



Cycle of Prayer

Saturday 24

Christmas Eve

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Pray that this light will shine throughout our dark world. For all those who have been invited to attend church and those in need of a friend

Sunday 25

Christmas Day

Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. Pray for peace throughout the world this Christmas time.

Light your candle and pray for those who you love

Monday 26

St Stephen

Pray for all who suffer persecution because of their faith.

Lord Jesus, friend to the weary, be the strength of all who come to you.

Tuesday 27

St John

As St John stood faithfully at the Cross, pray that we may remain steadfast in our faith.

Father God, when we are waiting, help us to find you through the whisper of your love in the silence, with the candle-like flame of your hope in the darkness, and in the warmth of your arms in the cold light of day.

Wednesday 28

Holy Innocents

Pray for all children, particularly those who have suffered any form of abuse. Pray for those working to support them.

God, born as a baby, we pray for children who cry and are not comforted.

Thursday 29

Refugees: We pray for the torn and divided peoples of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq; for refugees and uprooted families; for all living in camps and for those who assist them, and for all who have been bereaved, injured and traumatized. In particular we pray for children and young people caught up violence, threat and injustice. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace and our hope. Amen (from Christian Aid)

Friday 30

For clergy and people as we rest

Saturday 31

May God the Father keep you in all your days. May God the Son shield you in all your ways. May God the Spirit bring you healing and peace. May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you and pour upon you blessing and light.

Lord of yesterday, Lord of this moment, Lord of tomorrow, Teach me to trust you.

Thursday 1

World AIDS Day: Around 100,000 are currently living with HIV in the UK and globally an estimated 34 million people have HIV.

Lord, we believe in the grace of your healing, your power to mend all that is broken, and your desire for wholeness and renewal. We pray that we may be healed and made whole, so we discard our excuses that make us feel exempt from responsibility, and treat all affected by HIV in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Friday 2

in the United Benefice, St Helen Grindleford, Clergy: Rev Jude Davis reader John Brunskill and PCC and congregation

Saturday 3

in the United Benefice, St John the Baptist Bamford and Derwent Clergy: Rev Jude Davis reader, Roger Mather, and PCC and congregation

Sunday 4

Advent 2

Peak Deanery Area Dean Colin Pearson and Lay Chairs of this newly shaped Deanery: Christine McMullen, Ted Fraser- Smith, Peter Collard:

With the shepherds of Bethlehem With the shepherds of Bethlehem help us, oh Lord, to stand in vigil on the eve of your Coming, to run with haste to meet you, to see your face in the faces of others and to wake

from our sleep as a new world is being born. With the angels of Bethlehem help us, oh Lord, to tell the whole world of your presence God is with us! Let us create peace amongst people and work for justice amongst nations. With Jesus, the infant Christ help us, oh Lord, to cherish the hope that is born at Advent, to hear the calling of your people, to nurture the seeds of your Kingdom and through our actions to be messengers of your love in building communities of service and prayer.

(Miguel Alonzo Macías, CAFOD)

Monday 5

in the United Benefice, St Barnabus, Bradwell clergy Ian Davis, Josephine Barnes, reader Dorothy Hawkins and PCC and congregation

Tuesday 6

in the United Benefice, the parish of All Saints Bakewell Clergy: Rev Tony Kaunhoven, Rev Peter Davies, Reader Judith Hargreave, Brenda Jackson, Pat Bryant, the PCC and congregation

Wednesday 7

in the United Benefice, the parish of Holy Trinity Ashford in the Water, Clergy: Rev Tony Kaunhoven, Rev Peter Davies, reader Brenda Jackson, the PCC and congregation.

