

# Calendar of Intercessions

## January 2026

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1	2026 opens like a blank page in a new book. What concerns & hopes do you have personally, for your church, for the world? Turn these things into a short time of prayer	Find a copy of the Diocesan Vision Prayer ( <a href="https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/2025-prayer-group-resources">https://www.sheffield.anglican.org/2025-prayer-group-resources</a> ). Pray it slowly for the coming year
2	Attercliffe Deanery: Area Dean Amy Hole (who will take up this role in mid-January) & 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: Lucy Sablan, Sam Tudor. Andrew Wooding (Church Army)	For hospitals, which often face added pressure at this time of year due to flu
4	For the Associate Archdeacon, Chris Stebbing, in his work across these twin deaneries	<b>Monthly theme: vision.</b> For ministers & church leadership teams to find space to seek God for fresh vision in this new year
5	HR department: Leo Colson (director), supported by Maria Jesus & Anna Kotek	For all who are returning to work this week after the Christmas break & for schools beginning a new term
6	<b>Epiphany.</b> 'We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him' (Matt 2:2). Pray that the 'Quiet Revival' will continue to bring a stream of people into our churches to discover Jesus	Good news for every nation. Pray today too today (with your news feed) for places where life is difficult: Ukraine, Sudan, the Middle East, Haiti or other places on your heart
7	Kirsty Duxbury (Diocesan Registrar), Sarah (Diocesan Chancellor) & Sarah Spear (Deputy Chancellor) & Tim Ellis (Registry Clerk) supporting us in legal matters	<b>Renewed.</b> For a renewal of commitment to prayer in the Church, as individuals & as local congregations

8	St John the Evangelist, Park; Luke Graham, Al Munday, Wachira Maina.	Emmaus RC & CE Primary School: Helen Simmerson
9	Bill Goodman in his role as Director of Ongoing Ministerial Development, resourcing leaders	Kirsty Dronfield, Centenary Project Worker in Park St John, reaching out to children & families in this community
10	St Alban Darnall & Church of Christ Attercliffe LEP; Lisa Quarmby	Centre of Mission: Kinder & Gina Kalsi
11	Christ Church, Heeley: Amy Hole, Jess Munday	Laura Passo, Centenary Project Worker: for the after-school club, toddler group, and Refresh Morning women's group
12	St Leonard's Community Church: Lucy Sablan; Britt Webb (serving as curate-in-charge in Brightside & Wincobank)	Lynne Noble, Centenary Project Worker, looking to build new community links
13	First Bishop's Staff strategy meeting of the year: for wisdom & boldness in planning for 2026	<b>Released.</b> For the successful recruitment of a second half-term person to work with Lights for Christ in our churches
14	St Peter Greenhill: Ben Shires	<b>Rejuvenated.</b> For John Marsh, helping churches to start new things & resourcing them with small sparks grants
15	St James the Great Norton: Ben Shires	Norton Free CE Primary School: Hazel Bell
16	St Paul Norton Lees: Jon Hidden, Rachel Crossley (curate)	<b>Curates' Residential Weekend</b> 16-18 Jan as they look at servant leadership. Pray also for Sandra Cobbin, the guest speaker & for Tim Fletcher.
17	St Chad Woodseats: Jon Hidden, Rachel Crossley (curate)	For authorised worship leaders, worship groups & organists
18	<b>Argentina link diocese:</b> pray for Bishop Brian, leading a diocese spread across a very large geographical area	<b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (18-25 January):</b> we use the coming week to pray for unity and cooperation but also for each denomination to flourish
19	<b>Argentina link diocese.</b> Cathedral Church of St John the Baptist, Buenos Aires: Marcelo Centurion and Mónica Tompkins	Salvation Army: Jane Cowell, South Yorkshire Commander
20	<b>Argentina link diocese:</b> Port Chaplaincy, Buenos Aires: Ariel Irrazabal. Their ministry to seafarers All Saints, Quilmes, Buenos Aires: Mónica Tompkins	Baptist Churches: YBA regional ministers Nike Adebajo, Graham Ensor & Alex Harris

