

Calendar of Intercessions

July 2026

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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, supporting ministers & churches across Ecclesfield & Hallam deaneries	July theme: leadership. Pray for vacancies in the diocese; for mission-minded clergy to hear the call to serve here
3	Thomas the Apostle. Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God' (Jn 20:28). Pray for someone who know who does not yet see Jesus clearly.	Middle East: for an end to hostilities. For all the parties involved, USA, Iran, Israel & Hezbollah to seek a just and lasting peace
4	Ordination of Priests. For all those being ordained today & for the places in which they continue to serve. Ben Lacey (All Saints Ecclesall), Al Munday (Park St John), Albert Ong (St Thomas Crookes) & Sam Tudor (Sheffield Manor). Joël Carle (Christ Church Endcliffe) & Will Stonham (Christ Church Fulwood) being ordained on Sunday 5 July by the Bishop of Ebbsfleet	
5	Ordination of Deacons. For the new deacons & their parishes. Heather Andrews & Steffany Bucker (both to St Thomas Crookes), Toby Butler (Rivers Team), Emma Fenn (Wadsley), Joseph Hare (Kimberworth & Kimberworth Park), Rebecca Hare (Holy Trinity Thorpe Hesley), Genevieve Langdon (Arbourthorne & Heeley), Niall Murray-Sharp (Worsborough St Mary & Elsecar), Denise Stothard (Sprotbrough St Mary). Joel Gillin (Cantley & New Cantley) will be ordained as a lay worker but then as a deacon by the Bishop of Beverley on Sunday 9 August	
6	Wadsley: Dan Brown, John Raj & Laura Fenn (just joining as deacon); with Sara Goodman (at High Bradfield)	Continuing to pray for peace in Ukraine, with the war there now in its fifth year
7	David Gerrard, Archdeacon of Sheffield & Rotherham	Personal Rule of Life workshop, taking place today in Thorne

8	Centenary Project panel meets to discuss proposals for new workers	Scout and guide groups across the diocese
9	St John the Baptist, Owlerton: Rob Bridgewater	Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee & Finance & Pastoral Committee each meet today
10	General Synod (10-14 July) in York. For delegates, including our own representatives, to engage with the wide-ranging agenda & make good decisions that promote growth	Renewed: as we continue on past 2025 into a new phase of our diocesan strategy, ask that we might find ways to root this in prayer, as individuals, as local churches & as a diocese
11	St Margaret of Scotland Brightside with St Thomas Wincobank: for Britt Webb (curate in charge)	Released. For Hannah Sandoval & Joe Goodchild looking to refresh our Lights for Christ materials
12	St Cecilia Parson Cross & St Bernard of Clairvaux Southey Green; St Leonard Norwood: Keith Ryder-West; Andy Poultney	Rejuvenated. Continued commitment to 'grow younger', both in terms of children, youth & families, but also boldness to try new forms of church
13	St James & St Christopher Shiregreen: Zak Venable	July theme: leadership. For lay leaders, including Focal Ministers, Church Army workers, Readers & Lay Parish Evangelists
14	Diocesan Conference. 'Leading your Church into Growth' (LyCiG). Praying for the team delivering the content through the main sessions, including Bishop Rhiannon. Safety in travel & people settling in	
15	Diocesan Conference. For other aspects of the conference: time spent with colleagues, conference worship times, this afternoon's workshops, the extensive resources in the sports hall, the conference dinner & live podcast event	
16	Diocesan Conference. For good next steps for churches using the LyCiG resources, including links to Development Day in October	
17	Christ Church, Fulwood: Jonny Dyer, Pete Scamman, Rob Mullock; Will Stonham as he begins his curacy	Keswick Convention, beginning tomorrow. For adults & children those who attend to grow in their faith as disciples of Jesus
18	Diocesan Synod	Peak Pilgrimage stage 3: Monyash to Baslow. Pray for the group on this, the longest stage
19	St Paul's Wordsworth Avenue: Andy Poultney, Kath Lonsborough, Keith Ryder-West	Preparations for Development Day, which will pick up the LyCiG from our conference
20	Crosspool, St Columba: for the Focal Minister & churchwardens as they seek a new minister	July theme: leadership. For those in senior leadership roles in the diocese, dealing with complex demands

