



Cycle of Prayer

December 2024



Every day the cycle gives a prompt to prayer for the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Derby. Please include these prayers in your own daily intercessions, individually, as a community or in your local church.

Sunday 1 December

Advent Sunday

For the beginning of our new Church's Year, for the opportunities and possibilities ahead. For the services to mark this day and new season of Advent, giving thanks for the message of hope.

Monday 2 December

For the Area Dean, Daniel Cooke and the Assistant Area Dean, Sarah Colver as well as the Deanery Leadership Team.

Tuesday 3 December

For all those holding the Bishop's Licence to minister in the North East Deanery; clergy, Readers and lay ministers, and those holding Permission to Officiate. For all those training for ordained and lay ministry, for their supervisors and for the parishes supporting them.

Wednesday 4 December

For the parishes of St James' Barlborough and St John the Baptist, Clowne and for the ministry of Bryony Taylor as Rector and Mark Fitzsimmons as Asst Curate. For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities.

Thursday 5 December

For the parishes of St Peter's Calow and St Mary's Sutton cum Duckmanton. For Calow CE school and for the headteacher, pupils, staff and governors.

Friday 6 December

St Nicholas

For the parishes of St Peter and Paul, Eckington (inc Upper Eckington) and St John's Ridgeway and for the ministry of Andy Walker, Rector. For Camms church school and for the headteacher, pupils, staff and governors. For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities.

Saturday 7 December

For the Benefice of Elmton with Creswell and Whitwell with Steetley and for the ministry of Keith Cocking, Rector. For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities. For the Creswell Infant church school and for the headteacher, pupils, staff and governors.

Sunday 8 December

Advent 2

For our schools, for the nativity plays and school services, for the opportunities to share the Christmas message with our children.

Monday 9 December

For the parishes of St Giles' Killamarsh and St Matthew's Renishaw and for the ministry of Mike Fitzsimmons (curate on placement). For Killamarsh church school and for the headteacher, pupils, staff and governors. For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities.

Tuesday 10 December

For the Staveley Team Ministry and for Adrian Arnold, Team Vicar. For Staveley church school and for the headteacher, pupils, staff and governors.

Wednesday 11 December

For the parishes of Holy Trinity and Christ Church and for the ministry of Jilly Hancock, priest in charge. For Christ Church school and for the headteacher, pupils, staff and governors. For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities.

Thursday 12 December

For the benefice of Old Brampton with Great Barlow and Loundsley Green LEP church, and for the ministry of Sarah Colver, Rector and Gill Ball, Asst Curate. For Barlow church school and for the headteacher, pupils, staff and governors. For the Wardens, Stewards, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities.

Friday 13 December

For the parishes of St Thomas' Brampton and St Mark's and for the ministry of Gary Weston, Vicar and Josie Chamings, Asst Curate. For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the church in these communities.

Saturday 14 December

For the parish of Chesterfield, St Mary and All Saints (The Crooked Spire) and St Leonard's Spital and for the ministry of Patrick Coleman, Vicar. For the Wardens, PCC Chair and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the church in the centre of Chesterfield

Sunday 15 December

Advent 3 – St Lucy

For our carols services over the coming two weeks, for the opportunity to hear afresh the Christmas message and through our Christmas celebrations to be a channel of God's spirit to transform lives

Monday 16 December

For the Dronfield Team Ministry (including St Andrew's LEP) and for Lee Townend, Rector together with Ian Webb, Paul Mellars and Elliot George (Asst Curate). For St Andrew's Dronfield church school and for the headteacher, pupils, staff and governors. For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities.

Tuesday 17 December

For the parishes of St Paul's Hasland and St James' Temple Normanton and for the ministry of Geoffrey Borrowdale, Rector. For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities.

Wednesday 18 December

O Sapientia

For the parish of All Saints' Wingerworth, for the Wardens, PCC Chair and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the church in the community

Thursday 19 December

For the parish of St Augustine, Chesterfield and for the ministry of Sally Anne Beecham, priest in charge and Benjamin Andreo-Boosey (Asst Curate). For the Wardens, PCC Chair and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the church in this community including the work of Hope House

Friday 20 December

For the parishes of St Barnabas, New Whittington and St Bartholomew, Old Whittington and for the ministry of Jo Morris, Rector. For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities.

Saturday 21 December

For charities for the elderly, for Age Concern and our local care homes. For medical charities, Alzheimer's Society, and for Derbyshire's hospices Ashgate, Blythe House, Helen Trust and Treetops. For all those supporting the work of those charities and who raise funds to assist their work.

Sunday 22 December

Advent 4

For the celebration of Christmas and for those who will attend worship in their local churches, that their hearts may be touched by the message of peace and goodwill to all people

Monday 23 December

For all who have fled their homes and live as refugees: for those seeking asylum in the UK and for those who advise and help them including the local North East Derbyshire Refugee Support group.

Tuesday 24 December

Christmas Eve

For all those who are homeless, and for the charities that care for those in need today. For Crisis and Shelter and for all hostels that open over Christmas and all who are volunteering to provide hospitality and support

Wednesday 25 December

Christmas Day

For all children, and for children's charities including the work of the Church of England's Children Society, and for all the congregations supporting their work today.

Thursday 26 December

St Stephen

For the work of the Trussell Trust, for all those families struggling to feed themselves over this Christmas, and for our local food banks and pantries.

Friday 27 December

St John the Evangelist

For the parish of St John's, Newbold with Dunston and for the ministry of Rhoda Blackwell as priest in charge and Malcolm Pyatt as Associate Priest. For Newbold church school and for the headteacher, pupils, staff and governors. For the Wardens, PCC Chair and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the church in the community

Saturday 28 December

The Holy Innocents

For all victims of war and violence, oppression and injustice, especially children. For the work of UNICEF and other aid agencies seeking to provide aid and ongoing support to children and families.

Sunday 29 December

Christmas 1

For the encouragement of our church congregations by those attending special services during the past month: that through the power of the Spirit, our churches may grow and build community.

Monday 30 December

For the parish of St John's Walton and St Peter's Holymoorside and for the ministry of Nick Green as Vicar and Jo Harbidge as Curate. For the Wardens, PCC Chair and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities.

Tuesday 31 December

For the parish of St Michael and All Angels, Brimington and for the ministry of Daniel Cooke, Rector. For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in this community.

Next Month the Prayer Diary will focus on the Hardwick Deanery. If you have any special events coming up in January please let Cameron Butland know via email by 10th December – thank you cameron.butland@derby.anglican.org

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.

We encourage you to be part of the 2027 Community of Prayer and register at www.derby.anglican.org/2027.