

# Cycle of Prayer

01 - 30 September 2024

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### **A new school year**

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.*

*In all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.*

*Proverbs 3: 5-6*

Today we think of those in our school communities who stand on the verge of a new school year. We pray for children, young people and parents, for teachers and all school staff.

Almighty God

As we begin this new school year, we ask for your blessing on all who work and study in our schools. Open their minds as they learn about the glory of your creation, grant them courage as they accept new challenges and help them all to play their part in shaping their school communities.

We give thank for the opportunities that lie before them. For the people who help them to learn and play, for friendship old and new and for the support of their families.

Finally we pray for all those around the world who do not have a school to go to or are caught up in conflicts. Comfort and support those who suffer and give them hope and strength to work with all people for a better future.

We ask all things through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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

02 September 2024

### **Crewe Green**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Dr Jane Lloyd

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Linda Clarke, Mrs Anne Thompson

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

03 September 2024

### **Doddington**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Alison Fulford, Revd Jill Williams

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Anne Draper

Please give thanks for our weekly worship and also pray for the link we have with our local church school.

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

04 September 2024

### **Haslington**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Dr Jane Lloyd

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Linda Clarke, Mrs Anne Thompson

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

05 September 2024

### **Leighton-cum-Minshull Vernon**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Paul North

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

06 September 2024

**Nantwich**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Dr Mark Hart

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Mary Harris, Mr Paul Ramsey

Please pray for Dot Woods who will be licensed to the parish as Assistant Priest on Sunday

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

07 September 2024

**Weston**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Rachael Griffiths

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Gaynor Bracey, Mrs Margaret Hodgkinson

**Anglican Communion:** Ile-Oluji, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

08 September 2024

**Heritage Open Days**

*For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.*

*Psalm 100:5*

On Heritage Open day we thank God for the rich history of faith and service that is embodied in our church buildings. Many parishes are taking this opportunity to welcome visitors, helping them to explore the story of God and his people in their particular location.

Gracious God

We thank you for your enduring love and for the centuries of worship, learning and service taking place in our church buildings.

We pray for those taking part in Heritage Open Days and ask that you would bless them as they welcome visitors and tell your story.

We pray that you would bring a deeper appreciation of your grace and a renewed commitment to serving you and the communities around them.

We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Please pray for our...

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

09 September 2024

**Wistaston**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Mike Turnbull

**Lay Workers:** Mr David Illing, Mrs Ann Stubbs

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

10 September 2024

**Wrenbury**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Amanda Pike

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Elizabeth Falding, Mrs Cynthia Gorton, Dr Roger Howarth, Mrs Debbie Rowlands

**Anglican Communion:** Ilesa South West, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

11 September 2024

**Wybunbury**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Alison Fulford, Revd Jill Williams

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Anne Draper

Please pray for the ministry of our children's groups and work with our 2 church schools

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

12 September 2024

**Wettenhall**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Anne Lawson

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Isobel Burnley, Mrs Ann Nicholas

Give thanks that St David's Church has recently achieved a Bronze Eco Church award. Please pray as we continue to think about how we can be better stewards of creation, and serve the wider community more effectively.

**Anglican Communion:** Northern Indiana, The Episcopal Church

13 September 2024

**Warmingham**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Paul North

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Helan Isherwood

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

14 September 2024

**Wheelock**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Dr Jane Lloyd

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Patricia Baker, Mr Morris Carleton

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

15 September 2024

**Season of Creation part 1**

*'Creation is groaning in the pains of childbirth'*

*Romans 8:22*

'In the face of the climate crisis, protecting God's Creation is a spiritual imperative for Christians throughout the global Church. The Season of Creation has inspired us to come together in prayer and action – to safeguard, sustain and renew the life of the Earth. That is why, inspired by the Orthodox Church's leadership, the Anglican Communion enthusiastically supports this ecumenical season. I encourage Anglicans around the world to pray for the unity of the Church, as we follow Christ's call to protect and renew what God has entrusted to us.' Most Revd Justin Welby

Triune God, Creator of all, We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection. We confess that our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us. May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. We pray this in the name of the one

who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ.

