



December prayer diary

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14

Pray to the Father through the Son in the power of the Spirit for:

MONDAY 1 The work of the Mothers' Union in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, with which we have a diocesan link.

TUESDAY 2 Sonning: Jamie Taylor - Vicar, Bob Peters, Chris West, Corinne Robertson. For youth minister Chris West as he trains for the priesthood. Sonning CE Primary School.

WEDNESDAY 3 Wokingham St Sebastian: Rickey Simpson-Gray - Vicar, Wendy Wickens, Russell Shipton. For our 2030 parish vision, family minister recruitment, personal discipleship groups. St Sebastian's CE Primary School and Oaklands Junior School.

THURSDAY 4 Ruscombe and Twyford: Mark Gould - Vicar, Gordon Connell, Helen Charlton, Phillippa Middleton. For our children and families worker as she welcomes children from our primary schools into our buildings for Christmas services. St Nicholas CE School, Polehampton CE School.

FRIDAY 5 Newport Deanery: Adrian Low - Area Dean, Tim Edwards, Janet Gamlen, Roger Hull. For unhindered progress towards successful pastoral reorganisation and forthcoming appointments. For Night of Miracles deanery cantata on 10 January, celebration of Epiphany.

SATURDAY 6 Stoke Goldington, Ravenstone, Weston Underwood and Gayhurst (The Gate Group): Geoff Morris. For the benefice in Interregnum and for Christa Pumfrey who retired as Rector at the end of November after 25 years in the benefice. For the Revd Adrian Low, who will in future look after the new benefice. Stoke Goldington CE School.

MONDAY 8 Lavendon with Cold Brayfield, Clifton Reynes and Newton Blossomville: Geoff Morris, Lindsay Hall. For the benefice in Interregnum. For Fr Ben Lewis (Olney), who will be lead priest in the new benefice. Newton Blossomville CE School

TUESDAY 9 Hanslope with Castlethorpe: Gary Ecclestone - Vicar, Fr Robin Carter. Giving

thanks for the younger members of our two village churches and for those who run our under 5s, Sunday schools and youth group. Giving thanks for the dedication of PCC members and other key lay people.

WEDNESDAY 10 Sherington with Chicheley, North Crawley, Astwood and Hardmead (SCAN): Coralie Mansfield - Priest-in-Charge, Pam Fielding, Bob Penman, John Fielding. Discernment in succession. Prayers for members of our ministry team who are receiving treatment for medical issues.
North Crawley CE School, Sherington CE School.

THURSDAY 11 Lamp, nr Milton Keynes: Adrian Low - Priest-in-Charge, Kimonie Nicholls, Wendy Reidel, Joe Geary, Louise Cook. Thanking God for the redevelopment and toilet provision at St Leonard & St Andrew Little Linford. Developing relationships with other churches as the LAMP benefice splits and new benefices are formed.

FRIDAY 12 Newport Pagnell with Lathbury and Moulsoe: Nick Evans - Rector, Mervyn Evans, Karen Goff. We continue to give thanks for the growth of the parent and toddler Monday morning initiative. Pray for mission discernment and direction since there are 14,000 new homes being built within the benefice.

SATURDAY 13 Olney, Milton Keynes: Ben Lewis - Priest-in-Charge, Hugh Reid, Derek Martin, Janet Lawrence, Josephine Spray. For church growth in numbers. For youth hub and discipleship groups.

MONDAY 15 Vale of White Horse Deanery: Maria Jukes - Area Dean, Jeremy Goulston, Peter Foot, Dave Wilson. We pray for all the schools in the deanery, that we might continue to grow good and flourishing relationships with them. We give thanks for all those who minister in and serve their local church in our deanery.

TUESDAY 16 Cherbury with Gainfield, nr Faringdon: Talisker Macleod - Rector, Sebastian Mattapally, Avril Coleman, Jim Mynors. Our new Being With groups for enquirers, and for those looking to deepen faith and relationships in the church Buckland CE Primary School.

WEDNESDAY 17 Shrivenham and Ashbury: Patrick Mabhunu - Vicar, Janet Anderson-MacKenzie, Graham Weller. That the new youth club will flourish and bear good fruit in our villages. That our ministry with your families and children will grow further. Ashbury with Compton CE Primary School, Shrivenham CE Primary School, Longcot & Fernham CE Primary School.

