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| ***Transformed Lives -Growing Church – Building Community***  **The Diocese of Derby Cycle of Prayer**  **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.  Every day the cycle gives a prompt to prayer for the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Derby. Please include these prayers along with The Diocesan Vision Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer in your daily intercessions.  ***Diocesan 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.  **May 2025**  **Dove and Derwent Deanery**  **The national commemoration of VE Day**  **Thy Kingdom Come Novena** | |
| 1st | For the Bishop’s Leadership Team Meeting today.  For Bishop Libby, at the beginning of her sabbatical, for a time of renewal and refreshment, asking God’s blessing upon her and her ministry. |
| 2nd | For the Area Dean James Hughes and Assistant Area Dean Stella Greenwood, for the mission and ministry of the deanery. For the care of those in need and for the deanery’s witness to the Gospel.  *Dove and Derwent Deanery* |
| 3rd | For the Dove and Derwent Deanery Synod. For the Lay Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, for all the parish representatives, and for those who are members of the Diocesan Synod from the deanery.  *Dove and Derwent Deanery* |
| 4th | **Easter 3**  **For those who we praying for as part of the preparation for Thy Kingdom Come. That we may use this season to pray for others to come to faith. For five people that we know, that they might find the way to follow Jesus as his disciples.** |
| 5th | For the national week of remembrance on the eightieth anniversary of VE Day. For King Charles III and for his leadership of the Church and Nation in acts of remembrance. |
| 6th | For the county events marking the eightieth anniversary of VE Day. For all those in our parishes who remember those who lost their lives in the Second World War and all who served in the armed forces. |
| 7th | For all those whose lives were changed forever as a result of the Second World War, remembering the generation who were caught up in the events and whose lives were altered through their experiences and losses. |
| 8th | For the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Giving thanks for God’s gift of peace. We pray that ‘our love may be genuine, we might resist evil and hold fast to all that is good’, (Romans 12:9\*) |
| 9th | For the parishes of St Anne Ambergate and St Luke’s Heage and for the ministry of Rachel Burdett. For the Wardens, PCC, church officers and leaders.  *Dove and Derwent Deanery* |
| 10th | For the parishes of Belper Christ Church and All Saints Turnditch and the ministry of Rachel Burdett. For the Wardens, PCCs and all church officers, for the outreach to the community.  For St John’s CE Primary and Turnditch CE Primary schools, their headteacher, teachers, support staff, pupils, governors and parents.  *Dove and Derwent Deanery* |
| 11th | **Easter 4**  **For church meetings, for APCMs and Easter Vestries, for all those who are standing as Wardens and Church Officers, for all PCC members and for those who give of their time and experience on behalf of their local churches.** |
| 12th | For the Bishop’s Council meeting today, for all the items to be discussed and for the ministry and mission of our parishes. |
| 13th | For the parishes of St Peter and St Swithun Belper, and St Mark Openwoodgate are currently in vacancy. For the Wardens, PCC, and lay leadership, for the ongoing mission of the churches and outreach to the local communities.  *Dove and Derwent Deanery* |
| 14th | For the Board of Education meeting today. For the Chair of the Board, for the Diocesan Director of Education and for the Deputy Director of Education. For our Church Schools and all who support headteachers, staff, pupils and governors. |
| 15th | For the parishes of St Alkmund’s Duffield and St. Paul, Little Eaton and the ministry of James Hughes. For the Wardens, PCC, and lay leadership, for the ongoing mission of the churches and outreach to the local communities.  For William Gilbert CE Primary school, its headteacher, teachers, support staff, pupils, governors and parents.  *Dove and Derwent Deanery* |
| 16th | For the parishes of St Helen’s Etwall, St Wilfrid’s Egginton, All Saints Dalbury, St Michael’s Sutton-on-the-Hill and All Saint’s Trusley. For the ministry of Stella Greenwood. For the Wardens, PCC, and lay leadership, for the ongoing mission of the churches and outreach to the local communities.  *Dove and Derwent Deanery* |
| 17th | For the parishes of St John the Evangelist’s Hazelwood, St Michael’s Holbrook and St John’s Milford and the ministry of Rachel Burdett. For the Wardens, PCC, and lay leadership, for the ongoing mission of the churches and outreach to the local communities.  For Holbrook CE Primary school, its headteacher, teachers, support staff, pupils, governors and parents.  *Dove and Derwent Deanery* |
| 18th | **Easter 5**  **For our parishes, giving thanks for all those who live within these communities. We pray for our churches to be places of peace and quiet, sanctuaries for busy people in their stress lives, places of comfort and support** |
| 19th | For the members of the Art of Spiritual Accompaniment (ASA) training course. For the retreat today and the discernment of the participants' vocations to become Spiritual Directors. |
| 20th | For the parishes of St Mary’s Hilton with Marston on Dove, All Saints’ Hatton, St John the Baptist Boylestone and St Michael Church Broughton. For the ministry of Edward Whittaker. For the Wardens, PCC, and lay leadership, for the ongoing mission of the churches and outreach to the local communities.  For Church Broughton CE Primary school, its headteacher, teachers, support staff, pupils, governors and parents.  *Dove and Derwent Deanery* |
| 21st | For the parishes of St Michael Kirk Langley, All Saints Mackworth, All Saints Mugginton, Kedleston Halter Devil Chapel, St Chad Longford, and Christ Church Long Lane are currently in vacancy. For the Wardens, PCC, and lay leadership, for the ongoing mission of the churches and outreach to the local communities.  For Muggington, Longford and Kirk Langley CE Primary schools and for the headteachers, teachers, support staff, pupils, governors and parents.  *Dove and Derwent Deanery* |
| 22nd | For the parishes of St John Alkmonton, St Andrew Cubley, St Cuthbert Doveridge, St Giles Marston Montgomery, St Peter and St Blaise Somersal Herbert, All Saints’ Sudbury and St Paul Scropton. For the ministry of John Vickerstaff. For the Wardens, PCC, and lay leadership, for the ongoing mission of the churches and outreach to the local communities.  *Dove and Derwent Deanery* |
| 23rd | For those ministering in the deanery as PTOs and for all those supporting the eucharistic ministry of the parishes.  *Dove and Derwent Deanery* |
| 24th | For all Readers and Licensed Lay Ministers in the deanery, for lay leaders and all who lead bible study and groups within the parishes.  *Dove and Derwent Deanery* |
| 25th | **Easter 4**  **For this half-term week, for those young people taking examinations, and for all who have the opportunity to rest and relax this Bank Holiday weekend.** |
| 26th | For the leadership of Diocesan Church House, for the Diocesan Secretary, the Executive PA to the CEO and Diocesan Secretary, and for the Strategic Programme and Change Lead |
| 27th | For the Diocesan Youth Ministry Team, the Strategic Lead for Youth Ministry, and the Growing Younger Communications & Resourcing Officers |
| 28th | For the Church Buildings Team, for the Church Buildings Support Officer, the Net Zero Carbon Programme & Projects Manager, and the Diocesan Environmental Engagement Officer |
| 29th | For Ascension Day and the beginning of Thy Kingdom Come (TKC). For all TKC events and for prayer during the next ten days for bringing those who we know into the community of Christ’s disciples. |
| 30th | Pray for your five people today, hold them in God’s presence, and ask that despite whatever challenges they may be facing, that they might allow the Lord close enough to do what He alone can do. |
| 31st | Pray for your five friends today that, for them and us, we would hear God’s word to us distinctly and definitively. |
| **Next Month the Prayer Diary will focus on Carsington Deanery**  If you have any special events coming up in June please let Cameron Butland know via email by 10th May – thank you [cameron.butland@derby.anglican.org](mailto:cameron.butland@derby.anglican.org)  We encourage you to be part of the 2027 Community of Prayer and register at [**www.derby.anglican.org/2027**](http://www.derby.anglican.org/2027).  ***Acknowledgements***  *\*New Revised Standard Version Bible: Anglicized Edition, copyright © 1989, 1995 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.*  *Material for ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ taken from the Novena available online -* [*https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2024-03/2024%20Novena.pdf*](https://www.thykingdomcome.global/sites/default/files/2024-03/2024%20Novena.pdf)  ***Editorial Note*** *– over the coming year the revised format for the diocesan cycle of prayer focus on a different deanery for each month. Please understand and forgive any errors or omissions, as this new format takes shape. You can also help by emailing Cameron Butland with the correct information for future use, thank you.* | |