Cycle of Prayer 01 - 31 May 2025 THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND Diocese of Chester

Mollington St Oswalds C of E School

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Del Norte de México, La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

02 May 2025

Bromborough, St Barnabas

Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Jenny Gillies

Anglican Communion: Michigan, The Episcopal Church

03 May 2025

Burton, St Nicholas

Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd John Coyne

Lay Workers: Mrs Ruth Abbott, Mr Basil Keys, Mr John Morris-Best, Mrs Ann Rudd

Anglican Communion: Eastern Michigan, The Episcopal Church

04 May 2025

Growing Disciples

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,' 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever!"

Revelation chapter 5 verse 13

I wonder what we think of when we think of heaven. Harps and clouds? People in flowing white robes? Or do we think of reunions, seeing again the people we have loved and lost? The Bible emphasis is both more physical and more spiritual. We are encouraged to look forward to a new heaven and a new earth, a re-creation, and to know that the focus of our lives in eternity will be God himself. The creatures in heaven have their gaze fixed on the one on the throne and on the Lamb. The Christian life today shares these qualities – body and soul together find their true value when they are focussed on the Lamb. If our lives are a song, as we grow in faith, they are more and more a song of worship to the Lamb, who died and rose and reigns today. We pray that this song would ring out more and more, bringing blessing and joy to ourselves and others, and glory to our God.

Almighty Father,

Who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord; give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; Through Jesus Christ your Lon our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now can for ever.

Amen

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Church of Ireland

Burton Bishop Wilson C of E School

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Northern Michigan, The Episcopal Church

06 May 2025

Capenhurst, Holy Trinity

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Elaine White

Please pray for our Benefice Away Day with St Oswald's church, Backford, on 10th May, as we

seek God's guidance and discern a shared vision for our future. **Anglican Communion:** Western Michigan, The Episcopal Church

07 May 2025

Capenhurst C of E School

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Micronesia, The Episcopal Church

08 May 2025

Eastham, St Mary the Blessed Virgin, Chapel of the Holy Spirit, Chapel of St Peter

Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Beth Glover

Lay Workers: Mr Andrew Bradley-Gibbons, Mr David Colenso, Mrs Diane Green, Mr Simone

Llewellyn, Mrs Nikki Matthews

Anglican Communion: Milwaukee, The Episcopal Church

09 May 2025

Millfields C of E School

Please pray for our...

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

10 May 2025

Ellesmere Port, St Thomas and All Saints, St Lawrence

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Gill Foster, Revd Ricky Montgomery, Revd Rachel Newell

Lay Workers: Mr Frank Mawdsley, Ms Linda Tudor

Anglican Communion: Minnesota, The Episcopal Church

11 May 2025

Growing Leadership

'The Lord is my shepherd;
Therefore can I lack nothing.
He makes my down in green pastures
And leads me beside still waters.
He shall refresh my soul.'
Psalm 23 verses 1 – 3

The]is much loved Psalm is not a very flattering picture when we apply it to ourselves - it says we are sheep, highlighting how vulnerable and helpless we are. But God is the loving, wise faithful shepherd, who gathers his sheep, scattered across the world. More remarkably, he uses people in his church to find, strengthen and care for other sheep. We find ourselves in different roles – we are sheep and shepherds, cared for and caring, lost and leading. We pray today for ourselves as we care for eothers, in families, churches and workplaces,

and for those called to serve the church in leadership. We pray that increasingly they would share the love, wisdom and faithfulness of the true shepherd, being sustained and led by him as they sustain and lead others.

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

12 May 2025

Ellesmere Port Christ Church C of E Primary School

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Mishamikoweesh, The Anglican Church of Canada

13 May 2025

Great Saughall, All Saints

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Alan Dawson, Revd Gareth Thomas

Lay Workers: Dr Robert Brook

Anglican Communion: District, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

14 May 2025

Saughall All Saints C of E School

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Mississippi, The Episcopal Church

15 May 2025

Great Sutton, St John the Evangelist

Please pray for our...

Lay Workers: Mr Nigel James

Pray for us during our vacancy and for God's guidance in the selection process. Prayer is

requested for our Church Wardens and the Reader, Mr Nigel James.

Anglican Communion: Missouri, The Episcopal Church

16 May 2025

Hooton, St Paul

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Jo Pemberton

Anglican Communion: West Missouri, The Episcopal Church

17 May 2025

Little Sutton C of E School

Please pray for our...

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

Growing communities

'When they heard this they were silenced. And they praised God, saying 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Acts chapter 11 verse 18

The book of Acts shows the widening impact of the resurrection of Jesus, as more and more people hear and receive the message of forgiveness and new life. But some early Christians were slow to understand that God really did welcome every kind of person. Perhaps we are similarly slow, reckoning that some people are too distant, too rich, too poor, too clever, too unschooled, too entrenched to want to share in this good news. As we pray for growing church communities, we pray for our existing churches to grow in confidence, joy, compassion and faith, and for them to grow in number, reaching new people in new ways.

Risen Christ,

Your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East,

19 May 2025

Neston, St Mary and St Helen, St Thomas, St Michael

Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Kevin Crinks

Lay Workers: Mr Tony Cooke, Mr John Hart, Mrs Lesley Irvin, Mrs Elizabeth Joyce, Mr Richard

Lewis

Praying for a resolution to refurbishing our church hall, and praying for the provision of a

Curate for the parish.

Anglican Communion: Mombasa, The Anglican Church of Kenya

20 May 2025

Shotwick, St Michael Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd John Coyne

Lay Workers: Mrs Ruth Abbott, Mr Basil Keys, Mr John Morris-Best

Anglican Communion: Monmouth, The Church in Wales

21 May 2025

Thornton Hough. All Saints

Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Vicky Barrett

Anglican Communion: Montana, The Episcopal Church

Willaston, Christ Church

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Lyndon Bannon

Anglican Communion: Montreal, The Anglican Church of Canada

23 May 2025

Willaston C of E School

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Moosonee, The Anglican Church of Canada

24 May 2025

The Ellesmere Port C of E College

Please pray for our...

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

25 May 2025

Growing connections

'During the night Paul had a vision: there stood man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying 'Come over the Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over the Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.'

Acts chapter 16 verse 9 - 10

God steers his church in all kinds of ways. Through visions, dreams and persecutions, after debate and prayer and argument. But how often it is through partnership, through sharing needs, abilities and insights. Too often in churches we operate with our eyes down, fixed on our own concerns and fears. We pray today that God would enable us to look around, to see the people of peace in our communities and learn with them, so we can understand better both ourselves and the people we serve.

Risen Christ

By the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples; help you Church to obey your command and draw the nations to the fire of your love, to the glory of God the Father.

Amen

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Kenya

26 May 2025

Bollington, St Oswald

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Dr Jennifer Eades, Revd Nancy Goodrich **Lay Workers:** Mrs Anne Coomes, Mr Brian Reader

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

27 May 2025

Bollington Cross C of E School

Please pray for our...

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

Bollington St John's C of E School

Please pray for our...

Clergy:

Lay Workers:

Anglican Communion: Morogoro, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

29 May 2025

Bosley, St Mary the Virgin

Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Liz England

Anglican Communion: Mount Kenya Central, The Anglican Church of Kenya

30 May 2025

Bosley, St Mary's C of E School

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Mount Kenya South, The Anglican Church of Kenya

31 May 2025

Gawsworth, St James the Great

Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Colin Wilson

Anglican Communion: Mount Kenya West, The Anglican Church of Kenya