

# Calendar of Intercessions

October 2024

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1	<b>Deanery of Wath</b> Area Dean Fiona Kouble, 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	For Julie Upton, Associate Archdeacon Transition Enabler, in Tankersley & Wath deaneries. For wisdom, energy, compassion & good health	<b>Renewed:</b> join in one of our daily prayer commitments – to see 2.5% of the population involved as regular disciples in our churches
3	As the Creationtide season draws to a close, pray for Cathy Rhodes, our Environment Officer & her team; for churches with Eco Awards or working towards them	<b>Released:</b> for Chrissy Moorey as she continues with her work for Lights for Christ for a year (maternity cover role)
4	Christ Church, Ardsley: Fiona Kouble; Sarah Maughan, Jo Twigg	<b>Rejuvenated:</b> that we may 'grow younger' as a diocese, prioritising work among children & youth & developing younger leaders in every age range
5	<b>Diocesan Development Day: Jesus Calls His Followers ...:</b> pray that this event, taking onsite and online, will offer helpful resources for us as followers of Jesus and for those in leadership	For keynote speaker Christian Selvaratnam & all those involved in offering workshops
6	All Saints, Darfield and St Michael and All Angels, Great Houghton: Fiona Kouble, Sarah Maughan, Jo Twigg	All Saints CE Academy, Darfield: Catherine Green
7	SDF Programme Board	Central Europe: for those affected by the catastrophic flooding in Poland, Czech Republic, Austria & elsewhere
8	St Helen, Thurnscoe: Sarah Maughan, Fiona Kouble, Jo Twigg	Reader training evening on sharing our story of faith: with John Hibberd
9	<b>Wath Deanery Day with Bishop Pete &amp; Javaid Iqbal:</b> that each event will provide opportunities to encounter Jesus & will bless the communities	Baby loss week. Pray for all those directly affected by this trauma & for research to prevent causes of early childhood death

10	Renew Wellbeing: training event for churches looking to support those with mental health problems.	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
11	St John the Baptist Penistone & St Saviour Thurlstone; St Aidan, Oxspring; St Anne Carlecotes; St James, Midhope: David Hopkin; Annabel Stott, Chris Herbert	St John the Baptist Penistone CE Primary School: Suzie Arnold
12	St Andrew the Apostle, Bolton-upon-Dearne; St John the Evangelist & St Mary Magdalene, Goldthorpe & St Wilfrid, Hickleton: Carl Schaeffer; Allen Briscoe	<b>Bondo Diocese:</b> for Bishop David, Bishop Emily and all the lay & ordained leaders in the diocese. For more news, see: <a href="http://bondoack.org">http://bondoack.org</a>
13	Assistant Bishops Richard Blackburn, Tim Ellis, Stephen Race & Rob Munro	<b>Bondo Diocese.</b> for the fundraising, planning & building of a new Cathedral
14	Wild Away Day (Centenary Project): a day for church based youth groups to learn & have fun. Pray for all who attend & those leading the event.	<b>Bondo Diocese.</b> Bishop David asks us to pray for peace across the whole region of Bondo, which has been affected by political tensions
15	Finance & Property Committee	Cyber security: for all who work to keep key systems safe from criminals & hostile threats
16	Grants Committee meeting today. Pray for wisdom in allocating funds & for each church seeking assistance	Those preparing for baptism or confirmation
17	St Peter Hoyland & St Andrew Hoyland: pray for the churchwardens in the vacancy	Ukraine. Continue to pray for those who suffer & for a just peace to end this invasion
18	<b>Luke the Evangelist:</b> '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	Picking up from our day of prayer & fasting on 29 Sep, we continue to pray: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To fill our vacancies for stipendiary oversight ministers</li> <li>• For an uplift in those discerning vocations &amp; becoming curates</li> </ul>
19	<b>Being built together, being fruitful together:</b> a regional event to build up & celebrate our global majority heritage members & leaders	Healing & wholeness event looking at responding to trauma
20	All Saints, Wath-upon-Dearne: Charles Burton, John Parker	Wath CE Primary School Paul Beevor
21	Wear Your Faith Fortnight (WYFF): pray that the badges will open doors for conversations about Jesus & the faith he inspires in the wearer	Centenary Project Worker, Rachel Parker working in Wath & Brampton Bierlow in schools, Messy Church, toddler groups & much else

