



Cycle of Prayer July 2021

Thursday 1

Derby City deanery

In the parish of St Peter and Christ Church with Holy Trinity, Derby. Clergy: Anita Matthews. Readers: Tim Benson, Margaret Phypers (PTO), Geoff Holland (PTO), PCC & congregation.

Friday 2 - Thomas the Apostle

On the feast of Thomas the Apostle, pray for all those struggling to make sense of their faith. Pray that the Church may be effective and generous as it presents the story of Jesus.

Saturday 3

We pray for diocesan synod meeting today, that they may discern God's voice and make wise decisions that will enable us as a diocese to transform lives, grow church and build community with generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love.

Sunday 4

A prayer for Bishop Libby and Bishop Malcolm



*May God bless Bishop Libby and Bishop Malcolm,
that they may grow in love and humility,
obedience and thanksgiving,
discipline, gentleness and peace.
May the peace of God enfold them,
the love of God uphold them,
the wisdom of God control them,
the joy of God be their strength when times are hard,
the embrace of the Father be their comfort,
the name of the Son be the one on whom they rely,
the presence of the Spirit be with them every hour.
May God's Spirit surround them,
and those whom they loves,
those with whom they will work,
those for whom they pray
and all whom she has been called here to serve.*



God our Father, Lord of all the world, through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church: hear our prayer for your faithful people that in their vocation and ministry each may be an instrument of your love, and give to your servant Libby the needful gifts of grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Monday 5

The Church on Oakwood. Clergy: Neil Draper (Methodist), Paul Newman (RC). Reader: Christina Williamson, PCC & congregation.

Tuesday 6

In the parish of St Giles, Normanton-by-Derby. Clergy: Neil Barber, Steve Boswell. Reader: Nigel Selby, PCC & congregation.

Wednesday 7

The Haven Christian Centre, Littleover. Baptist minister: Martin Knight and congregation.

Thursday 8



We pray for the conversations beginning today between bishops from different parts of the Anglican Communion in preparation for the 2022 Lambeth Conference. We ask for an openness to learn from one another and a willingness to partner together to make a real difference in our world.

Friday 9



General Synod

We pray for the General synod meeting in York.

*Grant them the generosity to hear and seek to understand varied views,
the wisdom to speak with humility and passion,
and the heart to vote in ways that are rooted in love for one another and for you.
We ask this in the name of him who became servant of all,
even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Saturday 10



During this time of Euro 2020 tournament, we pray for all Christians in sport.

*God our Father, You have created us to strive for the best.
Grant to all athletes, coaches, and fans, strength to pursue excellence during this event.
We pray for the safety of these players. Protect them from injury and harm.
And, we pray for your grace, to endure to pursue our heavenly prize.*

Sunday 11



General Synod

A Prayer for General Synod Members meeting at York.

*Almighty God, you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church to lead us into all truth:
bless with the Spirit's grace and presence the members of the General Synod;
keep them steadfast in faith and united in love,
that they may manifest your glory and prepare the way of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Monday 12

In the parish of St Paul, Quarndon. Clergy: Becky Matthew, Dawn Knight. Reader: Phillip Moncur, PCC & congregation.

Tuesday 13

In the parish of St Stephen, Sinfin. Clergy: Nigel Elliott, Reader: Vince Shore, PCC & congregation.

We also pray for Nigel as he prepares for his retirement at the end of July and give our thanks for his service.

Wednesday 14

In the parish of Sinfin Moor. Clergy: Paul Desborough, PCC & congregation.

Thursday 15

In the parish of St Paul, Derby. Clergy: James Durrant, PCC & congregation.

Friday 16

Children beginning the school Summer holidays. Young people awaiting exam results and making decisions about their future.

Saturday 17

As our self supporting ministers gather for a conference today, we thank God for them and pray for his blessing upon their ministry and opportunities for us to learn from the way they contextualise their faith and live it out in many different areas.

Sunday 18

Pray for all evangelists as they seek out new ways to proclaim the good news of God's love for all people.

Monday 19

In the parish of St John the Evangelist, Derby. Clergy: Elaine Jones, Reader: Maureen Jenkins (PTO), PCC & congregation.

Tuesday 20

In the parish of St Werburgh, Spondon. Clergy: Julian Hollywell, Sarah Watson, Kate Smedley, PCC & congregation.

Wednesday 21

The Walbrook Epiphany Team Ministry. Clergy: Andy Ward, Simon Cartwright, Anthony Till. Reader: Louisa Wass Griffith, PCC & congregation.

Thursday 22

In a United Benefice, the parish of All Saints, Mickleover. Clergy: Peter Walley, Mary Staunton, Paul Pritchard, Ian Godlington. Readers: John Foxon, Dawn Perry, Helen Walley. PCC & congregation.

Friday 23

In a United Benefice, the parish of St. John the Evangelist, Mickleover. Clergy: Peter Walley, Mary Staunton, Paul Pritchard, Ian Godlington. Readers: John Foxon. Helen Walley. PCC & congregation.

Saturday 24

Pray for all clergy who have retired but hold the Bishop's Permission to Officiate, as they bring the love of Christ alive in their parishes through their ministry of love, care and encouragement.

*We are a chosen people, a family people,
chosen for love and to share love,
chosen for joy and to spread joy,
chosen for friendship and for befriending,
chosen for blessing and to bless,
chosen for fruitfulness, chosen for harvest.
We are a chosen people, a family people,
your family, our family..*

Sunday 25

We pray today for the Church in North India and the link dioceses with whom we work.

We ask for your provision and guidance for them at this time and the resources they need to bring Covid-19 under control and to keep people safe and support those most impacted

Monday 26

In the parish of St Peter, Littleover. Clergy: Alicia Dring, Rachael Brooks. Readers: Carol Dickinson, Paul Taylor, Phillip Rollinson, PCC & congregation.

The children, staff and governors of Griffie Field Primary school.

Tuesday 27

All Saints, Findern in Plurality with Willington. Clergy: Sue Starkey, Readers: Wendy Bourne, Jean White (PTO), PCC & congregation.

Wednesday 28

We pray for our nation as we gradually emerge from lockdown and reimagine our lives.

Help us to be wise and sensible and to think creatively about how we engage with one another

and we pray for your blessing on all in positions of responsibility,

thanking you for all those who have worked so hard over the past 18 months to help us navigate these most difficult of days..

Thursday 29

We pray for all those connected to our local prisons and ask for your blessing upon them and your Spirit to be at work transforming lives. We pray for Bishop Libby's work in parliament seeking to contribute to policy around youth offending.

Friday 30 - Wilberforce

We pray for the millions of people who are enmeshed in what we call Modern Day Slavery.

*Almighty God - Saviour, Liberator and Lover of all people,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts
or modelled your self-sacrificing love that has won our freedom.
We have heard rumours of modern-day slavery
but preferred not to look too closely at what is difficult to face and painful to think about.
We have chosen to keep our eyes shut and not ask difficult questions.
And yet we remember how you came into our darkness and always walk beside us,
and never look away from us – no matter what.
We are truly sorry – please forgive us and make us more like you.*

Saturday 31 - Ignatius of Loyola

We remember today St Ignatius of Loyola and give thanks for his influence and the spiritual practices and exercises of retreats, imaginative Bible meditation, examen and pray that still help us to draw closer to you today.