



Cycle of Prayer

January 2025



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.

Hardwick Deanery and the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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.

Wednesday 1 January

For the beginning of the new year, for the opportunities and possibilities ahead. For the diocesan Vision and Strategy that in 2025 there might be lives transformed, growth in our churches and communities which provide a loving place of welcome and friendship

Thursday 2 January

For our three Archdeacons, Nicky Fenton, Karen Hamblin, and Matthew Trick, for the three archdeaconries, for their ministry, for their encouragement of our parishes and the heavy burden that they carry on behalf of us all

Friday 3 January

For the Derby Diocesan Finance Department, for the Head of Finance and Operations, and the members of the finance team.

Saturday 4 January

For the Derby Diocesan Communications Team, for the team of communication and media advisers.

Sunday 5 January

Christmas 2

For the gift of the Incarnation and the mystery of the Trinity, that the Christ might be known in us and through the ministry of all Christian people.

Monday 6 January

The Epiphany

For the Hardwick Area Dean Karen Bradley, for the Deanery Synod Lay Chair, Treasurer, Assistant Warden of Readers, and for the appointment of a new Deanery Secretary. For the work of the Synod and Chapter, for youth and schools engagement, asking God's blessing upon the mission and ministry of the parishes

Tuesday 7 January

For the parish of St Martin's Alfreton and for the ministry of Mark Taylor, and the assistant clergy Julian Penfold. For the 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.

Wednesday 8 January

For the parishes of St Werburgh's Blackwell with St John the Baptist Tibshelf and for the ministry of Gill Manley. For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities.

Thursday 9 January

For the parishes of St Mary's Crich and South Wingfield Renishaw and for the ministry of Jo Honour. For Crich Carr and Infants 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.

Friday 10 January

For the parishes of St James Riddings and Christ Church Ironville, for Mark Taylor who is priest in charge. For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities.

Saturday 11 January

For the parishes of Morton and Stonebroom with Shirland and for the ministry of Mary Taylor For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities.

Sunday 12 January

The Baptism of Christ

Giving thanks for our own baptism, for those who are preparing for baptism in our parish, for their families and for a growing number of disciples.

Monday 13 January

For the parish of St Helen Pinxton for the ministry of Steven Cotterill. For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities.

Tuesday 14 January

For the parishes of St Thomas' Somercotes and for the ministry of Imogen Black SMMS. For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities.

Wednesday 15 January

For the parish of St Michael and All Angels South Normanton in vacancy. For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities.

Thursday 16 January

For the parishes of St John the Baptist Ault Hucknall and Scarcliffe in vacancy. For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities.

Friday 17 January

For the parishes of St Mary and St Laurence Bolsover, for the ministry of Rachel Gouldthorpe and Rachel Williams. For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities. For the Bolsover Junior church school and for the headteacher, pupils, staff and governors.

Saturday 18 January

Week of Prayer begins, 'We believe'

2025 marks the 1,700th anniversary of the first Christian Ecumenical Council, held in Nicaea, near Constantinople in 325 AD. This commemoration provides a unique opportunity to reflect on and celebrate the common faith of Christians, as expressed in the creed formulated during this council.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025 offers an invitation to draw on this shared heritage and to enter more deeply into the faith that unites all Christians.

Sunday 19 January

Epiphany 2 – The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

For the World Council of Churches, for Churches Together in England, Britain and Ireland. For the community of brothers and sisters at Bose in northern Italy who have prepared the resources for this year's Week of Prayer. For local ecumenical services today.

Monday 20 January

'We in one God, maker of heaven and earth'. Giving thanks for Creation as God's work. For eco congregations in the diocese and for all those working towards the A Rocha Eco Church Award. For those working towards the Eco awards in the Hardwick deanery.

For the Art of Spiritual Accompaniment Course beginning today, for the fifteen members and for the ASA training team, asking God's blessing on everyone involved.

Tuesday 21 January

'We believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit'. Giving thanks for the Trinity, for those who are studying theology for all ordinands from the diocese, for their teachers and for the academic study of faith.

Wednesday 22 January

'We believe he suffered death and was buried and on the third day he rose again'. For the Paschal Mystery of God's saving love in Jesus, help us to enter into the mystery of faith and to know Christ in our lives. For the preparation for Lent in our parishes and diocese.

Thursday 23 January

'We believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church'. For the Community of Believers. For our fellow Christians and all who walk as disciples of Jesus. For our local Churches Together groups and for all united services for this Week of Prayer.

Friday 24 January

'We believe in the resurrection of the dead'. For those who are facing up to terminal illness, for the hope of eternal life, for all who are caring for those at the point of death, all who are waiting for the Kingdom and the life to come.

Saturday 25 January

The Conversion of St Paul

For the creeds of the Christian Church, for all that unites Christians in faith, for a greater understanding of one another and for all that brings us together

Sunday 26 January

Epiphany 3

For this season of the Church's Year, for the ways in which we make Christ known in our lives and through the outreach of our church and parish.

Monday 27 January

For the parishes of East Scarsdale Team Ministry (including Pleasley, Shirebrook, Upper Langwith with Langwith Bassett and Whaley Thorns) and for the ministry of Karen Bradley. For the Wardens, PCC Chairs and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities

Tuesday 28 January

Thomas Aquinas

For the parish of All Saints Ashover and Brackenfield with Wessington (to include Handley, St Mark) and for the ministry of Peter Bold. For the Wardens, PCC Chair and all those supporting the ministry and mission of the churches in these communities.

Wednesday 29 January

For the parishes of St Laurence North Wingfield, St Bartholomew's Clay Cross and St Mary's Pilsley (to include North Wingfield, Clay Cross, Pilsley, Danesmoor and Tupton) and for the ministry of Richard Clark and James Lee

Thursday 30 January

For all the licensed clergy and Readers in the Hardwick Deanery, for all Lay workers and all those supporting the mission and ministry of the parishes

Friday 31 January

For the Diocesan Chancellor and for the Registrar, for the legal team and give thanks for the support of the **diocese, deaneries, parishes and clergy.**

Next Month the Prayer Diary will focus on the Derby City Deanery

If you have any special events coming up in January please let Cameron Butland know via email by 10th January – thank you cameron.butland@derby.anglican.org

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.