22	Malcolm Chamberlain, Archdeacon of Sheffield & Rotherham, finalising the strategic funding bid & making deanery presentations. For Claire Dawson continuing to assist him	Myanmar: for an end to military rule, the restoration of democracy, and for minorities suffering persecution, including the Christian Karen & Karenni
23	<b>Adwick Deanery Day with Bishop Sophie &amp; Javid Iqbal:</b> pray for each church & minister in this deanery as they plan. Also for the Gospels & booklets for children that we give out to be read & bear fruit	For refugees & asylum seekers, those who work with them, and for anyone caught up in modern-day slavery
24	St Mary, Wombwell and St George, Jump: John Armstrong	Hemingfield Ellis CE Primary School: Emily Edwards
25	Wilson Carlile Centre and the work of Church Army Evangelists across our diocese.	Centenary Project Worker, Steph Peake, working across two churches & the church school
26	<b>Doncaster Deanery Day with Bishop Pete:</b> building on current events & some new ones to reach out & bless the community, especially as half-term begins	For Arise Sheffield, encouraging Christians across denominations to pray & to be a light for Christ
27	Christ Church, Brampton Bierlow: Charles Burton, John Parker	Brampton Ellis CE Primary School: Adam Minor
28	<b>Simon &amp; Jude, Apostles:</b> 'Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ' (Jude 1:1). Pause & reflect, then re commit yourself to serve Jesus. Patronal Festival in Thurcroft	Construction: for those who work in this area, for adequate provision of affordable housing & for commitment to build carbon-neutral homes
29	St Andrew, Kendray: Pete Jackson	Those who work in retail, in shops or online
30	Holy Trinity, Wentworth: Marie Raffay	Wentworth CE Primary School: Gemma Platts
31	<b>Laughton Deanery Day with Bishop Sophie:</b> that Jesus may be lifted up as the light of the world in each parish. For Sophie, Malcolm & anyone else speaking at events	The Gathering '24: pray for 24/7 prayer movement as they gather, 31 Oct to 2 Nov. Join free online for some great teaching. See info: <a href="https://www.24-7prayer.com/event/rotterdam24">https://www.24-7prayer.com/event/rotterdam24</a>

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1	<b>All Saints Day:</b> 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	<b>Rotherham Deanery:</b> Area Deans Phil Batchford & Lynn Broadhead, Lay Chair Peter Rainford
2	<b>Ecclesall Deanery Day with Bishop Sophie:</b> pray for the 'bistro night' evening event & for other things coming together as the daytime programme	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, Neil Elsom, Geraldine Pearce, Ali Middleton	For Julie Bacon, Associate Archdeacon supporting churches & mentoring clergy as Transition Enabler in Laughton & Rotherham Deaneries
4	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, giving thanks for well-attended events this year on healing ministry
5	Bishop's Council meets today: for good discussions & wise decisions	For the USA as the presidential election takes place today, knowing that the result has a worldwide impact
6	<b>Tankersley Deanery Day with Bishop Sophie:</b> pray for the evening quiz event & a lively mix of daytime activities that is being planned	For other nations that have had elections this year: India, Indonesia, Ghana (Dec), others known to you. For good governments, serving all people in each country
7	Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee meets	<b>Renewed:</b> giving thanks that we have a community of 1450 people who pray daily for the well-being & growth of our diocese. Praying for more to join
8	St Mary Rawmarsh with Parkgate & St Mary Greasbrough; Sam Ellmore (curate-in-charge) & for Ali Middleton in her pioneer role across the mission area	<b>Released:</b> giving thanks for Sally Myers' work on Focal Ministry, pray for Beth Burras as she takes up this post, and for Rachael Williams, administrator
9	<b>Attercliffe Deanery Day with Bishop Pete:</b> for Bishop Pete in his preparation & speaking. There can many & varied demands placed on our bishops as the main speakers.	<b>Rejuvenated:</b> continuing to grow 'young' new expressions of church, alongside traditional structures, to reach new groups of people

