

Cycle of Prayer

01 - 31 October 2022

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Hurdsfield

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd James Gibson; Revd Jonny Frost

Lay Workers: Hellen Watson (Lay Reader), Jared Brown (Youth Minister), Rachel and Jennie (Kids and families workers), Josie and Alice (Community Interns)

Please give thanks for the opening of our new Community Hub and our two community interns joining our team. Please pray that we would continue to build more relationships with the community around us and see them drawn to Jesus.

Anglican Communion: the Murray, The Anglican Church of Australia

02 October 2022

Casting the Net

The Diocese is embarking on a process, being led by Harriet Roberts (Director of Development), to consult widely about our values and vision. The challenges that we face as a nation - the cost of living, the lingering effects of COVID, the war in Ukraine, climate change - challenge the church deeply as well. What do we have to offer, what do we have to say? And behind these questions are others, about identity and purpose. Who do we think we are and what do we think we are for? We find answers to these fundamental questions in God and his Word, but we need to know how to apply and articulate those answers, so we can talk to each other and to the people in our communities who do not come to church. Casting the Net will help us to do that, in a series of events and activities that give every person from every church in the diocese a chance to say what they think. There will be Vision Café's across every deanery and meetings for different networks of churches. There will be conversations in public and community spaces so we can hear the perspective of people who are not connected to church.

So we need to pray, to commit the process and our speaking and our listening to God.

Please pray:

For Harriet and others involved in planning and running all of the meetings, events, conversations that take place in the coming months, for the energy, creativity and wisdom that they need.

For many people to get involved and have their say.

For those who receive and hear the many responses and comments that are made, that they would know what God is directing us towards.

For the parishes, chaplaincies and schools of the diocese, that a growing sense of common purpose in Christ would invigorate and direct us in mission and evangelism.

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Canada,

03 October 2022

Macclesfield St Michael & All Angels (Part of Team)

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Martin Stephens; Revd Andy Williams

Lay Workers: Lynne Spedding, Catherine Stephens, Mike Strutt

Give thanks for the past (first) year and positivity of our new style Church Family Worship.

Please pray for those people preparing for Confirmation; for our new leadership structure to become established; for more leaders for our young people's group.

Anglican Communion: Muyinga, The Anglican Church of Burundi

04 October 2022

Macclesfield St John

Please...

Give thanks for the leadership team. Pray especially for the church in vacancy, that they may know the presence of God in their midst

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

05 October 2022

Macclesfield St Paul

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Vivien Gisby

Lay Workers: Mrs Joan Mottershead; Robert Marshall; Younger Generations Co-ordinator – Emma Dennehy

Give thanks for the blessings of this past year and for the work of the leadership team during vacancy.

Pray for Vivien Visby as she is inducted. We pray that her mission and guidance begins the next phase of making our church a beacon in our community, as we continue living, loving, serving and growing together with God.

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

06 October 2022

North Rode

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Colin Wilson

Anglican Communion: Nairobi, The Anglican Church of Kenya

07 October 2022

Pott Shrigley

Please pray for our...

Lay Workers: Dr John Ryley; Anne Murphy; Celia Fraser

Pray for all the leadership team during this period of vacancy. Pray for spiritual discernment and vision going forward

Anglican Communion: Nakuru, The Anglican Church of Kenya

08 October 2022

Prestbury

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Patrick Angier; Revd Steve Murphy

Lay Workers: Miss Andrea Fitton; Mr Keith Ravenscroft; Mrs Anne Stirling

Anglican Communion: Nambale, The Anglican Church of Kenya

09 October 2022

World Mental Health Day – October 10th

The Diocese's Mental Health Forum marks World Mental Health Day with an annual service; this year, the service is at St Matthew's, Stretton, at 3 p.m. on Sunday 9 October. Bishop Sam will be our preacher.

- Please pray for this service, that it will strengthen those who feel isolated by mental illness and challenge those of us who need to be stirred up.

World Mental Health Day, an initiative of the World Health Organisation, is marked every year to promote parity between mental health provision and other (physical) health services. The theme of 2022's World Mental Health Day is 'Make mental health and wellbeing for all a global priority'. Mental health problems exist in our lives, families, workplaces and communities, impacting everyone. We need to do as much as possible to prevent mental ill-health – as individuals and as a society.

- Please pray for this initiative and for a truly global impact, for the good of all those who suffer with mental ill-health.

World Mental Health Day is also a chance to talk about mental health in general, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to talk about things and get help when needed.

- Please pray for those suffering in silence and those unable to access services.
- Please pray for good mental health for our clergy.
- Please pray for the Diocesan Counselling Service, for Stockport Christian Counselling, and for other local third-sector services.
- Please pray for the NHS's mental health provision, including GP practice counsellors, Psychological Wellbeing Practitioners, Counsellors, Psychologists and Psychiatrists, working in community settings and in-patient wards.

The Mental Health Forum seeks to raise awareness of Mental Health issues across the diocese and welcomes new members and suggestions for new initiatives. Please pray for

- The members of the Mental Health Forum, chaired by Dr Tricia Berry
 - Our next planned conference, on Thursday 27 April 2023, at St Mary's, Handbridge.
- Please pray for our...

