

# Cycle of Prayer

01 - 30 April 2025

01 April 2025

**Upton (Overchurch), St Mary**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Alec Ham

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Rhonda Anson, Mrs Alison Collins, Mr Kenneth London, Mr Graham Morris, Dr Dave Wood

Please pray for God's clear guidance in the appointment of a new Vicar to lead us in mission and ministry that continually points people to Jesus. Pray also for our outreach over Easter, including running Hope Explored across the parish.

**Anglican Communion:** Masasi, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

02 April 2025

**West Kirby, St Andrew**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Brian Bell

**Lay Workers:** Mr Ken Jones

**Anglican Communion:** Maseno East, The Anglican Church of Kenya

03 April 2025

**West Kirby, St Bridget**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Alex Williams

**Lay Workers:** Mr Graham Crowder, Mr Brian Dodd, Mr John Smith

Pray for the resources to meet the needs of our growing church family, especially support and finances to provide toilet facilities within our church building at St Bridget's. Also pray for our ordinand Fred, and our curate Ruth, joining us in July.

**Anglican Communion:** Maseno North, The Anglican Church of Kenya

04 April 2025

**West Kirby, St Bridget's C of E School**

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Maseno South, The Anglican Church of Kenya

05 April 2025

**Poulton Lancelyn, Holy Trinity**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Paul Lewis, Revd Roger Wiles

**Lay Workers:** Mr Alan Jones

**Anglican Communion:** Maseno West, The Anglican Church of Kenya

06 April 2025

**Chaplaincies**

'Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.'

John 12: 3

Across the diocese chaplains minister in schools, hospitals and prisons, in rural and urban settings. Theirs is a missionary work, an outpost of the gospel in front line places. Our chaplains often speak of the privilege of sharing in people's lives day by day, but their work can be demanding and costly. As we pray in the coming weeks for chaplaincies, churches and schools, we do so with the example of Mary in our mind. Though the perfume with which she anointed Jesus was clearly costly, it is the beauty of the gift that stays with us, and is the aroma that lingers. We pray today for chaplains throughout the diocese that they would know the beauty of the work they do for Christ.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
We thank you for the many and varied ministries that you call us to,  
in our homes, churches, communities and workplaces.  
We thank you particularly for those called to serve as chaplains,  
for their willingness to live and speak the good news of Jesus Christ.  
We thank you for the lasting value of the service that they offer.  
Give them the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for others, but are alive and reign, now and for ever.  
Amen

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

07 April 2025

**Alderley, St Mary**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Canon Nathan Jarvis

For our continued wedding ministry and for an increase in families who want to worship with us

**Anglican Communion:** Masindi-Kitara, The Church of the Province of Uganda

08 April 2025

**Chelford, St John the Evangelist and St Peter**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Fiona Robinson

**Anglican Communion:** Massachusetts, The Episcopal Church

09 April 2025

**Chelford C of E School**

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Western Massachusetts, The Episcopal Church

10 April 2025

**Alderley Edge, St Philip and St James**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Robin Pye, Revd Amy Ruston

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Sue Mills, Mrs Rachel Roberts

**Anglican Communion:** Masvingo, The Church of the Province of Central Africa

11 April 2025

**High Legh, St John**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Clare Leal

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Karen Drury, Mrs Chris Stanisstreet, Mr Nick Whimpany

**Anglican Communion:** Matabeleland, The Church of the Province of Central Africa

12 April 2025

**Knutsford, St Cross**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Steven Benson, Revd Paul Deakin

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Mary Daw, Mrs Hilary Savage, Mrs Allison Whiteley

**Anglican Communion:** Matana, The Anglican Church of Burundi

13 April 2025

### **Local churches serving Christ**

'Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the ground'.

Luke 19: 35 - 36

Comedy often comes when expectations are upended, when things normally far apart are brought together. When someone riding on a donkey is praised as a king, people might find it funny. In the same way, just a few days later, a crucified man was mocked with a crown of thorns. But in both of those places, this strange bringing together displays a profound truth. Jesus is the king who serves, who willingly suffers to bless his people. And the way of the cross, the way of the donkey, is the way that his people follow. Churches follow this way when they give their best to serve those who others see as the least. They follow this way when they take time to preach a foolish message of salvation to the lost. In today's prayer we ask God to help us walk with Jesus on the way of the cross, and so to show him as our Lord and King.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation;  
give us the mind, the heart and the will to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King  
To the glory of God the Father.  
Amen

