



# Cycle of Prayer

## April 2024



*"This is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best,  
so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless,  
having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God."  
Philippians 1:9-11 NRSV*

### **Monday, 1 April 2024 - Easter Monday**

We pray that the light of Jesus may shine upon us, to drive away all darkness, for a new day has dawned with the glory of the resurrection. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find his light ever burning in our hearts. Amen.

### **Tuesday, 2 April 2024**

We pray for those for whom the Church seems inaccessible, that the love of God enfold us all, the peace of God stills us all, and the Spirit of God fill us all. That in the unity of Christ, we may become an enabling and accessible church. Amen.

### **Wednesday, 3 April 2024**

We pray for the congregations and communities within the benefice including Walton on Trent, Croxall, Rosliston, Linton and Castle Gresley in Mercia Deanery. We pray for the children, families, staff and governors of Walton-on-Trent CofE Primary and Rosliston CofE Primary schools.

### **Thursday, 4 April 2024**

We pray for the congregations and communities within the benefice including Longstone, Curbar and Stoney Middleton in the Peak Deanery. We pray for the children, families, staff and governors of Longstone CofE Primary and Stoney Middleton CofE Primary.

### **Friday, 5 April 2024**

We pray for the congregations and communities within the benefice including Darley, South Darley and Winster. We also pray for the children, families, staff and governors of Darley Churchtown CofE Primary, South Darley CofE Primary and Winster CofE Primary schools.

### **Saturday, 6 April 2024**

We pray for the congregations and communities within the benefice including Derby St Alkmund and St Werburgh BMO in Derby City Deanery.

### **Sunday, 7 April 2024 - Second Sunday of Easter**

Heavenly Father, though your son Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life. Strengthen our belief, teach us to trust in your word, so that in peace we may find comfort and assurance. Amen.

### **Monday, 8 April 2024**

We pray for the congregations and communities within the benefice including Derby St Bartholomew and St Luke in Derby City Deanery.

### **Tuesday, 9 April 2024**

We pray for the congregations and communities within the benefice including Derby St Ann's in Derby City Deanery.

### **Wednesday, 10 April 2024**

We pray for the congregations and communities within the benefice including Derby St Barnabas in Derby City Deanery.

### **Thursday, 11 April 2024**

We pray for The Cathedral Church of All Saints, Derby.  
We also pray for the children, families, staff and governors of Derby Cathedral school.

### **Friday, 12 April 2024**

We pray for the congregations and communities within the benefice including Hazelwood, Holbrook and Milford in Dove and Derwent deanery. We also pray for the children, families, staff and governors of Holbrook CofE primary school.

### **Saturday, 13 April 2024**

Today we welcome Archbishop Justin to our Diocese, and pray that his visit may enrich and encourage us in our daily lives, that we may share the Good News of the Gospel and walk in the way of faith. Amen.

### **Sunday, 14 April 2024 - Third Sunday of Easter**

Living Lord, strengthen us to proclaim the Good News of your risen life, that we may with boldness and fresh hope, endeavour to follow in your ways, sharing your peace with all. Amen.

### **Monday, 15 April 2024**

We pray for the congregations and communities within the benefice including Derby St Paul in Derby City deanery.

### **Tuesday, 16 April 2024**

Today we pray for the Diocesan Board of Finance who are meeting this morning.  
May the Lord bless and guide their discussions, and lead them through the complex challenges of their roles within finance. Amen.

### **Wednesday, 17 April 2024**

We pray for the Regional Archdeacon's Meeting taking place today. Giving thanks for their service and leadership, and praying that their continuing ministry and leadership may be blessed.

### **Thursday, 18 April 2024**

We pray for the congregations and communities within the benefice including Derby St John the Evangelist.

### **Friday, 19 April 2024**

We pray for the congregations and communities within the benefice including Derby St Peter and Christ Church with Holy Trinity.

### **Saturday, 20 April 2024**

We pray for everyone involved in our first Diocesan Safeguarding Conference, praying that through wisdom and empathy we may come to greater understanding of the needs of others, and that our church's may be safe places for all.

### **Sunday, 21 April 2024 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Heavenly Father, your son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life, our cornerstone. As a shepherd protects his flock, we look to Jesus for guidance and strength amid the complexity of modern life. Give us grace to follow in his steps. Amen.

### **Monday, 22 April 2024**

We pray for the congregations and communities within the benefice including Matlock, Dethick, Lea and Holloway in Carsington deanery.

### **Tuesday, 23 April 2024 - St George's Day**

We pray for our nation, for its government, for all in positions of leadership. For all who give freely of their gifts and their time to the service of others, and for our young people that they be inspired to strive for what best serves our common life. Amen.

### **Wednesday, 24 April 2024**

We pray for the congregations and communities within the benefice including Dinting Vale and Holy Trinity in Peak Deanery. We also pray for the children, families, staff and governors of Dinting CofE primary school.

### **Thursday, 25 April 2024**

We pray for the congregations and communities within the benefice including Dronfield and Holmesfield in North East Derbyshire Deanery. We also pray for the children, families, staff and governors of St Andrews CofE primary school.

### **Friday, 26 April 2024**

We pray for the congregations and communities within the benefice including Duffield and Little Eaton in Dove and Derwent Deanery. We pray for the children, families, staff and governors of William Gilbert CofE primary school.

### **Saturday, 27 April 2024**

We pray for the congregations and communities within the benefice including Eckington and Ridgeway in North East deanery. We also pray for the children, families, staff and governors of Eckington Camms CofE primary school..

### **Sunday, 28 April 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Risen Christ, our way, our truth and our life, teach us to abide in you, to live our lives according to your word, for just as the branch grows from the vine, apart from you we can not flourish. May we be fruitful in our service, and generous in our care of others. Amen.

### **Monday 29 April 2024**

We pray for the congregations and communities within the benefice including including Edale in Peak Deanery. We also pray for the children, families, staff and governors of Edale CofE primary school.

### **Tuesday, 30 April 2024**

We pray for the congregations and communities within the benefice including Etwall and Egginton in Dove & Derwent Deanery.



#### **Our vision prayer**

Gracious God, in your mercy, and for your glory,  
renew us, reshape us, revive us -  
with generous faith, courageous hope, and life-giving love -  
that, in transformed lives, through growing church and building community,  
we may see your Kingdom come  
and be good news for all. Amen.

#### **The 2027 Community of Prayer**

We are the Diocese of Derby network of prayer – praying together, as we prepare to celebrate our centenary in 2027, for transformed lives in growing church and building community the length and breadth of our diocese.

We hope that over the next five years, 2027 people will commit to regular prayer, as individuals, churches, groups or schools.

Be part of the 2027 community - [www.derby.anglican.org/2027](http://www.derby.anglican.org/2027).