Thursday 8

in the United Benefice, the parish of St Michael & All Angels Sheldon, Clergy: Rev Tony Kaunhoven, Rev Peter Davies, reader Brenda Jackson, the PCC and congregation

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Friday 9

in the United Benefice, the parish of St Katherine Rowsley, Clergy: Rev Tony Kaunhoven, Rev Peter Davies, reader Brenda Jackson, the PCC and congregation

Saturday 10

in the United Benefice, the parish of St Anne Over Haddon, Clergy: Rev Tony Kaunhoven, Rev Peter Davies, reader Pat Bryant, the PCC and congregation

Sunday 11

Advent 4

Christ Unexpected
Lord, we expected you to be grand,
but you have come as a helpless infant.
We expected you at another time,
but you have come in the silence of the night.
We expected you to be dazzling, a king,
but you have come as a fragile man, like us.
We thought you would be different, but you
are humble.
Hardly anyone recognises you
just seeing you is not enough.
We have to believe that you are God, like this,
so human.
We had our own idea of you and you have
defied all our expectations.
Give us faith to believe in you and recognise
you as you are and as you have come to us.
(Miguel Alonzo Macías, CAFOD in Honduras).

Monday 12

Hospice Movement
Pray for all who work in our hospices as they
support those nearing the end of their earthly
life.
Ashgate hospice in Chesterfield, Treetops
hospice in Risley Nightingale Macmillan
continuing Care Unit, Royal Derby Hospital
Blythe House Hospice, Buxton

Tuesday 13

in the United Benefice, St Michael & All
Angels Hathersage Clergy: Rev Jude Davis,
reader John Brunskill, Roger Mather, and
PCC and congregation

Wednesday 14

Church Mission Partners serving in distant
and dangerous places

The real work of Christmas Liz Babbs
when the last present has been opened
and the last mouth fed.

When weariness lays like a blanket over all
mankind -

The real work of Christmas begins:
To seek the lost, to support the lonely
To feed the starving, to shelter the homeless
To console the broken, to love, the unlovely
to LOVE

Thursday 15

In a world where as many as 27 million
people may be held in slavery here is a prayer
to end Human trafficking

Almighty God - Saviour, Liberator and Lover of
all people, We confess that we have not loved
you with our whole hearts Or modelled your
self-sacrificing love that has won our free-
dom. We have heard rumours of modern-day
slavery But preferred not to look too closely
At what is difficult to face and painful to think
about. We have chosen to keep our eyes
shut and not ask difficult questions. And
yet we remember how you came into our
darkness And always walk beside us, and
never look away from us – no matter what.
We are truly sorry – please forgive us and
make us more like you.

Friday 16

Light your candle and pray for those whom
you have a special concern this Christmas

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease.
Take from our souls the strain and stress
and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of
thy peace.

Saturday 17

That our children will understand the real
meaning of Christmas

Come my Lord, my light, my way

Sunday 18

Advent 3

For all those who have, for whatever reason,
stopped going to church

Lighten our darkness. Lord, we pray; and
in your mercy, defend us from all perils and
dangers of this night; for the love of your only
Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Monday 19

For our Bishops and clergy, that they will be
strengthened to serve faithfully at this busy
time and for all those who support them;
especially the Bishop of Derby's staff

Chaplain Pippa Rowen
PA Claire Beavis
Admin Assistant Francis Morrison
Nicky Fenton Assistant Chaplain

Tuesday 20

Parishes where there is a clergy vacancy

the Word became flesh and lived among us,
and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a
father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Wednesday 21

Light your candle and write a prayer for those
with whom you expect to share your
Christmas

The kingdom of God is not food and drink but
righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy
Spirit.

The light of the candles
Come Lord of us all, Stir up the darkness
We light just one candle To keep us awake.

Come Lord of nature, Wise and just ruler.
The light of two candles Shows us how to live.

Come Lord of our life. Deserts are greening.
The light of three candles shows that you are
near.

Come Son of David, He who was promised.
By four candles' brightness the true king will
come.

Sue Allerton/CAFOD

Thursday 22

God of peace, encourage those who seek to
establish a fair and just peace in the Middle
East. Bless their efforts as they work to end
conflict.

The people walking in darkness have seen a
great light; on those living in the land of the
shadow or death a light has dawned.

Friday 23

For God's blessing on all our attempts to
communicate a welcome to church this
Christmas. Diocesan Communications
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