

Calendar of Intercessions

July 2024

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1	Hallam Deanery. Area Dean Matthew Rhodes & 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	Rotherham Deanery day. Bishop Pete joining others for a day of evangelism, provisionally to include market outreach, schools, social events & equipping church members to share their faith	Election. Pray for your local area & for the nation, that those elected to represent us & to form government will govern wisely for the benefit of all people
3	Thomas the Apostle. He 'said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."' (John 11). 'Doubting' Thomas had a brave side too! Recommit yourself to follow Jesus whenever, wherever	Election. Politicians & Party Leaders: pray for them in their final day of campaigning. For energy & protection but, above all, for honesty & integrity
4	For Associate Archdeacon Transition Enabler, Mike Gilbert, working with churches across Ecclesfield & Hallam deaneries	General Election: for the process. For good engagement by voters, those doing a long day in polling stations, postal votes, the counting & reporting
5	General Synod (5-9 July). Pray for our diocesan lay and clergy reps, and our bishops	Pray for our new government, whoever is elected. For a positive direction, good ministerial appointments & good first steps under the glare of media scrutiny
6	St John the Baptist, Owlerton: Kirsty Massey. Toby Hole offering support to the parish during vacancy	For Joy French, moving on to become National Director for the Perfect Peace project
7	Wadsley: Dan Brown, Sara Goodman, Jordan Betts. John Raj as he begins his curacy in July 2024	Ukraine. Even when things seem bleak, do not give up praying for peace with justice, for those who continue to suffer as a result of this invasion
8	Bondo Diocese (Kenya): for Bishop David Kodia & his wife Janepher; for Bishop Emily Onyango, in their leadership of the diocese	Gaza & Israel. Use the latest news to guide your prayers for all those suffering in this bitter conflict. Pray for courage on both sides to seek a better future

9	Bondo Diocese: for the building of a new cathedral & provision for this	Scout and guide groups across the diocese
10	Bondo Diocese: for those badly affected by severe flooding here & elsewhere in Kenya, for relief efforts	Lights for Christ. Rev Chrissy Moorey offering a year of maternity cover. Pray for her to be able to pick things up quickly
11	St Polycarp, Malin Bridge: Jamys Carter, Focal Minister; Dan Brown & Beki Otieno	Bec Ackroyd: fairly new in her role as children's & family worker as part of the Centenary Project
12	St Cecilia Parson Cross & St Bernard of Clairvaux Southey Green; St Leonard Norwood: Keith Ryder-West; Andy Poultney	Pray for preparations for our annual 'Development Day' on Sat 5 Oct, this year on the theme '... Jesus calls his followers ...'
13	Diocesan Synod. For the Bishop's address & other presentations, for fruitful discussions on key issues & for newly elected members	For countries suffering from violence or internal strife, including Sudan & many places in sub-Saharan Africa. For all those who have had to flee their homes & for efforts to support them
14	St James & St Christopher Shiregreen: David Dean-Revill	Keswick Convention (13 July – 2 Aug). For those who come to be renewed spiritually & to enjoy the beauty of the Lake District
15	Net Zero Group meets: pray for wisdom in taking significant but practical steps towards sustainable life & ministry	Renewed. Continue to pray for more people to join our Prayer Community, praying to see the Diocese grow
16	St Paul's Wordsworth Avenue: Andy Poultney, David Reynolds. Kath Lonsborough as she begins her curacy in July 2024	Released. For Focal Ministry as Sally Myers moves on to a new post outside the diocese. For Rachael Williams in her admin role within this
17	Christ Church, Fulwood: Jonny Dyer, Pete Scamman, Matthew Lawes, Stephen Rae, Rob Mullock	Rejuvenated. For our Resourcing Churches looking to grow new things in Rotherham & Goole; for others looking to bring new life through grafts & church plants
18	Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee meets.	Bishop Sophie. For national involvement in lay ministry; for her work with curates & in evangelism in the diocese. For some rest & family time over the summer
19	Diocesan Finance Department looking after budgeting, expenditure, Common Fund, and much more	Eco Diocese: give thanks for increasing numbers of local churches with Eco Church awards. Pray for the continued journey to Net Zero Carbon by 2030
20	For all those who work in admin roles in local churches	For governments to commit to tackle the climate emergency, despite economic & other challenges
21	Crosspool, St Columba: Tracey Morris	For the health of our oceans, facing serious issues of (plastic) pollution & over-fishing. For endangered coral reefs

