

Cycle of Prayer

01 - 30 September 2022

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Over Tabley

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Anglican Communion: Minnesota, The Episcopal Church

02 September 2022

Rostherne with Bollington

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Anglican Communion: Mishamikoweesh, The Anglican Church of Canada

03 September 2022

Toft

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Nigel Atkinson; Revd Helen Eccles; Revd Tom Hollingsbee; Revd Mel Lacy

Lay Workers: Mr Thain Flowers

Anglican Communion: Mississippi, The Episcopal Church

04 September 2022

Diocesan Counselling Service

People contact the Diocesan Counselling Services for a variety of reasons – but essentially for just one reason; to be listened to. Being listened to is a powerful and potentially transformative experience. Whether someone is in crisis or at a crossroads, bereaved or traumatised, anxious or depressed, the presence of a skilled counsellor can be hugely supportive, the agent of real change. Our counselling service is available to any Anglican in the diocese; it is a free service, although we welcome donations.

This service, unique in the Church of England, is made possible through the voluntary work of a team of qualified counsellors, with the addition of one or two trainees on placement, under the supervision of the Head of Counselling Services, the Revd Peter Mackriell. Counsellors work in a variety of locations across the diocese and, as a result of the pandemic, via video or on the phone. We currently have a waiting list for counselling and may refer to other agencies for alternative sources of support..

We also offer pastoral supervision to clergy and lay ministers. Based on the model of monthly supervision familiar to counsellors, pastoral supervision provides a safe confidential space for ministers to reflect on their work and its impact on them, every month or two, and to process the issues that arise in parish work. Pastoral supervision gives a framework that helps to identify healthy patterns of ministry and supports the minister in making clear decisions about their work.

- Please pray for all those currently receiving counselling support and for those on the waiting list
- Give thanks for the ministry of volunteer counsellors and pray for others to come forward to offer their skills
- Give thanks for the establishment of a new counselling hub in Stalybridge and pray for the small team there as they respond to local needs
- Pray for the development of Pastoral Supervision in the diocese, as a new training course

is offered in 2023

- Pray for all those with mental health needs, that they might find support in the local church as well as appropriate professional support, as needed.

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Australia

05 September 2022

Wilmslow

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Caroline Throup; Revd Jennie Prince

Anglican Communion: Missouri, The Episcopal Church

06 September 2022

Birtles

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Jon Hale

Anglican Communion: West Missouri, The Episcopal Church

07 September 2022

Byley-cum-Lees

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Rev Simon Drew; Rev Alison Boulton; Rev Julie Hassall

Lay Workers: Mr Duncan Goodwin; Miss Anne Latham

Pray for a fresh vision for the church family as we seek was of engaging with our rural community.

Anglican Communion: Mityana, The Church of the Province of Uganda

08 September 2022

Davenham

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Rob Iveson

Anglican Communion: Mombasa, The Anglican Church of Kenya

09 September 2022

Delamere

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Angela Askwith

Anglican Communion: Monmouth, The Church in Wales

10 September 2022

Hartford

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Mike Smith, Dimitri Alldridge, Jon Teasdale (plus James Robson and George Agar NSM)

Lay Workers: Nathan Heeb, Lewis Li, Teresa Nixon, Ted Argent-Belcher

Please pray for our growing ministry to HongKongers, especially for new arrivals, new believers and our Lay Minister for Cantonese speakers, Lewis Li.

Anglican Communion: Montana, The Episcopal Church

11 September 2022

Sisters of Jesus Way

In September 1979 our two founder Sisters gave up their money and possessions in answer to a call from God and the Sisters of Jesus Way was formed. The commitment made then, to trust the Heavenly Father for all their needs, is the path still followed by the Sisters. Instrumental strands in the formation of the community have been the Gospels, the Charismatic Renewal, and the lives of saints from many denominations.