21	St Luke's Lodge Moor: Kim Mason	Lay Ministers' training evening on the theme of Rejuvenated. For John Marsh as the main speaker
22	Mary Magdalene was one of those who went to Jesus' tomb & waited. Pray to have the same zeal & patience to meet with Jesus	For farmers approaching harvest, after a number of issues this year with weather & with the cost / supply of fertilisers
23	Oughtibridge, the Ascension: Chris Tufnell, Michael Nicholson (associate)	Couples getting married over the summer
24	St Polycarp, Malin Bridge: Jamys Carter, Focal Minister; Dan Brown & Beki Otieno	For those affected by increasing UK temperatures; the medically vulnerable, hospitals, transport & critical infrastructure
25	James the Apostle wrote about prayer (James 5:13-18). Read these verses & make use of their wisdom in your praying today	Peak Pilgrimage stage 3 (second group): Monyash to Baslow. Pray for the second group, being led by Claire Welch
26	Our Assistant Bishops: Stephen Race, Rob Munro, Richard Blackburn & Tim Ellis	Diocese of Argentina. We pray for the following parishes: Rosario, St Bartholomew (Jonathan Bertin), San Marcos, Hurlingham (Fran Lutteral).
27	St Timothy & the Vine: for those in leadership during the vacancy	Diocese of Argentina. We pray for the following parishes: San Miguel y Todos los Angeles, Martinez (Jose Luis Guelli Saavedra)
28	Diocesan Advisory Committee meets today	Diocese of Argentina. We pray for the following parishes: Bahía Blanca, St Paul (Jorge Bontempi & Andy Lenton) & Lomas de Zamora, Holy Trinity (Mario Ágreda)
29	St Cuthbert, Fir Vale: for the lay leadership of this church	New Wine (29 July – 2 Aug): for speakers & attendees at this week of Bible teaching & worship
30	Christ Church Pitsmoor: looking for a new Oversight Minister; Huw Thomas	Pye Bank CE Primary School: Rhea Kurcewicz
31	St Peter Ellesmere LEP: looking for a new minister (with Pitsmoor)	For churches running holiday clubs or holiday at home initiatives

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1	Tankersley Deanery: Area Dean Chris Herbert & Lay Chair Martin Pearson	Each time a parish comes up for prayer this month, 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, supporting churches & leaders in their mission & ministry	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	For those for whom school holidays are more difficult in terms of childcare, food costs, or loss of routine
4	St Mary Worsbrough with Holy Trinity Elsecar: Stephen Chapman; Cathy Chapman, Niall Murray-Sharp (new curate from July 2026)	Holy Trinity Elsecar CE Primary School: Stephen Silverwood
5	Elise Deput in her diocesan role in liaison with schools	For all those who work in admin roles in local churches
6	The Transfiguration of Jesus. He took them 'up onto a mountain to pray' (Luke 9:28). Could you walk & pray today, maybe somewhere where you have a vantage point?	For those affected by violence or internal strife, including Mozambique, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo & many places in sub-Saharan Africa
7	St Margaret, Swinton: Chris Barley	Clergy families and for the Partners' Together network
8	Diocesan Finance Department looking at budgeting, expenditure, Common Fund, and much more	Released. For those exploring the transition to being a Festival Church
9	Mary Sumner Day. This year, we mark 150 years of the work of the Mothers' Union across the diocese and worldwide	Rejuvenated. For churches working towards a church plant or to graft into an existing congregation to strengthen their life & witness