22	Mary Magdalene 'from whom seven demons had come out' (Luke 8:2). Pray for those involved in deliverance ministry & those whose lives are oppressed by evil	For the protection of habitats to promote biodiversity – in our own nation but also in particularly sensitive ecosystems such as rainforests and coral reefs
23	Finance & Property Committee	For farmers approaching harvest, after a difficult winter of excess rainfall
24	Oughtibridge, the Ascension: Chris Tufnell & Michael Nicholson being licensed in Aug as associate	School holidays begin. For refreshing holidays for those able to get away
25	James the Apostle. He taught powerfully on prayer (James 5:13ff). Read this slowly & let it direct your prayers today	New Wine begins today. Give thanks for all Christian camps & conferences. Pray that those who go will return home renewed
26	St Margaret of Scotland Brightside with St Thomas Wincobank: Phil Warman and the Focal Ministry team	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
27	St Timothy & the Vine: Will Briggs	Couples getting married over the summer
28	St Cuthbert, Fir Vale: Pip Salmon	For those who work in manufacturing
29	Our Assistant Bishops: Stephen Race, Rob Munro, Richard Blackburn & Tim Ellis	For churches running holiday clubs or holiday at home initiatives
30	St Peter Ellesmere LEP: Pip Salmon	Those who are working for justice in the world
31	Christ Church Pitsmoor: Pip Salmon; Huw Thomas, Will Gowers	Pye Bank CE Primary School: Rhea Kurcewicz

August 2024

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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	For the Coastguard, Mountain Rescue, all those involved in the hospitality & holiday industry
3	St Luke's Worsbrough Common with St Thomas & St James Worsbrough: pray for the parish & churchwardens in vacancy	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, as she begins her curacy	Holy Trinity Elsecar CE Primary School: Stephen Silverwood
5	Denise Teal, Chaplain among deaf people. For her team in their work to make events accessible to those with hearing impairment	'Slow praying' the Diocesan Vision Prayer 'Living God ...' We begin by defying the world's view that God is dead. Enter into His presence
6	The Transfiguration of Jesus. 'As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed' (Luke 9:29). How would you ask God to change you in prayer?	'Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom ...' What is Jesus calling you to be or to do at this time?
7	Archdeacon Javaid Iqbal. For wisdom in his very varied role across Doncaster Archdeaconry. For continued blessing on the new Urdu language service	'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	Ben Mays, Human Resources director, and his assistant Gemma Armstrong	'Release us to share freely together in mission...' Pray about what this might mean for your church or homegroup