A large semi-detached house was given to the community in West Kirby, Wirral. Visitors began to arrive and within five years the house was too small. The Heavenly Father then gave the Sisters a beautiful detached house set in an acre of land. When this also became too small to accommodate both the community and visitors, the Sisters built a motherhouse for the community in the garden. At first there was only enough money for the foundations, and then only if we did them ourselves! The Heavenly Father was faithful and in four years we were able to move in. To God be all the praise and glory.

Our calling is to love the Lord Jesus with a first love, to trust the Heavenly Father as his dear children for all our needs both spiritual and material and to allow the Holy Spirit to guide and lead us. Prayer, either using the framework of a simple liturgy or informal, is central to all that we do. We make life promises of simplicity, fidelity and chastity. Our work for the Lord varies as the Holy Spirit opens or closes doors. We welcome guests, trusting that as the Lord Jesus lives with us, they will meet with him and experience his grace. Music, some of which has been composed by the Sisters, is very much part of our life. We work together learning from the Lord to live together as a family in love, forgiveness and harmony.

Prayer Points

- That the Lord would call more Sisters and Brothers to join us.
- For grace to live a simple lifestyle in a complex society.
- That people needing rest and refreshment would find a place of welcome in our guest house, especially clergy, pastors and other church leaders.
- That the Heavenly Father would provide faithfully for all our needs.
- That we would continue to live in love and forgiveness as a community, finding our joy in Jesus and following the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

Anglican Communion: The Church of Bangladesh

12 September 2022

Little Budworth

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Paul Dawson; Revd Jane Millinchip; Revd Dr John Stopford

Lay Workers: Mrs Pauline Hayward

Anglican Communion: Montreal, The Anglican Church of Canada

13 September 2022

Lostock Gram

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Andrew Ridley

Lay Workers: Mrs Joyce Kenrick; Mr Graham Sheen; Mrs Joyce Kenrick

Anglican Communion: Moosonee, The Anglican Church of Canada

14 September 2022

Middlewich

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Rev Simon Drew; Rev Alison Boulton; Rev Julie Hassall; Rev Liz Woode; Rev Thia Hughes; Rev Lorraine Reed

Lay Workers: Jeremy Coles; Duncan Goodwin; Anne Latham; Steve Broadfoot; Tony Woode; Christine Hammill-Stewart; Elaine Reynolds; Sue Ikin; Sylvia Bosomworth

Pray that as a church we might rebuild our links with the community which were damaged by Covid, and become more effective in mission.

Anglican Communion: Moray, Ross & Caithness, The Scottish Episcopal Church

15 September 2022

Moulton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Mark Green, Revd Pauline Rowe

Please pray for the formation of our new ministry team, Cath Milnes as she is licensed as a Reader next month, and Revd Pauline Rowe who has joined us after moving to the area.

Anglican Communion: Port Moresby, The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

16 September 2022

Northwich, Holy Trinity

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Carol Seddon

Lay Workers: Dr Phil Baker; Mr Rob Shepherd

Anglican Communion: Morobo, The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

17 September 2022

Northwich, St Luke

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Rev Alan Overend (Retired) Rev Barbara Jeapes (Retired)

Lay Workers: Mr Malcolm Evans; Mr Jimmy Crawshaw ; Mr Ken Smyth; Mrs Sue Renshaw

Please pray for everyone's health and that we get an enthusiastic Vicar/Priest in Charge very soon.

Anglican Communion: Morogoro, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

18 September 2022

British Food Fortnight National Harvest Festival

Over the weekend of 24/25 September, the British Food Fortnight National Harvest Festival will take place in Cheshire. On Saturday 24 September the Harvest Torch will visit food producers around the county (Dunham Massey Apple Juice; Great Budworth Ice Cream Farm; Chestnut Meats and Reaseheath College). On Sunday 25 September, there will be a farming roadshow and farm machinery outside the west door of the cathedral and a Farmers' Market in the cloisters. At 3.00 pm, the National Harvest Festival will take place in the body of the Cathedral. Give thanks for 3 generous sponsors who have enabled the £1,000 or so necessary to run the event and for the many organisations (Young Farmers; NFU; Cheshire Agricultural Society; Reaseheath College; Agricultural Charities; Roberts Bakery Band; food producers from across the County) already committed to being involved, and for others who will become involved in the coming weeks. There is the possibility of BBC Countryfile taking an interest in this event. Please pray that, if this happens, it will be opportunity to share the love and generosity of God as well as to showcase the hard work of farmers and the high quality food being produced locally.