21	Net Zero Group meets today & again in March	Roman Catholic Churches: Bishop Ralph The Orthodox Church
22	Pray for the bishops' chaplains, Harry Steele (+Pete) & Michael Reeder (+Doncaster), as they support the bishops in their ministry	Methodist churches: Gill Newton as District Chair. For our unity covenant in Sheffield and any Local Ecumenical Projects
23	For diocesan communications & learning team: LJ Buxton, Ben Coyne-Fearn, Jason Smedley, Kellianne Montgomery, Graham Sandersfield & Julia Fall	Pentecostal and non-denominational churches, including those meeting to worship in other languages
24	St Peter & St Oswald Sheffield: for lay leaders in the vacancy	United Reformed Church: Jamie Kissack, Yorkshire Synod Moderator
25	Bishop Leah: for many opportunities to engage with local churches, schools & the wider community in her first year of episcopal ministry	Pray for any events taking place this Sunday to mark the finale of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
26	St Andrew Psalter Lane LEP: Naomi Cooke	Clifford All Saints CE Primary School: Andy Krabbendam
27	St Catherine of Siena, Richmond Road: for the churchwardens & lay leaders in the vacancy	<b>Monthly theme: vision.</b> For churches to engage with Mission Action Planning as a useful tool to focus their priorities
28	Holy Cross, Gleadless Valley: David Middleton	Those preparing for baptism (or thanksgiving) and for confirmation
29	Three meetings today: Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee / Finance & Property Committee / Board of Faith & Justice	For theological colleges & regional training schemes; for St Hild & its head, Mark Vasey-Saunders
30	St Mary, Handsworth: Keith Johnson	For all victims & survivors of abuse
31	<b>Breathe Deep.</b> Pray that this will again bring great encouragement to the 11-18s who attend, along with their leaders. Young people will be leading most of it	<b>Seek First:</b> an event bringing together Christians from many denominations at Sheffield Cathedral in prayer & worship

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1	Adwick-le-Street Deanery: Area Dean Dave Berry, Lay Chair Ann Gray	In praying for parishes this month, pray for the communities they serve (you could check out local news for current stories)
2	<b>Presentation of Christ in the Temple.</b> Anna 'never left the temple but worshipped night and day, fasting and praying.' (Luke 2:37). Pray to grow in your devotional life	Bishop's Council meets tonight
3	Diocesan Advisory Committee: for guidance as they consider proposals from various churches	For the emergency services – fire brigade, ambulance workers, paramedics & the police
4	For the Associate Archdeacon, Hannah Hupfield, supporting churches & their leaders across these two deaneries	<b>Monthly theme: social responsibility.</b> For food banks, homeless shelters & those helping with fuel poverty, especially in the cold winter months
5	St Lawrence Hatfield: Chris Bishop; Gill Salter, Chris Wroot	Travis St Lawrence CE Primary School: Philippa Cousins
6	Bishop Pete: in his responsibilities as diocesan bishop, in the House of Lords, and as chair of the Orgreave enquiry	Rachel Ridler: Youth, Children's & Families' worker at St Lawrence, Hatfield. For her work with Messy Church, schools, and new ventures
7	St Nicholas Thorne: Tim Mitchell	<b>Link diocese of Bondo</b> in Kenya. Visit their updated website & pray for the current needs you see there: ( <a href="https://bondoack.org">https://bondoack.org</a> )
8	Katie Bell, our Diocesan Secretary, with her responsibilities for diocesan planning, finance & governance	<b>Link diocese of Bondo:</b> pray for Bishop David Kodia & assistant Bishop Emily Onyango in their leadership of the diocese

