

# Cycle of Prayer

01 - 30 June 2025

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## **Thy Kingdom come**

'Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.' Matthew 6:10

As part of the prayer journal for Thy Kingdom Come, Helina Huskha Yeptho writes: 'Thy will be done, on earth as in heaven' is a prayer for God's Kingdom to be experienced on earth. It expresses both a longing for and submission to God's overarching plan. It cries out for that plan to unfold for us to know His love and share it with those who have yet to hear the gospel...Growing up in a Baptist church in Nagaland, a small state in the North-East of India, I was keenly aware of belonging to a minority faith in a country where Christians make up about 2.3% of the population. The vision of the Nagaland Baptist Church Council, encapsulated in the slogan 'Nagaland for Christ,' birthed in me a profound desire to know Christ deeply and share His love with others. My great-grandparents were animists, worshipping nature, but Christian missionaries brought the gospel to my people, introducing us to the love of Christ and transforming our lives. Today, Nagaland stands as a Christian-majority state, a testament to their prayers and faithful mission...As I remain profoundly grateful for the missionaries' prayers and work among my people and beyond, may I encourage us to continue to pray and actively share the gospel with all, so that the message of Christ brings hope and redemption to lives across the world.'

Almighty God, who called your Church to witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Please pray for our...

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

02 June 2025

## **Henbury and Broken Cross, St Thomas**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Canon Simon Bessant

**Lay Workers:** Dr Linda Craig

**Anglican Communion:** Mount Kilimanjaro, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

03 June 2025

## **Hurdsfield, Holy Trinity**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Elle Bird, Revd James Gibon

**Lay Workers:** Ms Wendy Moss, Mrs Hellen Watson

Please pray for us as we: - appoint a new kids and families minister to join our team. - build our community programme and get to know and serve more people in our neighbourhood.  
Thank you

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

04 June 2025

**Macclesfield St Michael & All Angels (Macclesfield Team Ministry)**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Canon Vivien Gisby, Revd Martin Stephens

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Lynne Spedding, Mrs Catherine Stephens, Mr Mike Strutt

For our recently-launched Prayer Ministry team: for sensitivity to the Holy Spirit, and God to touch lives in profound ways. For our forthcoming United Service (22nd June) - over a dozen local churches worshipping together in Macclesfield's Market Place

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

05 June 2025

**Macclesfield Bollingbrook C of E School**

Give thanks for the staff team's resilience & commitment, and the children's enthusiasm.

Pray for: greater understanding & support from our families; for God's refreshing of them all; and for staff & governors seeking to strengthen the school's Christian distinctiveness.

Please pray for our...

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

06 June 2025

**Macclesfield St John**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Canon Simon Bessant

**Lay Workers:** Dr Linda Craig

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

07 June 2025

**Macclesfield St John the Evangelist C of E School**

Please pray for our...

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

08 June 2025

**Pentecost - Come Holy Spirit**

'Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.' Acts 2: 33

In the Prayer Journal for Thy Kingdom Come Jonathan Bryan writes: 'Happy birthday to the church! The good news of Pentecost is that everyone is invited to the party. When the Holy Spirit came, people were gathered from all over the known world, 'both Jews and converts to Judaism'; in other words, people who were born Gentiles. Through enabling the disciples to speak the different languages of the people there, the Holy Spirit was including those on the margins and propelling them as the first converts to following Jesus. Who is unlikely in your community? As a non-speaking disabled person, I know first-hand the beauty of being included in Jesus' church, and that God uses everyone to further His kingdom. The Holy Spirit speaks our language, and then uses us to reach out and communicate God to others. At that first Pentecost, none of it happened in a vacuum. For the days previously the disciples had been devoting themselves to prayer and waiting. Having been taught the Lord's Prayer by Jesus, this would surely have been the bedrock on which Pentecost was founded. The Holy Spirit fills us up and sends us out of the comfort and security of our metaphorical upper room and expands our horizons. Where is the Holy Spirit prompting you to go? Maybe it is to an unlikely place or to speak God to an unlikely person.

Almighty God,

your ascended Son has sent us into the world

to preach the Good News of your kingdom:  
inspire us with your Spirit  
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,  
that all who hear your Word  
may be drawn to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for our...

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

09 June 2025

**Macclesfield St Paul**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Simon Gowler

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Fran Hiles, Mr Robert Marshall

**Anglican Communion:** Multan, The Church of Pakistan (United)

10 June 2025

**North Rode, St Michael**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Colin Wilson

**Anglican Communion:** Mumbai, The Church of North India (United)

11 June 2025

**Pott Shrigley, St Christopher**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Lynn Caudwell

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Anne Murphy

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

12 June 2025

**Pott Shrigley Church School**

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Mundri, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

13 June 2025

**Prestbury, St Peter and St John**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Patrick Angier, Revd Steve Murphy

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Anne Stirling

**Anglican Communion:** Mundu, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

14 June 2025

**Prestbury C of E School**

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Murang'a South, The Anglican Church of Kenya

15 June 2025

## **Trinity Sunday and the Ordination of Priests**

'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.' Matthew 28: 20

Today, Trinity Sunday, we pray for those ordained to the priesthood yesterday in Chester Cathedral. We thank God for his calling to all of his people to be disciple-makers, ministering in the name of the God who is Trinity. But on this day we particularly thank God for calling some to serve as priests, servant-leaders under the Servant God, shepherds under the Great Shepherd. We pray for

Eleanor (Elle) Bird – Hurdsfield, Holy Trinity  
Kathryn Elsmore – Lache cum Saltney, St Mark  
Andrew Field-Davies – Bebington, St Andrew  
Sandra Fletcher – Birkenhead Priory, Christ the King  
David Hill – Romiley, St Chad  
Heidi Munn – Norbury Hazel Grove, St Thomas  
Denise Noble – Chester, Christ Church  
Rachel Pendleton – Sandbach, St Mary  
Samuel (Sam) Rowan – Rock Ferry, St Peter

May they know his protection and providing, his guiding and his indwelling presence.