10	St Thomas, Kilnhurst: Matthew Lawes	St Thomas, Kilnhurst CE Primary School Leyton McHale & Victoria Sherwood
11	Leo Colson, Human Resources director with Anna Kotek & Maria Jesus as Support Officers	Lydia Proudman, Youth Children's & Families Worker (CPW) in Kilnhurst, running a range of groups and activities, which includes links with the schools
12	St Peter, Barnburgh with St James, Melton-on-the-Hill and St John the Baptist, Adwick-upon-Deerne; Bilham: Jo Twigg	All Saints Hooton Pagnell CE Primary School: Helen Thorpe
13	Parishes seeking a new Oversight Minister, especially those where a vacancy has persisted	August theme: well-being. For spiritual renewal through worship, reading, quiet days, support from spiritual accompaniers or a spiritual director
14	For Alex Shilkoff and Steph Mason providing support and oversight to facilitate the significant projects funded by the central church initiatives	Bishop Pete, Cathy, Dean Abi, Jo-Anne Van Levesley (MU president & Rev Adam Priestley visiting Bondo Diocese (Kenya) 14-23 August. For safe travel & fruitful shared ministry.
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?	Bondo Diocese. For Bishop David Kodja & the transition to his successor. For the clergy & other church workers, with a conference taking place in August.
16	Archdeacon Javaid Iqbal. For wisdom in his very varied role across Doncaster Archdeaconry. Give thanks for the growth of Urdu language congregation	Bondo Diocese. Those facing hardship due to the rising cost of fuel & food. For the church caring for them & for women experiencing gender-based violence.
17	For Katie Bell, our CEO & Diocesan Secretary in her key governance role	'Slow praying' the Diocesan Vision Prayer 'Living God' Recall God's presence
18	For our safeguarding team, who deliver high quality training & offer invaluable & informed support when issues arise	'Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom' Pray about what this might mean for you at this point
19	Retired clergy: for the valuable ministry they offer in many parishes, particularly in the holiday period	'Renew us as we make your love known' Ask for an opportunity this week to make Jesus' love known by word or in actions
20	For Local Ecumenical Projects within our diocese & for wider ecumenical cooperation	'Release us to share freely together in mission' Help us to 'see what God is doing & join in'

21	Diocesan Chancellor, Sarah Singleton & Deputy Diocesan Chancellor, Sarah Spear	'Rejuvenate us to be fruitful in your service' Where do you feel need God's fresh touch?
22	Diocesan Registrar, Kirsty Duxbury, and Tim Lewis, Registry Clerk	'Give us courage, wisdom and compassion' Pray for each quality in turn
23	Church secretaries, administrators & treasurers	'strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit' Ask God to fill you afresh today
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	'we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield, both flourish and grow through Christ our Lord. Amen' For continued growth in depth of discipleship and numbers of new believers
25	St John the Baptist, Mexborough: Ed Morrison	St John the Baptist Mexborough CE Primary School: Rachel Idell
26	Cornerstone Partnership Diocesan Secretary: St John the Evangelist Deepcar with Stocksbridge & St Mary Bolsterstone: Louise McInnes, James Grayson, Chris Herbert (associate)	Deepcar St John's CE Primary School: Louise Jones
27	Greenbelt (27-30 August: for the speakers, worship, weather & all practicalities	August theme: well-being. For physical health & fitness through good sleep, diet and appropriate exercise
28	St Peter Tankersley; Holy Trinity Thurgoland; St Leonard Wortley: Chris Herbert, Christine Herbert, David Hopkin (associate)	St Peter Tankersley CE Primary School: Vicky Harrison Thurgoland CE Primary School: Dale Jordan
29	Communications team (LJ Buxton, Ben Fearn & Kellianne Montgomery): for creativity and clarity in all they do	For the Coastguard, Mountain Rescue, all those involved in the hospitality & holiday industry
30	Spiritual accompaniers and spiritual directors walking alongside people who wish to deepen their faith	For those seeking asylum, often having to make very dangerous journeys & facing potential exploitation or trafficking
31	Graham Sandersfield & Julia Fall overseeing our resources centre	For King Charles & other serving royal family members

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1	Laughton Deanery: Area Dean Vicky Camber & Lay Chair Charlotte Darling	Deanery visits (1, 21 & 24 Sep). Both bishops with archdeacons will visit each deanery (chapter, synod & other visits) to focus on how we can work well with one another in a diverse denomination
2	For Associate Archdeacon Transition Enabler Julie Bacon, serving in these deaneries, where there are still a several key posts to be filled	Creationtide (1 Sep – 4 Oct): pray about our responsibility to care for the planet, including our commitment to Net Zero as a diocese
3	Director of Vocations and Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Dan Christian & his assistant, Jane Truman, and for others now assisting in the discernment process	Final preparations for Development Day, which takes place a month from today. For all those preparing to give input on Leading your Church into Growth, including Bishop Rhiannon King
4	Bishop's Advisers: Christine Herbert (disability), Denise Teal (deaf people) & Louise Castle (healing)	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
5	St Leonard Dinnington; Miranda Hayes, Dave Johnson	September theme: children & youth. For schools & especially for pupils attending a new school this term
6	Global Week of Prayer (6-13 Sep): how will you be part of a worldwide wave of prayer?	Eco Diocese: give thanks for increasing numbers of local churches with Eco Church awards
7	St James Anston: Kirsty Massey	As a new term begins, pray for all those who work in schools: teachers, caretakers, caterers, crossing patrol, admin, etc.
8	Diocesan Advisory Committee meets to assist churches with their building projects	Ukraine. Make use of current news headlines to inform your prayers, asking God to bring peace, justice & freedom