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** The Church of England,

14 April 2025

### **Knutsford, St John the Baptist**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Nigel Atkinson, Revd Helen Baker (formerly Eccles), Revd Tom Hollingsbee

**Anglican Communion:** Matlosane, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

15 April 2025

### **Lindow, St John the Evangelist**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Simon Gales

**Anglican Communion:** Mauritius, The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

16 April 2025

### **Lower Peover, St Oswald**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Murray Aldridge-Collins

**Anglican Communion:** Mbaise, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

17 April 2025

### **Lower Peover C of E School**

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Mbale, The Church of the Province of Uganda

18 April 2025

**Marthall, All Saints**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Fiona Robinson

**Anglican Communion:** North Mbale, The Church of the Province of Uganda

19 April 2025

**Mobberley, St Wilfrid**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Canon Ian Blay

**Lay Workers:** Mr John Grainger, Mrs Jean Underhill

**Anglican Communion:** Mbamili, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

20 April 2025

**Easter Day All God's people rejoicing**

'The Lord is my strength and my song and he has become my salvation.' Psalm 118: 14

Last week we spoke about a strange bringing together of the serving king. And on Easter Day here is another paradox – the dead man walking! Normal human expectations are again blown away, now by the loving purposes and power of God. And as we think about chaplains, churches and schools serving God across our diocese, what a wonderful encouragement. In the Psalms, God's people were urged to find strength and hope in the wonders God had done: in the same way we look at the resurrection of Jesus and know that our labour in the Lord will not be in vain. He rose, he reigns, he will return and all our works for him, however small and seemingly fruitless, will be gloriously vindicated.

Lord God,

By the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell:

fill your Church with faith and hope

for a new day has dawned

and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

This we ask in his precious name.

Amen

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

21 April 2025

**Mobberley C of E School**

Please pray for our...

Our community has been shaken by 4 sudden parental deaths of children currently attending school within the last 4 years and we pray for the children and families affected. The school staff have been wonderfully supportive of the children, going over and

**Anglican Communion:** Mbeere, The Anglican Church of Kenya

22 April 2025

**Over Peover, St Lawrence**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Murray Aldridge-Collins

**Anglican Communion:** Mbhashe, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

23 April 2025

**Dunham Massey (St Mark), Rostherne with Little Bollington, Holy Trinity and St Mary and Over Tabley, St Paul**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Robert Thewsey

**Lay Workers:** Mr Stewart Jackson, Mrs Chris Stanisstreet

We pray for our new Benefice, for God to show us how to work better and how to reach out into our local community. We also ask for Gods Blessings on our the staff and students at our local school, Little Bollington Church of England Primary School

**Anglican Communion:** Meath and Kildare, The Church of Ireland

24 April 2025

**Little Bollington C of E School**

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Medak, The Church of South India (United)

25 April 2025

**Toft, St John the Evangelist**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Nigel Atkinson, Revd Helen Baker (formerly Eccles), Revd Tom Hollingsbee

**Anglican Communion:** Central Melanesia, The Anglican Church of Melanesia

26 April 2025

**Wilmslow, St Bartholomew, St Anne**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Eddie Roberts

**Lay Workers:** Ms Flo Knowles

The second anniversary of Eddie Roberts becoming Rector and his vision for growth of the church in Wilmslow

**Anglican Communion:** Melbourne, The Anglican Church of Australia

27 April 2025

**Serving God in Schools**

'Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me so I send you.'  
John 20: 21

Today in our readings we hear of the risen Jesus appearing among his disciples as they hid for fear of their enemies. As Jesus meets with them he prays for their peace and he gives them work to do. Leave this place, he says, go out, be in the world, in the danger and the anxiety, with the same purpose that the Father has given me. Christians serving in our schools do a wonderful work for God, helping children and young people to grow as Jesus did, in wisdom and stature, in favour with God and people. At the start of a new term we pray for them, for teachers, staff and governors, for students, parents and carers, that our schools would be places where the peace of Christ reigns, and from which all are sent to love and serve God.

Risen Jesus for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.  
Amen

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

28 April 2025

**St Anne's Fulshaw C of E School**

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Meridional, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

29 April 2025

**Birtles, St Catherine**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Robin Pye, Revd Amy Ruston

**Anglican Communion:** Meru, The Anglican Church of Kenya

30 April 2025

**Backford, St Oswald**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Elaine White

**Anglican Communion:** México, La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico