



Cycle of Prayer

March 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.

Due to the number of parishes in the Derby City Deanery, it will be the focus over February and March

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.

Saturday 1 March

St David, Patron saint of Wales

For those licenced with Permission to Officiate (PTO) in the Derby City Deanery and for all assistant clergy

Sunday 2 March

Sunday before Lent

For the gift of faith, that our lives might be transformed as Christ's discipleship, that the season of Lent might be a time to deepen our faith and to welcome others into the community of believers.

Monday 3 March

For all those preparing to lead Lent Groups and for all special services to mark the beginning of Lent this week.

Tuesday 4 March

For our own personal preparation for Lent. May this be a time to deepen our discipleship and our walk with Jesus, that our lives might be transformed by His love.

Wednesday 5 March

Ash Wednesday

For all the services and events to mark this holy day, for the tradition of 'ashing' that each of us may use this time to know Jesus as our Saviour and seek to follow in his Way.

Thursday 6 March

For the Bishop's Leadership Team, for the leadership of the diocese, and for the work on behalf of the parishes, for our common mission and outreach to our communities.

Friday 7 March

For the Parish of All Saints Findern, and the ministry of Alicia Dring and Emma Mallard. For the Wardens, PCC, church officers together with all lay leaders in the mission to the local community.

Saturday 8 March

Bishop Edward King, 1910

For the Parish of St Peter's Littleover and Blagreaves and the ministry of Alicia Dring, Jason Kennedy and Emma Mallard. For the Wardens, PCC, church officers and leaders. For the Haven Christian Centre in Heatherton, and the enabling minister Jason Kennedy.

Sunday 9 March

Lent 1

For the strength of our faith and perseverance in believing, as we recall the temptations of Jesus we remember that he was tempted as we are but was without sin. Help us to be faithful in the face of the challenges of the modern world.

Monday 10 March

For the Parish of St. Francis Mackworth for the ministry of Andy Bond and Peter Dale. For the Wardens, PCCs and all church officers, for the outreach to the community.

Tuesday 11 March

For the Parish of St Giles, Normanton-by-Derby, for the ministry of Neil Barber and Will Eley. For the Wardens, PCC and church officers. For the mission to the local community.

Wednesday 12 March

For the Church on Oakwood. For the Wardens, PCC and all those caring for the ministry of parish.

Thursday 13 March

For the Parish of St Edmund Allenton and Shelton Lock and for the ministry of Jeff Golding and Phil Mann. For the Wardens, PCC, and lay leadership, for the ongoing mission of the churches and outreach to the local communities.

Friday 14 March

For the Parish of St Paul's Quarndon and for the ministry of Sarah Watson. For the Wardens, PCC, church officers and the mission of the church. For The Curzon CE Primary School, its headteacher, teachers, all staff, pupils, governors and parents.

Saturday 15 March

For the Diocesan Synod meeting today, for those in positions of leadership, for all the deanery representatives and those speaking at the meeting.

Sunday 16 March

Lent 2

For the persecuted church worldwide, for all those facing threats and intimidation. For those suffering for the sake of the Gospel, and for all who are resolute in defence of the faith.

Monday 17 March

St Patrick, Patron saint of Ireland

For the Parish of Sinfin Moor and for the ministry Paul Desborough and Fiona Barber. For the Wardens, PCC and lay leadership, for the ongoing mission to the parish.

Tuesday 18 March

For the Parish of St Werburgh's Spondon and the ministry of Julian Hollywell and Kate Smedley. For the Wardens, PCC and church officers and for the outreach to the local community.

For St Werburgh's CE Primary School, its headteacher, teachers, all staff, pupils, governors and parents.

Wednesday 19 March

St Joseph of Nazareth

For the Parish of St Stephen's Sinfin and for the ministry of Neil Barber and Will Eley. For the Wardens, PCC, church officers and all leaders, for the ongoing mission of the church community.

Thursday 20 March

St Cuthbert

For the Parish of Walbrook Epiphany, Derby and the St. Augustine church family and St. Thomas's Community. For the ministry of Andy Ward, and Alasdair Kay. For the Wardens, PCCs, lay leadership and for the outreach to the local community.

Friday 21 March

Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, 1556

For St Michael's Willington, St saviour Foremark and St Wystan Repton and the ministry of Stephen Short. For the Wardens, PCC and all those caring for the congregation and parish.

Saturday 22 March

For St. Werburgh's Bishop's Mission Order church community, for the ministry of Phil Mann and Jenny Simpson.

Sunday 23 March

Lent 3

Giving thanks for the parables of Jesus, that we might be faithful to the Kingdom of God by demonstrating the values of the Gospel in all we say and do, that our actions might match our words.

Monday 24 March

Walter Hilton, mystic 1396

For all the children supported and cared for in the diocese in our schools and churches

Tuesday 25 March

Feast of the Annunciation

For the Diocesan Board of Education, The Diocesan Director, Deputy Director, Executive Assistant, Operations Manager, Associate Buildings Officer and Strategic Lead for Youth Ministry

Wednesday 26 March

For the SIAMS school inspection team, for all those schools being inspected this year and for the building up of the confidence of all staff.

Thursday 27 March

For our Church Schools and Governors, giving thanks for their contribution to our children's nurturing and to building communities.

Friday 28 March

For our Headteachers. Teachers and all staff of our schools in Derbyshire, that all schools may be places to grow community and to care for all those who have a vocation to work with children.

Saturday 29 March

For Derby City Deanery Chapter and Synod, for the leadership, members and meetings, may the deanery provide mutual encouragement for all clergy, lay leadership and meetings

Sunday 30 March

Lent 4 – Mothering Sunday

For all mothers and those entrusted with nurturing children, may our churches be safe spaces for our children and may all of us learn from children within our churches.

Monday 31 March

John Donne, poet 1631

For the Derby Diocese Mothers' Union, the Chaplain Michael Futers and the branches in our parishes.

For the Quiet Day at St Helen's Derby Dale, giving thanks for the past and present ministry of so many retired clergy.

Next Month the Prayer Diary will focus on the Mercia Deanery

If you have any special events coming up in April please let Cameron Butland know via email by 10th March – 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 three 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.