10	<b>Remembrance Sunday:</b> pray for all those in our churches leading events in their community today	For the United Nations and its leader, António Guterres
11	<b>Armistice Day:</b> pray for one country where they need peace to break out today	King Charles & the Royal Family: for all the engagements they fulfil, including those on this day
12	Net Zero Group meets: pray for wisdom to help individuals & churches play their part in addressing the climate crisis in effective practical ways	In this season when we remember wars past, we pray for nations who seem intent on aggression now, particularly Russia & China, praying that they would seek peace
13	St John Kimberworth Park & St Thomas Kimberworth: Lynn Broadhead; Diane Etchell, Geraldine Pearce. Ali Middleton in her pioneer role	For those whose work is difficult or unfulfilling, involving unsocial hours, zero hours contracts, personal risk or stressful conditions
14	Katie Bell, in her leadership role as Diocesan Secretary & CEO of the diocese	For all those working in social services & social care
15	For the Partners Together group & clergy families	Community Centres: all they provide by way of a warm space, activities, and a place to socialise
16	Churchwardens' Conference: that the content offered will be useful to them as they serve in these roles	Peak Pilgrimage final stage: Baslow to Eyam
17	All Saints, Aston cum Aughton with Swallownest	Aston CE Primary School: Rebecca Webster
18	General Synod (18-20th). Pray for our representatives & for further opportunities to speak in debates or smaller meetings	Politics / community: pray for all those involved in local government & parish councils. For servant hearts, wise use of resources & strategic response to issues
19	St Peter and St Paul, Todwick and Holy Trinity Ulley: Vicky Camber	Politics / community: for the government, opposition, civil servants and key public officials: effective responses to big issues that impact the lives of ordinary people
20	Church House Heads of Department as they meet today	Politics / community: for European Union Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen. For improving relations with our nearest neighbours
21	The Rivers Team (Brinsworth, Tinsley, Catcliffe, Treeton & Waverley): Phil Barringer, Debbie Coyne, Eddie Short	Treeton CE Primary School: Emma Minhas
22	Javaid Iqbal, Archdeacon of Doncaster: for clarity & wisdom in addressing the wide variety of responsibilities that fall to him	Afghanistan: those experiencing even stricter repression, especially women. For Christians, at risk of death if their faith is discovered

23	St Nicholas Ryecroft & Holy Trinity, Dalton	Dalton Trinity Croft CE Infant & Junior School: Maria Allen and Amy Garner
24	<b>Christ the King:</b> 'Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom' (Luke 23:42). Pray for people might reach out to Jesus & find salvation	Mental health: give thanks for greater understanding as people share their stories. Pray for better provision & for those going through tough times
25	Centenary Project: Sarah Beadsmore (Project Manager), Nicola Adams (Admin), and the central support team: Steph Darbyshire, Dan Fall, Dave Ludbrook & Hannah Robinson	Picking up from our day of prayer & fasting on 29 Sep, we continue to pray: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To fill our vacancies for stipendiary oversight ministers</li> <li>• For an uplift in those discerning vocations &amp; becoming curates</li> </ul>
26	For Harry Steele, Bishop Pete's chaplain	Our link with <b>Hattingen-Witten</b> Parish of Stockum: Aletta Dahlhaus
27	St John the Baptist, Wales; All Hallows, Harthill and St Peter, Thorpe Salvin: Gary Schofield	Our link with <b>Hattingen-Witten:</b> prayers over the next 3 days for ... Parish of Wengern: Michael Waschhof and Juergen Krueger
28	For hospital chaplains. For the many families and individuals they support across the Diocese of Sheffield	Our link with <b>Hattingen-Witten</b> Parish of Annen: Claus Humbert, Sabine Maiwald-Humbert & Uwe Stein
29	For Stephanie Mason, Programme Management Officer, helping us to make strategic use of central funding. And for Alex Shilkoff, Strategic Programme Director	Prisons: tensions caused by current overcrowding, prison staff operating in this environment, and the pressure this places on any work towards rehabilitating prisoners
30	<b>Andrew the Apostle:</b> '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	Diocesan Synod. For those who are speaking, for new members, and for the Bishop's address

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1	<b>Advent Sunday:</b> the 'modern' themes this year. Hope. Pause to think where hope is most needed in your life, church & community. Pray for these things	<b>West Doncaster Deanery:</b> Area Dean Paul Richardson & Lay Chair Noreen Sweed
2	For Stephen Edmonds, Associate Archdeacon Transition enabler in Doncaster & West Doncaster deaneries, giving thanks for the support he offers to churches & their leaders	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	For our safeguarding team, Sian Checkley, Rachel Tankard, Elina Penttila, Claire Sayce & Deborah Corker-Vaughan, as the handle enquiries, offer training & support victims	<b>Renewed:</b> for churches making space for prayer or small group Bible study in the Advent season; that this will deepen the faith of those who take part
4	Whirlow Spirituality Centre & its chaplain, Alison Richards, offering a space for prayer & reflection, as well as specific events	<b>Released:</b> for all those who help to reduce the administrative burden on lay & ordained leaders
5	For sustainable & imaginative ministry on tough estates and in former pit villages in our diocese & across the North of England	<b>Rejuvenated:</b> for John Marsh & others seeking to equip & support those who want to pioneer new things or plant new congregations
6	St John the Baptist, Edlington with St Jude, Hexthorpe: Richard Hume	Ukraine: check the latest news for the key issues on which to pray
7	St Mary, Tickhill with St Winifred, Stainton: Paul Richardson; Carol Lee	For the NHS during the winter season, when hospitals in particular face increased pressure
8	<b>Advent 2:</b> Peace. Pray for peace in places of conflict and also for reconciliation where it is needed between individuals	Middle East. For leaders in Israel, Palestine, Iran, Lebanon & other countries: that all of them might seek peace. For an end to indiscriminate attacks that kill civilians
9	Holy Trinity and St Oswald, Finningley with St Saviour, Auckley: Neil Redeyoff; Carol Lee	St Oswald's Finningley CE Academy: Sharon Patton