THURSDAY 18 Uffington, Shellingford, Woolstone and Baulking: Jeremy Goulston - Vicar, Hugh Baxter, Veronica Buxton, Sue Saunders, Beryl Packer. For our servery and toilet projects, and for our crafting after-school club. Shellingford CE School, Uffington CE School.

FRIDAY 19 Great Coxwell with Buscot, Coleshill and Eaton Hastings: Maureen Turner - Vicar, Jan Hall. For the churchwardens and PCCs as they work more collaboratively together. For those who will be guiding and supporting the parishes through the Interregnum in spring 2026.

SATURDAY 20 Great Faringdon with Little Coxwell: Maria Jukes - Vicar, Szabina Patel, Bob Slade, Josey Speller, Julie Slade, Chris Etherton, Dick Whittington, Barbara Mapley, Paul Winchester, Tim Hewes, David Pickering. That we will be able to be a witness of the love of God to our communities and discern where he is calling us to join in with his work.

MONDAY 22 Vale, Wantage: Alec Gill - Vicar, Miriam Jones, Sarah Shackleton. For the development of our vision while we continue to engage our local community, particularly through supporting our six local schools. St Nicholas CE Primary School, Grove CE Primary School, St James CE Primary School.

TUESDAY 23 Wycombe Deanery: James Dwyer - Area Dean, Wendy Bull, Simon Dust, Caroline Sants, Mark Moorcraft, Nigel Peach. For our new deanery plan, which we hope will support our churches to flourish in mission and ministry. For all our churches and people as they prepare to share the Christmas story: give them energy, strength, and joy.

WEDNESDAY 24 Wantage Downs: Nikolaj Christensen - Rector, John Durant. The new Children's Church during the morning service in East Hendred. Joy and light at our Christmas services. The Hendreds CE School.

THURSDAY 25 "We offer our prayers, blessings and thanks to all clergy and laity taking services today in our churches."

FRIDAY 26 Wantage Deanery: John Durant Area - Dean, Katherine Price, Hugh Rees, Sarah Shackleton. For Rev Katherine Price as she takes over the role of being Area Dean. For our united ministry to the care homes in our deanery and the administration to make that work.

SATURDAY 27 Hedsor with Bourne End, Bucks: Adrian Manning - Associate Clergy, Simon Dust. Hedsor: That getting in touch with all those with whom we have had pastoral contact this year might prove to be a fruitful exercise and renew relationships with the church and our Lord. Bourne End: We thank God for a growing group of leaders, small groups and creative missional ideas.

MONDAY 29 Stanford in the Vale with Goosey and Hatford: Paul Eddy - Vicar. Thanks to God for another year where so many Lay people have worked tirelessly. For Mike Murray and Bob Slade, LLMs from local benefices, leading monthly services in 2026 in our Chapels of Ease. For ongoing evangelism and discipleship amongst the Denys@4 families congregation, grown from 16 to 42 this year. That much needed Reordering plans for St Denys will be approved, and that remaining funds will come in next year. Stanford in the

Vale CE Primary School.

TUESDAY 30 Ridgeway, nr Wantage: Mary Harwood, Gill Thompson, Linda Soames, Sue Worth, Paul Thompson. That God will guide those who will be seeking the right Rector for us, as well as those who are seeking the right benefice for their ministry. The Ridgeway CE Primary School.

WEDNESDAY 31 Wantage: Katherine Price - Vicar, Frances Caroe, Laurence Price, David Richardson, James Clarke. For Around Table, our free food project, and all volunteers and guests. Our architects and building project team as we explore how to enhance our parish church building. Wantage CE Primary School.

Prayer on Sundays

SUNDAY 7

We thank God for the role of churches in successfully calling the government to end the Two-Child Limit (announced in the recent Budget), and pray for the 470,000 children who be pulled out of severe hardship by 2027 as a result.

SUNDAY 14

As we enter Advent, we pray for those doing the Hope in the Rubble Advent Course; may God stir them as they reflect on the themes of waiting, expectation, hope, and yearning for change, and lead to small steps of Christ-like action for a better world.

SUNDAY 21

"Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually." 1 Chronicles 16:11

SUNDAY 28

"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth." Psalm 145:18

Links

Prayers from Christian Concern for One World: ccow.org.uk

Topical prayers from the Church of England: churchofengland.org/topical-prayers