We bind unto ourselves today  
The strong name of the Trinity  
By invocation of the same,  
The Three in One, and One in Three.  
Of whom all nature has creation;  
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word.  
Praise to the Lord of our salvation;  
Salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.  
St Patrick

Please pray for our...

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

16 June 2025

## **Rainow with Saltersford and Forest, Holy Trinity, St Stephen, St John**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Simon Gowler

**Anglican Communion:** the Murray, The Anglican Church of Australia

17 June 2025

## **Sutton, St James**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Anna Cerval-Pena

Please pray for John as he continues his Reader Training.

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

18 June 2025

**Upton Priory, Church of the Resurrection**

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Mytikyina, The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

19 June 2025

**Wildboardclough, St Saviour**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Liz England

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

20 June 2025

**Winkle, St Michael**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Liz England

**Anglican Communion:** Nagpur, The Church of North India (United)

21 June 2025

**Macclesfield St Peter(Macclesfield Team Ministry)**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Canon Vivien Gisby, Revd Martin Stephens

**Lay Workers:** Ms Judith Gibson, Mr Peter Marshall, Mrs Catherine Stephens

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

22 June 2025

**Senior leaders in the diocese**

'Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.'

Psalm 110 verse 3

As we remember those being ordained as priests and deacons, we remember as well those serving in senior roles in the diocese, as bishops, dean and archdeacons, and our new Diocesan Secretary. Their particular responsibilities bring great pressures and we ask much of them. We thank God for

Mark, Bishop of Chester

Julie, Bishop of Birkenhead

Sam, Bishop of Stockport

Tim Stratford, Dean of Chester Cathedral

Mike Gilbertson, Archdeacon of Chester

Jane Proudfoot, Archdeacon of Macclesfield

Lesley Currie, Assistant Archdeacon

Jane Pleace, Diocesan Secretary and CEO

We thank God that he has called them to serve the diocese, and that he has enabled them to do so. We pray for them, for a daily dependence on God, for faithfulness as they walk the way of Christ, for wisdom in their many decisions, for clarity and conviction in their preaching, for space to rest and be refreshed in the coming months. We pray particularly for Jane Pleace, who begins her work as Diocesan Secretary and CEO this month, for God's providing and protecting in this time of transition.

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola,



23 June 2025

**Macclesfield All Saints (Macclesfield Team Ministry)**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Canon Vivien Gisby, Revd Martin Stephens

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Liz Varney

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

24 June 2025

**Macclesfield St Barnabas (Macclesfield Team Ministry)**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Canon Vivien Gisby, Revd Martin Stephens

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

25 June 2025

**Macclesfield Bollinbrook C of E School**

Please pray for our...

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

26 June 2025

**Bidston, St Oswald**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Joe Smith

**Lay Workers:** Mr Rob Morsley, Mrs Jayne Morsley

Pray for our church as we begin the Jesus Shaped People course.

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

27 June 2025

**Bidston Village C of E School**

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Nampula, Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

28 June 2025

**Birkenhead Priory, Christ the King and the Priory Chapel**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Jane Addenbrooke, Revd Paul Bentley, Revd Sandra Fletcher, Revd Debbie Wilkinson

**Lay Workers:** Ms Laura Brough

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

29 June 2025

**The Ordination of Deacons**

'But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.' 1 Peter chapter 2 verse 9

Today we pray for those ordained as deacons in Chester Cathedral. We thank God for them, for all that they bring to the church in their experience, insight and missional passion. We think of the churches that they will go on to serve, for all that lies ahead in learning and fruitfulness. We pray for

Ruth Abbott – West Kirby, St Bridget

Carol Brooks-Johnson – Altrincham, St George

Karen Drury – Bowdon, St Mary  
Michael (Mike) Duncombe – Knutsford, St Cross  
Hannah Harvey – Grange St Andrew and Runcorn All Saints with Holy Trinity  
Deborah (Debbie) Kelly – Offerton, St Alban  
Joshua (Josh) Tomalin - Cheadle Hulme St Andrew

Through your Spirit, heavenly Father,  
give your servants grace and power to fulfil their ministry.  
Make them faithful to serve  
and constant in advancing your gospel in the world.  
May they follow the example of Jesus Christ your Son,  
who washed the feet of his disciples,  
and set the needs of others before his own.  
May their life be disciplined and holy,  
their words declare your love  
and their actions reveal your glory,  
that your people may walk with them in the way of truth  
and be made ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit,  
belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and for ever.  
Amen.

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma),

30 June 2025

**Birkenhead the Priory Parish C of E School**

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Nasik, The Church of North India (United)