10	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
11	Board of Education meets	For churches & leaders of other denominations near you, as they prepare for the Christmas season
12	For Mike Reeder, Bishop Sophie's chaplain	<b>Receiving the light of Christ:</b> pray for Bible resources, prayer materials & preaching, things that help people to grow in their faith
13	All Saints, Denaby Main: Martijn Mugge, Tom Brown	<b>Walking in the light of Christ:</b> that we may apply our faith to work, our use of money & time, our relationships & our care for the world God has made
14	St Peter, Conisburgh: Martijn Mugge, Tom Brown	<b>Reflecting the light of Christ:</b> 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
15	<b>Advent 3:</b> Joy. Is your life, your church, your community joyful? If not, pray for true joy to return or be discovered	Christingle events during December. Also for the work of Children's Society & for Alison Cook (Diocesan Ambassador for them)
16	Bishop Senior Staff Residential (16-17th): for space to think imaginatively as they seek God's wisdom heading into 2025	For all those who will be preaching over Christmas – clergy, Readers, others
17	Benefice of St Wilfrid Cantley with St Hugh of Lincoln New Cantley: Andrew Howard; Michael Dixon	Branton St Wilfrid's CE Primary School: Jo Turner
18	For the Archer Project and other places that offer support to homeless people, especially over Christmas. For any church Christmas lunches taking place	<b>Argentina link diocese</b> , Arias: for lay leaders of this church in a small town in the middle of the Pampas
19	St Francis of Assisi, West Bessacarr: Richard Heard, Liz Gibson	<b>Argentina link diocese</b> , St Paul's Córdoba: for the lay leaders who have oversight from the Cathedral (500 miles away!)
20	Bishop Pete & Bishop Sophie: for their leadership in the diocese, opportunities to share good news over the Christmas season & for some rest	<b>Argentina link diocese</b> , Los Cocos: another lay-led church in a small town in the Córdoba Hills
21	Doncaster Minster St George: for the wardens & congregation in a time of vacancy	<b>Argentina link diocese</b> , Mendoza. For the Lord of the Vine church and Andrew Walker, the minister



22	<b>Advent 4:</b> Love. Pray that love might be the mark of your church & ever increasing in your own life	For Carol Services today & this week: pray that visitors will see beyond the candles, tinsel & carols to catch a glimpse of who Jesus really is
23	St James Doncaster: Michael Parnell	Doncaster Urdu Congregation: praying that it may continue to grow & thrive
24	<b>Christmas Eve:</b> 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	<b>Christmas Day:</b> '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	<b>Stephen, the first martyr:</b> 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 Myanmar, Sudan, North Korea, China & many North African / Muslim countries
27	<b>St John the Evangelist:</b> 'If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). Spend a few moments seeking God's forgiveness	Four days praying for those for whom the Christmas period can be difficult: those who are bereaved
28	<b>The Holy Innocents:</b> pray for all children suffering in war zones or due to violence, including Ukrainian young people kidnapped & brainwashed by Russia	For those who must work, often away from home: military personnel, HM customs, hospital staff
29	For all those taking time off, including clergy: for rest & refreshment, time with family	For those who are in hospital or struggling with illness at home
30	For Prison Chaplains and for prisoners at a time of the year when will most miss family	For refugees, internally displaced people & for those whose family relationships are fractured
31	The 'teaspoon prayer'. As we come to the end of the year, what do you want to thank God for, to say sorry for, to pray for (TSP)?	For those who work in the emergency services and A&E units on what can be a busy & stressful night for them