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

10 October 2022

Rainow with Saltersford and Forest

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Simon Gowler

Lay Workers: Mrs Jennifer Kendal

We ask for prayer for continued growth both numerically and spiritually.

Anglican Communion: Namibia, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

11 October 2022

Sutton St James

Please pray for our...

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

Lay Workers: Mrs Judith Harries

Give thanks for our refurbished church hall and the new opportunities it provides for reaching out to the community. Pray for an awakening to the majesty of God and the power of the gospel for salvation.

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

12 October 2022

Upton Priory

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Avril Ravenscroft

Anglican Communion: Nampula, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

13 October 2022

Wildboarclough

Please pray for our...

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

Lay Workers: Mrs Judith Harries

Pray for our rural community, the pressures on our farmers and the issues of isolation, mental well-being

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

14 October 2022

Wincle

Please pray for our...

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

Lay Workers: Mrs Judith Harries

Give thanks for our primary school as it continues to grow and thrive. Pray for the Friday services bringing parents, children and community together.

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

15 October 2022

Macclesfield St Peter (Part of Team)

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Martin Stephens, Revd Ali Marshall, Revd Andy Williams

Lay Workers: Jude Gibson, Pete Marshall, Catherine Stephens

Give thanks for members being highly-committed to global and local issues of justice and the environment. Pray for the current process of discerning God's calling, both for our community at St Peter's and in the wider town .

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

16 October 2022

Chester Cathedral Choir

The first monks of the Monastery sang their chants under the Benedictine Rule more than 900 years ago. Henry VIII re-established the former Monastery as a cathedral in 1541 and God's praises have been sung ever since. Each year, the Cathedral offers opportunities for boys and girls to audition for a place in the Cathedral Choir. After an initial training period as a Probationer, the Choristers are then admitted into the full choir. On a daily basis, the choir is maintaining our priceless musical heritage, which is an unique education for life. The spiritual impact of their training remains with them always, along with the musical education they receive. The tradition of English choral music is the primary means through which the worship and adoration of God is offered in our cathedrals.

Singing eight choral services a week - which equates to around 384 sung services each year - shared between the boy and girl choristers, lay clerks and choral scholars, Chester Cathedral Choir sings some of the greatest music from the fourteenth century to the present day. The Cathedral Choir rehearses daily in the magnificent purpose-built Song School, which is built on the site of the old Monk's Dormitory. In addition to the daily worship of the cathedral, the choir performs at least three concerts a year, records CDs and regularly appear on BBC Radio 3 & 4 and television, and, when time permits, undertake tours to other countries. In recent

years the choir has visited Ireland, Belgium, France and undertook a highly successful tour of Florida in 2007.

There is no choir school at Chester and the choristers are recruited from schools all over the city and surrounding area. The cathedral itself provides bursaries for the choristers and this level of support, and commitment from the choir itself, enables us to maintain consistently high musical standards.

Give thanks for the ministry of music at Chester Cathedral

Pray for the well-being of the choir – choristers, lay clerks and parents - and for all that they give in enhancing the worship at Chester Cathedral to the glory of God

Pray for the future of the worship and music at Chester Cathedral and the resources to support it

Pray for the work of the Nave Choir (the cathedral's voluntary choir) and their part in the music-making at the cathedral

Pray for all those who attend services and their spiritual needs

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America,

17 October 2022

Macclesfield All Saints (Part of Team)

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Andy Williams

Lay Workers: Mrs Chris Gleaves; Liz Varney

Please pray for continued work with the community through Messy Church and Welcome Café.

Anglican Communion: Natal, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

18 October 2022

Macclesfield St Barnabas (Part of Team)

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Andy Williams

Lay Workers: Mrs Fran Hiles

Please pray for direction for the future and developing a deeper connection with the community and for the work of Cre8 in the local community.

Anglican Communion: Navajoland, The Episcopal Church

19 October 2022

Leasowe

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Derek Marshall

Lay Workers: Mrs Diana Jones

Please pray for us as we try to develop closer links with Holy Spirit School and Castleway School.

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

20 October 2022

Liscard the Resurrection

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Peter Cooper; Revd Chris Turner

We thank God for the connections that have been built with the community, for opportunities to love and serve people. Please pray that these shoots would strengthen and bear sustained fruit. May that be true of the church as a whole, that they would see growing joy and confidence in God.

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

21 October 2022

Liscard St Thomas

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Fr Brian Bell SSC

Fr Robert Nelson MBE SOSc

Guidance and blessing as we create a united benefice with St Andrew West Kirby. Increase in numbers worshipping and in spiritual depth. Enabling sale of hall site to generate fund for improving our service to the local community.

Anglican Communion: Nebraska, The Episcopal Church

22 October 2022

New Brighton St James with Emmanuel

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Heather Atkinson

Lay Workers: Mr Ron Jones; Mr Mike Collins; Mrs Elizabeth Cooper Clark

Please pray for growth and new initiatives with and among children and young people, including the new Experience Harvest event we are running.