9	On Mary Sumner Day, we pray for the work of the Mothers' Union across the diocese and worldwide	'Rejuvenate us to be fruitful in your service' Where do you feel 'stuck' in life? Pray for God's solution
10	Archdeacon Malcolm Chamberlain: for his key work on the bid for Triennium funding for the diocese & for some rest over the summer	'Give us courage, wisdom and compassion' Pray for each of these qualities to be in your life where you most need them
11	For the Local Ecumenical Projects within our diocese	'strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit ...' Pray 'Come Holy Spirit' & spend time receiving from God
12	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)	'we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield, both flourish and grow through Christ our Lord. Amen' Give thanks for positive stats for mission figures on attendance. Pray 'more Lord', having in mind people on the fringes of church life
13	St Peter, Barnburgh with St James, Melton-on-the-Hill and St John the Baptist, Adwick-upon-Deerne; Bilham: for Jo Twigg, licensed to serve here in July, as she begins her new role	All Saints Hooton Pagnell CE Primary School: Helen Thorpe
14	St Thomas, Kilnhurst: for the church wardens & congregation in the vacancy	St Thomas, Kilnhurst CE Primary School Leyton McHale & Victoria Sherwood
15	The Virgin Mary 'said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you' (John 2:5). It took faith to say this but it led to a miracle. Where do you need to pray or to step out in faith?	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	Training event on strategic planning for Oversight Ministers, run by the Resourcing Mission & Ministry team	Retired clergy: for the valuable ministry they offer in many parishes, particularly in the holiday period
17	St Margaret, Swinton: Chris Barley	For those seeking asylum, often having to make very dangerous journeys & facing potential exploitation or trafficking
18	St John the Baptist, Mexborough: Ed Morrison	St John the Baptist Mexborough CE Primary School: Adam Minor
19	Giving thanks for Bishop Brian's April visit, we pray for places in our Argentina link diocese: Rosario, St Bartholomew: Jonathan Bertin	Released. For congregations exploring the transition to becoming a Festival Church
20	San Marcos, Hurlingham: Fran Lutteral. For growth in discipleship, leadership, financial stability, and new believers	Rejuvenated. For John Marsh, Mission Development Advisor for this part of the strategy, as he supports / resources people in starting new things

21	San Miguel y Todos los Angeles, Martinez: Jose Luis Guelli Saavedra and the congregation, especially their plans for evangelism and serving the community	For local community leaders where you live: parish councillors and those running any kind of agency that serves local people
22	Bahía Blanca, St Paul: Jorge Bontempi & Andy Lenton. For the growth of this church	Greenbelt (22-25 Aug): for all who attend to be inspired in their faith in Jesus
23	Lomas de Zamora, Holy Trinity: Mario Ágreda. Looking to reach out to a new generation of younger believers	Pray for Argentina as a nation: facing unrest over serious economic issues
24	Bartholomew the Apostle. Acts 1:13 ‘... Bartholomew & ...’ Scripture doesn’t give us much to go on but, despite Holy Week, Bart was still there! Pray to always remain faithful to Christ	For our churches looking to address accessibility needs
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). Annabel Stott preparing to serve here from January 2025	Deepcar St John's CE Primary School: Louise Jones
27	For Alex Shilkoff and Steph Mason providing support and oversight to facilitate the significant projects funded by the Strategic Investment Board	Praying round the world: Europe. Use BBC headlines to pray for 2-3 countries today & in coming days.
28	Diocesan Registrar, Kirsty Duxbury, and Tim Lewis, Registry Clerk	Praying round the world: Asia, Australia & the Pacific.
29	For our safeguarding team, who deliver high quality training & offer invaluable & informed support when issues arise	Praying round the world: Africa.
30	Katie Bell in her varied responsibilities as CEO and Diocesan Secretary	Praying round the world: South America.
31	Clergy families and for the Partners’ Together network	Praying round the world: North America. Including the election in the USA

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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	For Associate Archdeacon Transition Enabler Julie Bacon, serving in these deaneries, where there are still a several key posts to be filled	Receiving the light of Christ. For every Christian to be nourished by prayer, personal Bible reading & good teaching
3	Bishop's Staff. Re-gathering after the summer & an opportunity to look ahead	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
4	Snaith & Hatfield Deanery Day with Bishop Pete. For the evangelistic events that will be part of this day	Reflecting the light of Christ. For every Christian to be ready to share the hope of Jesus they carry within them
5	West Doncaster Deanery Day with Bishop Sophie. For the evangelistic events that will be part of this day	Final preparation for Development Day, which takes place in one month's time. For all those preparing to give input
6	St Leonard Dinnington; Miranda Hayes. Louise McInnes (newly priested), Dave Johnson (newly deaconed)	As a new term begins, pray for all those who work in schools: teachers, caretakers, caterers, crossing patrol, admin, etc.
7	St James Anston: Barbara Cushing	Bishop Pete: for wise leadership in the diocese as we move into the autumn. For House of Bishops / House of Lords responsibilities too
8	St Martin Firbeck, St Peter Letwell & St George Woodsetts: Miranda Hayes, the Focal Ministry team in Firbeck & Letwell (Chris, Enid & Nicky)	Ukraine. Make use of current news headlines to inform your prayers, asking God to bring peace, justice & freedom
9	Area Deans from both archdeaconries meet together today	Bishop's Advisers: Amanda Barraclough (women's ministry), Casey Strine (inter-faith) & Cathy Rhodes (environment)
10	DAC meets today. Pray for wisdom & good practical decisions. For Simon Chesters-Thompson (DAC secretary) & Jane King (administrator)	Bishop's Advisers: Christine Herbert (disability), Denise Teal (the deaf) & Louise Castle (healing)