Anglican Communion: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

19 September 2022

Over St Chad

Please pray for our...

Lay Workers: Mrs Jo Whittall

Anglican Communion: Mpumalanga, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

20 September 2022

Over St John

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd George Crowder

Anglican Communion: Mpwapwa, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

21 September 2022

Sandiway

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Ruth Mock

Revd Brian Harris; Revd Alison Harris

Lay Workers: Mrs Hilary Chambers; Mrs Sue Hadden; Mr Paul Stevenson; Mr Andrew Hardy

Please pray for our building project, as we make necessary repairs and draw up plans to make the church accessible to the whole community.

Anglican Communion: Mthatha, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

22 September 2022

Weaverham

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Paul Withington; Revd Phil Bishop

Lay Workers: Mrs Jules Sanders; Mr Mike Sanders

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

23 September 2022

Wharton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Tim Hanson

Lay Workers: Mrs Irene Greenhough

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

24 September 2022

Whitegate

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Paul Dawson; Revd Jane Millinchip; Revd Dr John Stopford

Lay Workers: Mrs Pauline Hayward

Anglican Communion: Multan, The (united) Church of Pakistan

25 September 2022

The Archdeacon of Macclesfield – The Ven Ian Bishop

The world of an Archdeacon is varied and fulfilling. People don't always believe that, but the privilege of working with great colleagues and travelling with clergy and parishes through all the ups and downs of ministry and life, is never dull.

Whilst trying to help direct the Diocesan response to the Net Zero 2030 challenge is not exactly usual Archdeacon's territory, over the last few months I've been on a steep learning curve, understanding the climate crisis and working out how we can respond. It's not easy, but slowly ideas and resources are emerging from Government and National Church that will change all our lives and hopefully make a meaningful contribution to reversing global warming.

In a season of creation, centred around harvest celebrations, I hope all of us can focus on the need to work and pray for healing in God's creation. I pray that, if it isn't already, you will put the issues on PCC agendas, preach in Church, take steps to measure and reduce your carbon footprint and tell your community about what you're doing that perhaps they might follow your example and reduce, re-use and recycle.

Prayers

1. Pray for all our Churches in this season of Creation, that harvest would be a time of thanksgiving for the goodness of God
2. Pray for the Church of England as it meets the challenge of Net Zero 2030, and the Diocese as we seek to develop our own strategy towards Net Zero 2030.
3. Give thanks for all our churches that have achieved Eco Church awards and pray for more to engage with the challenge
4. Pray for our sister Churches in Melanesia and the DRC where climate change is having a very substantial impact.
5. Pray that Governments, charities and aid agencies would find ways to work together to promote the common good on this issue, to bring about meaningful change.

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Burundi

26 September 2022

Northwich, St Helen

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Andrew Ridley

Lay Workers: Mr David Drinkwater; Mrs Berenice Kirwan

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

27 September 2022

Bollington

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Nancy Goodrich

Lay Workers: Mrs Anne Coomes; Mr Brian Reader

Anglican Communion: Mumias, The Anglican Church of Kenya

28 September 2022

Bosley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Dr John Harries; Revd Anna Cerval-Pena; Revd Steph Morris

Lay Workers: Mrs Judith Harries

Please pray for our church school, now a CDAT academy, it's christian ethos and for stronger links with the church.

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

29 September 2022

Gawsworth

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Colin Wilson

Lay Workers: Mr Keith Parrott

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

30 September 2022

Henbury and Broken Cross

Please pray for our...

Lay Workers: Dr Linda Craig

Please pray as we seek a new incumbent to lead us forward. Pray for our wardens and church leaders at this time.

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