

Cycle of Prayer

01 - 31 July 2022

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Thelwall

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Douglas Black

Lay Workers: Mrs Pip Horne; Mr Colin Horrabin; Mr Bob Lester

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

02 July 2022

Walton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Anita Raggett

Lay Workers: Mr Keith Fletcher; Mr Ian Jerrard-Dinn; Mr Stephen Clague; Mrs Gill Povey-Robins

Please pray for all those whom we have contact with, who are struggling post pandemic, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

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

03 July 2022

Please hold in your prayers those to be ordained deacon on Sunday 3rd July 2022 at Chester Cathedral by the Rt Revd Mark Tanner, Bishop of Chester.

Jane Addenbrooke – Upton (Overchurch) St Mary

Ashleigh Askwith - High Lane, St Thomas and Low Marple St Thomas

Sarah Batchelor – Guilden Sutton, St. John the Baptist, united with Plemstall, St Peter

Jane Crook – Marple, All Saints

Julie Hassall - Middlewich, St Michael and All Angels, united with Byley-cum-Lees

Charlie Laver – Stalybridge, Holy Trinity

Tina Lightfoot – Christleton, St James and The Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jayne Manfredi – Sandbach, St Mary

Jo Pemberton – Chester Holy Trinity Without-the-Walls (Blacon)

Richard Reeve – Handforth, St Chad

Jonathan Roberts – Coppenhall, St Michael

Tom Ryan – Broadheath, St Alban

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Tanzania

04 July 2022

Aston by Sutton, Little Leigh and Lower Whitley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Dr Collette Jones

Lay Workers: Mr Philip Littlemore; Mrs Jean Davies; Mrs Joan Sears

Anglican Communion: Malindi, The Anglican Church of Kenya

05 July 2022

Alsager St Mary Magdalene

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Vicar: Rev. Michelle Goodrich, Curate: Rev. Jim Britcliffe, Associate Priests: Fr. John Gleaves & Rev. Graham Joyce

Lay Workers: Mrs Anne Joyce

We pray for all those who will be joining us on Sunday for our Service of Confirmation, especially we pray for our candidates and their families and friends who will join them, and Bishop Willie who will confirm them in their faith.

Anglican Communion: Manawa o Te Wheke, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

06 July 2022

Alsager Christ Church

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Daran Ward; Revd Sr Heather Kemball

Lay Workers: Mr Keith Davies; Mr Dave Fidal; Mr Andrew Warren

Anglican Communion: Manchester, The Church of England

07 July 2022

Astbury

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Anne-Marie Naylor

Lay Workers: Andrew Bevington

Our flourishing in new lay ministries, our work with schools and young people, fruitful connection with all we encounter through occasional offices, and our building project.

Anglican Communion: Mandalay, The Church of the Province of Myanmar

08 July 2022

Barthomley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Peter Ennion

Lay Workers:

Anglican Communion: Manicaland, The Church of the Province of Central Africa

09 July 2022

Brereton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Sandi Fisher

Please pray for our work with children and young people and our "Worship in the Woods" starting in July

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

10 July 2022

ABC Link Prayers

Rebel activity continues in eastern DRC. A Mission Partner writes of 'the slow, grinding conflict in Eastern Congo which daily claims victims who never reach the headlines'. Someone has estimated that there have been 122 rebel groups over 25 years. The Norwegian Refugee Council says this is the world's most neglected refugee crisis: there are 5 million displaced people and 1 million refugees (in other countries). Boga and the southern part of Aru Diocese are particularly affected.

In spite of this background, the work of the gospel goes on. At the beginning of June one deacon and 12 priests were ordained in Aru. The ministry among young girls who have been victims of sexual abuse continues in Boga Diocese. Aru Diocese is grateful for the Chester grant, which enabled them to provide roofing sheets for a school and help with the school fees for certain children. Mission Partner, Peter Wyard, carries on the task of introducing the discipleship course Rooted in Jesus.

Archbishop Ande will be attending the Lambeth Conference. We've not yet heard from Bishop William.

PRAYER POINTS

- For peace and an end to the killing in Eastern DRC
- For participants in Rooted in Jesus to learn how to interact rather than be talked at
- That the new deacons and priests may be used greatly by God to spread the gospel in word and deed
- For Ven Jean Bagada's project with abused girls, that funding will increase so more girls can be helped
- Safe travel, wisdom, patience and love for the bishops as they attend Lambeth

Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of Uganda

11 July 2022

Holmes Chapel

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Rob McLaren

Pray that we make good progress on our internal church lighting project as we hope to complete it later this year. And ask the Lord to enable us to start a work with parents and toddlers this Autumn.

Anglican Communion: Mara, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

12 July 2022

Congleton St James

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Colin Sanderson

Lay Workers: Mr Kenneth Hill

Anglican Communion: Maralal, The Anglican Church of Kenya

13 July 2022

Congleton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Ian Enticott

Lay Workers: Readers: Dr Mike Hutchison, Mrs Lesley Murray, Mr Geoffrey Scott, Mrs Eileen Walker, Pastoral Worker: Chris Downes-Ward (licensing on 08/10/2022)

Pray that we grow in unity as we seek to make Jesus known and live his way. Pray for us to make wise decisions about future service patterns, how best to utilise our buildings, and how to reach more families.

