Our link with Hattingen-Witten Parish of Annen: Claus Humbert, Sabine Maiwald-Humbert & Uwe Stein

21	Advent 4 - Love. Candle prayers. We light this candle to remember God's love for the whole of creation. God loves us into being and enfolds us safely forever	For Carol Services, especially for visitors to hear the story of Jesus behind the readings & familiar carols
22	Benefice of St Wilfrid Cantley with St Hugh of Lincoln New Cantley: Andrew Howard	Branton St Wilfrid's CE Primary School: Jo Turner
23	St James Doncaster: Michael Parnell	Doncaster Urdu Congregation: praying that it may continue to grow & thrive
24	Christmas Eve: for those holding crib services and midnight services of Holy Communion – a warm welcome to visitors with a powerful celebration of this amazing night	Think of the churches of other denominations in your parish: pray for their Christmas events & services
25	Christmas Day: 'I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people' (Luke 2:10). Pray for opportunities to be good news & to speak the good news today	Pray for your church & its services this day
26	Stephen, the first martyr: Stephen prayed 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit' (Acts 7:59). Pray for Christians who face danger or death today for their faith	For Christians facing persecution today in North Korea, China & many North African / Muslim countries
27	St John the Evangelist: 'the disciple Jesus loved'. Give thanks that Jesus loved all of them! And reflect today that He loves you too	For those for whom Christmas can be difficult, including prisoners, hospital patients & the bereaved
28	The Holy Innocents: pray for all children suffering in war zones or due to violence, including Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, and many more places	For those who must continue to work during this period, including the emergency services & hospital staff
29	Retired clergy, giving thanks for their valuable support in many parishes	For all those taking time off, including clergy: for rest & refreshment, time with family
30	The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell	For refugees, internally displaced people & for those whose family relationships are fractured
31	New Year's Eve: spend some time reflecting on the past year, for you & for your church. Give thanks for the good things, pray for on-going needs	Pray for one or more areas of conflict in our world that 2026 might bring decisive moves towards peace