11	St Francis Bramley & St Leonard's Thrybergh: Helen Terry, James Gould beginning his curacy here (July)	Thrybergh Fullerton CE Primary School: Hannah Lambert & Amy Gurner
12	Meetings of Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee / Finance & Property Committee	Bishop's Advisers: Gina Kalsi (education), Julian Raffay (spirituality), Patricia Hunt (pastoral care) & Jackie Butcher (world development)
13	St Jude, Thurcroft: Miranda Hayes. Louise McInnes (newly priested), Dave Johnson (newly deaconed)	For all volunteers working with children & youth in our churches, and in toddler groups
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: Amy Gurner
15	Communications team (LJ Buxton, Ben Fearn & Kellianne Montgomery): for creativity and clarity in all they do	Renewed. Give thanks for those who provide weekly Bible reflections & pray for the recruitment of more contributors
16	Training department team: Bill Goodman, Graham Sandersfield, Kelliane Montgomery & Suzanna Schofield	Released. For Anesia Cook as she begins her role as Racial Justice Officer to promote a more diverse diocese, valuing equally the contribution of people from different ethnic backgrounds
17	St Bartholomew, Maltby; St Simon: Beth Langner	Rejuvenated. Pray for current school-based congregations as a new term begins, and for others to emerge during this autumn
18	Church House Heads of Department meet: that, together, those who work from this office might serve the wider diocese well	For growing united working across Mission Areas to make the most of mission opportunities and to offer sustainable patterns of ministry
19	All Saints, Laughton-en-le-Morthen and St John the Baptist, Throapham: Beth Langner	All Saints' Laughton CE Primary School: Julie Armitage
20	Catholic Evangelism Lecture. Speaker: Rt Rev Paul Thomas SSC, Bishop of Oswestry	Young people and adults preparing for (baptism and) confirmation
21	Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist. Give thanks for his Gospel. Read a chapter at random & reflect on it.	Celebration of Lay Ministries. Give thanks for those who mark the beginning of a new ministry today. Pray especially for any known to you personally
22	For children, youth & families ministry. Mike North as advisor, building a network of young leaders	Centenary Project. Sarah Beardsmore and the central team supporting current & new Centenary Project Workers in the diocese

23	Extended Bishops' staff meeting with Area Deans & Associate Archdeacons	For universities & other places of higher education beginning a new academic year. For those starting out as new students
24	Bishop's Council: for wisdom in the advice they offer	Pray for homegroups / small groups in church & their leaders
25	Board of Education meets	Theological colleges and local training schemes and their new cohort of students. Pray especially for St Hild's locally
26	St Cuthbert, Herringthorpe: Karen Skidmore	For those affected most by the continuing rises in the cost of living & for provision via our many foodbanks
27	St James Clifton & St Mary Magdalene, Whiston: 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
28	Peak Pilgrimage 2024 third leg: Monyash to Baslow	For those affected by floods, storms, famine: pray for the places in the news & those where these are long-term issues
29	Mission Development Advisors: John Hibberd (Renewed), Mark Wigglesworth (Released), John Marsh (Rejuvenated) & Grant Naylor (Catholic mission)	In our link with Hattingen-Witten, we pray today for the parish of Welper-Blankenstein: Uwe Crone, Annette Krueger and Birgit Crone
30	Ecclesfield & Hallam joint deaneries event with Bishop Pete	Hattingen-Witten. We pray for the parish of Winz-Baak: Bodo Steinhauer and Birgit Crone