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

14 July 2022

Eaton with Hulme Walfield

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Ian Arch

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

15 July 2022

Elworth

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Dr David Page; Revd Anthony Rigby

Lay Workers: Mr Bill Chapman; Mr Steven Coppenhall

Anglican Communion: Saint Mark the Evangelist, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

16 July 2022

Goostrey

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Heather Buckley

Anglican Communion: Marsabit, The Anglican Church of Kenya

17 July 2022

Chester Cathedral

Ministry at Chester Cathedral is wide ranging. The most significant aspect of this is the welcome we offer to hundreds of thousands of visitors who come through our doors for a basket of different reasons. We try to ensure that they find here a place of holy encounter where they can meet with God, whether that is through worship, the art and architecture, the spoken word and human care of our staff and volunteers, or the tranquillity and prayerfulness of our space.

Alongside the visitor welcome, this is a church that draws its own congregation, many of whom are faithful and regular, many of whom are transient. This body of people needs nourishing and pastoral care as do the hundreds of volunteers and 70+ staff. Our city centre location places us at the centre of numerous partnerships within the public, private and charitable sectors opening us a further set of relationships to tend.

And then there is the heritage treasure of our buildings and estate to care for. This means generating income to maintain and develop the Cathedral and its grounds. So, fundraising and commercial activity are also our bread and butter.

Please pray for:

- Our faithfulness to the witnessing and evangelistic challenge we are faced with in what needs to be a "low threshold" church.
- Our care for the relationships and networks we are set amidst, including a pastoral heart for some, and our willingness to speak the prophetic word too.
- Responsible stewardship of buildings that are filled with the prayers of the centuries and are filled with hope for the future.

Anglican Communion: The Episcopal Church

18 July 2022

Church Lawton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Steve Clapham

Lay Workers: Mr John Atkins; Miss Bev Boulton; Mrs Margaret Cruyton

Anglican Communion: Maryland, The Episcopal Church

19 July 2022

Odd Rode

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Philip Atkinson

Lay Workers: Mr Robert New

Anglican Communion: Masasi, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

20 July 2022

Sandbach

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Bee Boyde

Lay Workers: Mrs Joan Plowman

Anglican Communion: Maseno East, The Anglican Church of Kenya

21 July 2022

Sandbach Heath with Hassall Green

Please pray for our...

Lay Workers: Mr Alan Warburton

Anglican Communion: Maseno North, The Anglican Church of Kenya

22 July 2022

Smallwood

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Anne-Marie Naylor

Anglican Communion: Maseno South, The Anglican Church of Kenya

23 July 2022

Swettenham

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Ian Arch

Lay Workers: Mr Howard Lawton

Anglican Communion: Maseno West, The Anglican Church of Kenya

24 July 2022

Anglican Communion: The Church in Wales

25 July 2022

Siddington with Capesthorpe

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Ian Arch

Lay Workers: Mr Howard Lawton; Mrs Diane Wisener; Mr Douglas Wisener; Mr Raymond Rush

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

26 July 2022

Marton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Ian Arch

Lay Workers: Mr Howard Lawton; Mr Douglas Wisener; Mrs Diane Wisener

Anglican Communion: Massachusetts, The Episcopal Church

27 July 2022

Aldford

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Julian Beauchamp; Revd Karl Jones

Lay Workers: Mrs Kath Wentel

Anglican Communion: Western Massachusetts, The Episcopal Church

28 July 2022

Bickerton

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

29 July 2022

Bickley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Richard Diggle

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

30 July 2022

Bruera

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Julian Beauchamp; Revd Karl Jones

Lay Workers: Mrs Kath Wentel

Anglican Communion: Matana, The Anglican Church of Burundi

31 July 2022

Pastoral Worker Training

Pastoral Workers are a skilled and flexible resource for the Church. They are licensed by the bishop and are called to draw alongside people in their parish who need pastoral support. This is a ministry of presence and attentiveness which is worked out in a wide variety of ways. Some Pastoral Workers also exercise their ministry in places beyond their parish, acting as a bridge between the church and the world as they share the love of God with those in their communities and places of work and volunteering.

There are currently 17 men and women training to be Pastoral Workers in the Diocese of Chester, and together as a learning community they are committed to deepening in discipleship and growing in skill and ability. Done well, training and formation for licensed ministry is both a demanding and joyous time – students often reflect on how much they learn about themselves, others, and God, and how much they grow in faith.

Those training for Pastoral Worker ministry sometimes express surprise that God has called them to this ministry of walking alongside others. They speak of the sense of privilege and responsibility they feel to serve in this way, and those who minister alongside them testify to the rich significance of their quiet but profound work.

Prayer points:

- Give thanks for those who serve as Pastoral Workers in the diocese
- For those studying, that they will know God's presence with them as they deepen in faith and learning
- For those preparing for those to be licensed in October, that they will feel confident in the path God has set before them
- For people to hear God's call to this ministry, and to be encouraged and nurtured as they respond to that call
- For parishes without Pastoral Workers, that God might stir a vocation to this ministry in people's hearts

Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of West Africa

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