Anglican Communion: Nelson, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

23 October 2022

Place of Welcome -Transforming lives together

Place of Welcome is a network of small community organisations (including faith communities) who offer an unconditional welcome to local people for at least a few hours a week.

Place of Welcome responds to the challenge to make our cities and neighbourhoods more welcoming

The network has developed a set of guiding principles for all Places of Welcome, known as the five Ps.

1. Place - An accessible and hospitable building open at the same time every week
2. People - Open to everyone regardless of their circumstances or situations and staffed by volunteers
3. Presence - A place where people actively listen to one another
4. Provision - Offering free refreshments (at least a cup of tea and a biscuit) and basic local information
5. Participation - Recognises that every person coming to Place of Welcome will bring talents, experience and skills that they might be willing to share locally

Place of Welcome here is the only one to take place in a Cathedral. We opened on 4th March 2019 and reopened after Covid last November.

It takes place every Monday from 10.30 to 12.00 in the Cloister room which is accessible, warm and welcoming.

We welcome everyone who wants to relax, sit for a while and chat (or not) We provide tea and

coffee and biscuits (cake on special occasions) and also jigsaws, books, games and toys for children and a thriving knitting group.

A number of local residents have formed a close-knit group who actively listen and look out for each other

As we are in a Cathedral we welcome many tourists and we have met a wide variety of people from all over the country and abroad. They are all very appreciative of what we have to offer.

We, as volunteers are very committed to Place of Welcome. We enjoy the sessions immensely and agree that we reap great benefit from meeting so many varied and interesting people.

This can perhaps be summed up in two comments from the Visitor's book.

"Many thanks for your great hospitality and lovely cup of coffee."

"Just lovely, friendly and welcoming."

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo,

24 October 2022

Poulton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Peter Cooper; Revd Chris Turner

Lay Workers: Mr Rob Woodburn

Please pray for the work of the community café, that it would continue to offer a warm welcome and be a blessing to the people of the area. Please pray that they would be able to keep the work going under the pressure of rising costs.

Anglican Communion: Nevada, The Episcopal Church

25 October 2022

Seacombe

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Peter Cooper; Revd Chris Turner

Lay Workers: Mr John Riddiough

We thank God for the practical love shown through the social supermarket based at the church and ask that they would be able to keep going when fuel costs are rising so much.

Anglican Communion: New Busa, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

26 October 2022

Wallasey St Hilary

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Alan Ward; Revd Richard Avery

Lay Workers: Miss Catherine Godfrey; Mrs Valerie Sparks; Mr John Tomkins; Mrs Caroline Houghton

During the autumn and spring we will be working through the "Jesus Shaped People" programme, focussing on the priorities of Jesus' earthly ministry and looking to set our own priority aims for 2023 onwards. Please pray with us for unity and clear vision.

Anglican Communion: New Guinea Islands, The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

27 October 2022

Wallasey St Nicholas

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Jeff Staples

Lay Workers: Mrs Louise Jones

Anglican Communion: New Hampshire, The Episcopal Church

28 October 2022

Moreton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Debbi Stott; Revd Betty Turner

Lay Workers: Mrs Jane Fisher

Anglican Communion: New Jersey, The Episcopal Church

29 October 2022

Dukinfield St John

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Tim Hayes; Revd Chris Viney

Lay Workers: Miss Pat Bradshaw

Anglican Communion: New Westminster, The Anglican Church of Canada

30 October 2022

A season of generosity

A silver jug bears the hallmark of the maker and a Christian bears generosity in their character as the mark of the one who made them. At this time of anxiety and difficulty, this mark will be greatly valued in our communities. But generosity will not be easy and it may help to remember why it is so fitting for the Christian.

Generosity shows appreciation. God is the supremely generous giver, giving us a good world to live in and the ability to develop and enjoy it. He brings spiritual life, reconnecting us to himself through the death and resurrection of Jesus and the power of the Spirit. How much we have been given. In being generous we show that we recognise and value this.

Generosity shows trust. God's giving continues, his love is faithful, we can trust ourselves to him even when things are tough. Our instinct may be for self-preservation, and we are right to be careful in how we use what we have, but we can cast all our anxieties on him because he cares for us. More than that, God shapes our world and its times. The one who raised Jesus from the dead will bring him again, and we can be confident for our future. Being generous flows from trust in God.

Generosity expresses love. I remember my Mum teaching me in my earliest days: God, others yourself. We look around and recognise the needs that other people have and we see how interconnected we are. Generosity puts others before myself and mirrors the love of God.

Generosity affirms our dignity. We can all be generous because we all have something to give, even if we don't have any money to spare. These are likely to be tough day, but because we are fearfully and wonderfully made we have something precious that will make a big difference to someone else: our skills and abilities, our time and willingness to listen, our compassion or our wise advice.

The Prayer of General Thanksgiving from the Book of Common Prayer expresses some of these thoughts:

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile,

31 October 2022

Dukinfield St Mark

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Rev'd Karl Williams - Vicar

Rev'd Jenny Dunlop - Associate Minister

Lay Workers: Ms Chantelle Tunnicliffe

Please pray for the people in our congregation and wider community who will face hardship due to rising utility costs and increased costs of living

Anglican Communion: New York, The Episcopal Church