Amen

Please pray for our...

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

16 September 2024

**Bidston**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Joe Smith

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

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

17 September 2024

**Birkenhead Priory**

Please pray for our...

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

**Lay Workers:** Ms Laura Brough

**Anglican Communion:** Iran, The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East

18 September 2024

**Birkenhead St James with St Bede**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Keith Addenbrooke, Revd Jane Addenbrooke, Revd Dan Harris

As the new School year gets going, pray for the children and young people, staff, governors and parents at our Community Schools: Co-op Portland Primary, Bidston Avenue Primary, Birkenhead Sixth Form College and the Hospital School.

**Anglican Communion:** Irele Ese-Odo, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

19 September 2024

**Birkenhead Christ Church**

Please pray for our...

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Jackie Harness, Miss Judith Newburn

**Anglican Communion:** Isi Mbano, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

20 September 2024

**Oxton**

Please pray for our...

**Lay Workers:** Ms Amy Davies, Mrs Lisa Kelly

Please pray for God's loving presence during our vacancy.

**Anglican Communion:** Isiala Ngwa, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

21 September 2024

**Prenton**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Matt Graham

**Lay Workers:** Mr Peter Earp, Mr Brian McEvoy, Miss Brenda Tollady, Miss Anne Wise

Give thanks for our new families worker as she settles into serving, training and teaching.

Pray for fruit as we reach out to our community. Give thanks as much needed work updating loos and hospitality facilities in church gets underway.

**Anglican Communion:** Isiala-Ngwa South, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

22 September 2024  
Please pray for our...

**Celebration of Harvest**

*'Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow or reap or gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.'*

*Matthew 6:26*

Today in Chester Cathedral Cheshire Harvest is celebrated. Many parts of our diocese are shaped by the rural economy and the rhythms of the farming year. At this time we are reminded of our dependence on the land and on those who work it for the benefit of all. We pray that our gratitude and appreciation would be deepened and that we would be mindful of the needs of those who do not have enough.

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

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

23 September 2024

**St Peter, Rock Ferry**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd John Naudé, Revd Sam Rowan

Please pray for church unity to grow between St Peter's and its church plant The Barn. Please also pray for our curate Sam Rowan, and prayers for John Naude for wisdom in trying to lead God's church in his direction. Please pray for the church to grow i

**Anglican Communion:** Isikwuato / Umunneochi, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

24 September 2024

**St Catherine Tranmere**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd James Terry

Pray that we can be encouraging people to attend the next Christianity Explored course; that many will attend the course and have their lives changed as they encounter Jesus through the Scriptures.

**Anglican Communion:** Western Izon, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

25 September 2024

**Tranmere St Paul with St Luke**

Please pray for our...

**Lay Workers:** Miss Beryl Smith, Mrs Carol Vague, Mr Robert Vague

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



26 September 2024

**Woodchurch**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Sister Janet Arnold

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Sue Moiuntford

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

27 September 2024

**Stockport and Brinnington**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Chris Blunt, Revd Andrew Crook

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Brenda Baxendale

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

28 September 2024

**Offerton**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Marie Flint

**Anglican Communion:** Jamaica and The Cayman Islands, The Church in the Province of the West Indies

29 September 2024

**Season of creation part 2**

*'Therefore I urge you brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship.'*

*Romans 12: 1*

The blessing that we enjoy from the hand of God, in creation and in redemption, point us forwards to a life of generosity, for the sake of all creation and all creatures, including our fellow human beings. This prayer of dismissal from 'Times and Seasons' is an appropriate prayer for each of us, setting out on another day in God's world.

Trust in the tenderness of Christ  
to heal a bruised and broken world.

Thanks be to God.

Go in eager and refreshing hope.

Work with Christ risen from the dead,  
to fulfil the promise of a new creation.

Thanks be to God.

Let us go in peace,  
to treasure and to tend the world God made and loves.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Please pray for our...

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

30 September 2024

**Edgeley and Cheadle Heath**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Jeb Beatty

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Heather Adams, Mr David Brown

**Anglican Communion:** Rio de Janeiro, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

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