9	General Synod (9-13): pray for our representatives – (laity) Anna De Castro, Jane Patterson, Cathy Rhodes & Michaela Suckling; (clergy) Andrew Howard & Rick Stordy; Bishop Pete	<b>Link diocese of Bondo:</b> construction of the new Cathedral is progressing. Pray for continued good progress & God's financial provision
10	St Mary Stainforth: Jacqui Jones, Caroline Meadon (curate)	Those who are unemployed or on zero hours contracts
11	Grants Committee: opportunities to provide financial help parishes with mission or building projects	<b>Renewed:</b> preparations for Thy Kingdom Come in May-June this year
12	St Cuthbert Fishlake with Holy Trinity Sykehouse; St Mary Kirk Bramwith with Fenwick & Moss: Jacqui Jones, Caroline Meadon (curate)	<b>Released:</b> Beth Burras heading up Focal Ministry (& wider Lay Ministry), supported by Rachael Williams. For the many gifted & devoted lay people serving in these various roles
13	St Helen, Burghwallis & St Mary Campsall: for the churchwardens & other lay leaders in the vacancy	<b>Rejuvenated:</b> for existing & new church in schools' congregations to grow. For Elise Deput supporting them
14	<b>Centenary Project:</b> the central team supporting CPWs in our diocese: Sarah Beardsmore, Dave Ludbrook, Steph Darbyshire, Hannah Robinson, & Nicola Adams	For the issues of racism & immigration, which influence much political debate. For those who face regular discrimination. For all efforts towards greater understanding
15	Vocations. For Dan Christian (Director of Vocations) & Jane Truman (Assistant), helping those exploring lay or ordained callings	Give thanks for good numbers exploring a calling to ordained ministry. Pray for Dan & Jane as they seek to draw in others to support them & build capacity
16	St Leonard & St Jude, Doncaster with St Luke Scawthorpe: for the church as they begin a vacancy. Curate: Ray Parkin	Melanie Pay, Centenary Project Worker as she develops her ministry here
17	St Philip & St James, New Bentley with All Saints, Arksey: for the church as they begin a vacancy. Curate: Ray Parkin	In half-term week we pray for teachers, teaching assistants, caretakers & others who work in our local schools
18	<b>Ash Wednesday.</b> Today, many are marked with a cross in ashes, a sign of repentance & belief. Pray about how this will mark Lent for you	For the ministry of Readers, both in public worship & funeral ministry, as well as their roles in the wider community / the world of work
19	Safeguarding Team, led by Sian Checkley. Rachel Tankard & Elina Penttila & Debs Corker-Vaughan. Pray for the appointment of a new person to head up safeguarding training	For aid agencies. Pray especially for any places currently in the news due to famine or natural disaster

20	Julian Raffay, Spirituality Advisor & his role with spiritual accompaniers	For the United Nations and António Guterres, the General Secretary
21	St Mary the Virgin, Sprotbrough: Amanda Barraclough; Robert Heaton	<b>Monthly theme: social responsibility.</b> For those campaigning against social injustice & engaging to influence local or national politics
22	St Peter, Bentley: David Berry	For our universities & the thousands of students in our cities
23	Cathy Rhodes, Diocesan Environment Officer & her team: leading on Net Zero carbon & Eco Diocese initiatives	For any Lent groups or Lent lunches that begin this week; that these will help people to deepen their faith in Jesus
24	For Tony Gardiner, Finance Director, and the team that works with him	<b>Ukraine:</b> the 4th anniversary of the Russian invasion. Pray that peace will finally prevail & that aggression will be thwarted
25	Hospital chaplains at the Northern General: Kate Cornwell, David Whitehead, Julian Raffay & Louise Yauil	For good use of a new small groups resource being made available in the diocese during Lent
26	Clergy spouses and the Partners Together group, supporting family life in ministry	For the many spiritual accompaniers at work across the diocese
27	<b>RMM</b> (Resourcing Mission & Ministry) team: for Toby Hole, heading up this team	Whirlow Spirituality Centre: for any Lent events & courses to help people to deepen their faith. For chaplain, Alison Richards
28	<b>Mission Development Advisors:</b> Renewed (John Hibberd), Rejuvenated (John Marsh); Grant Naylor working particularly with churches in the Catholic tradition	For uniformed organisations across our diocese & their links to local churches. For any clergy in voluntary chaplaincy roles with them

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1	<b>Arise Rotherham</b> launch event this evening: pray for another really encouraging month of prayer	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
2	Ecclesall Deanery: Area Dean Mark Brown & Lay Chair (vacancy at time of publication)	<b>Bishop's Annual Lecture</b> (evening). For Rev Dr Simon Cross speaking on artificial intelligence & the purpose of God
3	<b>Bishop's Annual Lecture.</b> The full day version of this event. Bishop Pete will be speaking too, on Psalm 8	<b>Monthly theme: prayer.</b> Whether or not you live in Sheffield & Rotherham, pray for the Arise initiatives seeking to bless every home in every street
4	For Associate Archdeacon Chris Stebbing, supporting churches & ministers in Attercliffe & Ecclesall Deaneries	Board of Education meets
5	Archdeacon Javaid Iqbal in his work across the Doncaster Archdeaconry	For all local ecumenical partnerships in our diocese
6	St Gabriel's Greystones: for those taking on leadership in the vacancy & for curate, Pete Gaunt	(Women's) World Day of Prayer. For the various events in local churches across the diocese (including other denominations)
7	<b>Joined Up.</b> An annual event to encourage all who work with families, children & youth. Pray for keynote speaker, Lisa Campbell	Diocesan Synod: for the keynote talk & wisdom in the discussion of agenda items
8	Hospital chaplains at other Sheffield teaching hospitals: Mark Cobb & Mark Newitt	<b>Renewed.</b> Growth of the Diocesan Prayer Community & for the WhatsApp channel to deepen our interaction