9	St Martin Firbeck, St Peter Letwell & St George Woodsetts: Kirsty Massey, the Focal Ministry team in Firbeck & Letwell	For the protection of habitats to promote biodiversity – in our own nation but also in particularly sensitive ecosystems such as rainforests and coral reefs
10	Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee & Finance & Pastoral Committee each meet	For governments to commit to tackle the climate emergency, despite economic & other challenges
11	Heritage Open Days: for Chris Ellis helping churches to see opportunities to connect with visitors & pilgrims	On the anniversary of 9/11, for all those working to counter radicalisation, extremism & terror threats
12	Pray for our diocesan deliverance ministry team; for wisdom & protection, as they respond to requests from local churches	September theme: children & youth. For Mike North overseeing children's & youth ministry in the diocese
13	St Francis Bramley & St Leonard's Thrybergh: Helen Terry, James Gould	Thrybergh Fullerton CE Primary School: Gina Lowry & Amy Gurner
14	St Alban Wickersley, St James Ravenfield, St James Braithwell & St John the Baptist Hooton Roberts: for Beccy Allen, who began interim ministry here in the summer	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	Renewed. For all those who contribute weekly prayer community reflections & for new writers to join them
16	Unconscious Bias with Race Awareness: online training event. For Anesia Cook, Racial Justice Officer	Released. Preparations for Wear Your Faith Fortnight
17	For Bishop Pete in his leadership of the diocese, his role in the House of Lords & chairing of the Orgreave Inquiry	Rejuvenated. John Marsh supporting people who are pioneering new forms of mission and church community
18	All Saints, Laughton-en-le-Morthen and St John the Baptist, Throapham: Beth Langner	All Saints' Laughton CE Primary School: Julie Armitage
19	St Bartholomew, Maltby; Beth Langner	Hattingen-Witten. We pray for the parish of Winz-Baak: Bodo Steinhauer and Birgit Crone
20	Bishop Leah, one year on from her welcome at Sheffield Cathedral. For God's anointing & leading in every aspect of her ministry	In our link with Hattingen-Witten , we pray today for the parish of Welper-Blankenstein: Uwe Crone, Annette Krueger and Birgit Crone

21	Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist. Pray for all those who write or blog or preach to communicate faithfully & creatively the story of Jesus today	Deanery visit with bishops (see 1 Sep)
22	For Tim Fletcher and others involved in IME (initial ministerial education), giving curates good initial training	September theme: children & youth. For our young leaders' network to have opportunities to contribute to diocesan & local church life
23	Bishop's Advisers: Gina Kalsi (ecumenical mission), Julian Raffay (spirituality), Patricia Hunt (pastoral care)	For our churches looking to address accessibility needs
24	St Cuthbert, Herringthorpe: Karen Skidmore, Caroline Wyman	Deanery visit with bishops (see 1 Sep)
25	Annual Catholic Evangelism Lecture: keynote speaker, Rev'd Dr George Westhaver, Principal of Pusey House	For the health of our oceans, facing serious issues of (plastic) pollution & over-fishing
26	Peak Pilgrimage (final stage): give thanks for the 17 pilgrims & pray for a good final stage into Eyam	Celebration of Lay Ministries (Cathedral): with vocations fair. For those completing initial training & others beginning to explore ministry
27	St Simon & St Jude, Thurcroft: Miranda Hayes, Dave Johnson	September theme: children & youth. For volunteers working with children & youth in our churches, and in toddler groups
28	St James Clifton & St Mary Magdalene, Whiston: Caroline Wyman, Karen Skidmore	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	For universities & other places of higher education beginning a new academic year. For those starting out as new students
30	Bishop's Advisers: Huw Thomas (inter-faith), Cathy Rhodes (environment) & Jackie Butcher (world development)	Theological colleges and local training schemes and their new cohort of students. Pray especially for St Hild's locally