9	St John the Evangelist Abbeydale & Holy Trinity Millhouses: Nicholas Noble, Catherine Staziker	<b>Released.</b> Libby Culmer & her team offering financial support to churches on giving, generosity & treasurer roles: Caroline Langston, Claire Stinson, Janet Daye, Paul Sheridan & Luke Banting
10	Christ Church Dore: Andy Patrick	<b>Rejuvenated.</b> For more Global Majority Heritage people to be able to explore their calling (lay or ordained)
11	All Saints Totley: Ben Tanner	Totley All Saints CE Primary School: Mel Drake
12	All Saints Ecclesall: Mark Brown, Roland Slade, Godfrey Smallman, Simon Oatridge, Ben Lacey & Steve Holme. Cameron Catto (youth minister)	Pray for the world's two more populous nations, India and China; and for their leaders, Narendra Modi and Xi Jinping, respectively
13	St Mary Bramall Lane: Claire Dawson, Karen Cribb	Porter Croft CE Primary School: Cath Thomas
14	St Augustine Endcliffe: Ela Hall	Arise Rotherham: borough boundary prayer pilgrimage, today & each Saturday through March
15	<b>Mothering Sunday.</b> Giving thanks for mothers, praying also for those for whom today is difficult for various reasons	For the UK government & Prime Minister, Keir Starmer. For final decisions this month, in which Nov budget measures will be due to be implemented
16	St Cyprian Frecheville: Cliff Kay	For local government & our councillors, often wrestling with competing demands & tight budgets
17	Diocesan Advisory Committee	For parish councils & engagement with them by local churches
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, Joel Carle	For the European Union & its President, Ursula von der Leyen
20	Archdeacon David Gerrard getting to know the deaneries & clergy in Sheffield & Rotherham Archdeaconry	Spring begins today: use this to focus your prayers on creation, giving thanks for God's provision & praying about our responsibility to care for the planet



21	For the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell	For adoption and fostering agencies & the families they serve
22	St Mark Mosborough & Emmanuel Waterthorpe LEP: for the wardens & lay leaders in the vacancy	Emmanuel Anglican-Methodist Junior School: Leyton McHale and Mark Backhouse
23	St Matthew Carver Street: Grant Naylor, Alan Watson, Richard Parker	For Richard Parker also in his role as chaplain to the Mothers' Union across the diocese
24	Christ Church Hackenthorpe: Jane Emson as she settles in as the new Oversight Minister	Churches preparing for APCMs in the coming month: those considering standing for PCC or to serve as Churchwardens
25	<b>The Annunciation.</b> 'You will conceive & give birth to a son, & you are to call him Jesus' (Luke 1:31). This was wonderful news but also a huge shock to Mary. Pray for those trying to find a way forward in difficult situations	Pray for every church to have discipleship in place for adults & children. For <b>Lights for Christ</b> to play its part in this, promoting positive discipleship including finding a rule of life
26	Three meetings today: Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee / Finance & Property Committee / SDF Programme Board	Our link diocese in Germany, <b>Hattingen-Witten</b> : Church District Superintendent Minister: Julia Holtz. Parish of Martin Luther, Witten: Dirk Schuklat
27	Cathedral Church of St Peter & St Paul Sheffield: Abi Thompson, Justin Dodd, Daniel Wyman, Emily McDonald, Casey Strine, Ian Maher, Michael Collyer, Richard & Ann Walton	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
28	Christ Church Gleadless with St Peter Basegreen; Cliff Kay, June Fox	<b>Monthly theme: prayer.</b> Pray for people, including yourself, seeking to draw closer to God during Lent
29	<b>Palm Sunday.</b> Jesus said, 'My house will be a house of prayer but you have made it a den of robbers.' Pray for the Church to have a right focus as we enter Holy Week.	For Assistant Bishops Stephen Race, Rob Munro, Richard Blackburn & Tim Ellis, thanking God for the support they offer to churches
30	Chrism Eucharist: for this to be an encouragement to those serving in various ministries in the church	For each church member to grow afresh through engagement with events in Holy Week
31	Property department, supporting clergy & others who live in buildings we care for	Pray for places where there has been long-term conflict, including Ukraine