

Prayer Diary

December 2023



Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:14

1-5 December, we pray for...



Friday 1 December

Newstead Deanery

The Diocese of Bangor – The Church in Wales

Saturday 2 December

Annesley, All Saints; Newstead Village, St Mary the Virgin; Kirkby Woodhouse, St John the Evangelist

The Diocese of Banks and Torres – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Sunday 3 December

1st Sunday of Advent

Today, we begin a new Church Year. We give thanks for all that has been and what shall be. We pray for Disciples to Grow Wider, Younger and Deeper across our diocese. As we begin the season of Advent, we pray:

Lord Jesus,

light of the world,

born in David's city of Bethlehem,

born like him to be a king:

be born in our hearts at Christmas,

be King of our lives today.

Amen. Amen.

The Church of North India (United)

Monday 4 December

Eastwood, St Mary

The Diocese of Barbados – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Tuesday 5 December

Greasley, St Mary

The Diocese of Bari – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

6-11 December, we pray for...



Wednesday 6 December

Hucknall St Mary Magdalene; Hucknall, St John the Evangelist
The Diocese of Baringo – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Thursday 7 December

West Hucknall, St Peter & St Paul
The Diocese of Barisal – The Church of Bangladesh

Friday 8 December

Huthwaite, All Saints
The Diocese of Barrackpore – The Church of North India (United)

Saturday 9 December

Kirkby-in-Ashfield, St Thomas
The Diocese of Bath and Wells – The Church of England

Sunday 10 December

2nd Sunday of Advent

On the second Sunday advent, we pray:

Lord Jesus, light of the world,

***the prophets said you would bring peace
and save your people in trouble.***

***Give peace in our hearts at Christmas
and show all the world God's love.***

Amen.

The Church of Pakistan (United)

Monday 11 December

Ravenshead, St Peter; Newstead Abbey, St Mary
The Diocese of Bathurst – The Anglican Church of Australia

12-17 December, we pray for...



Tuesday 12 December

Linby, St Michael; Papplewick, St James

The Diocese of Bauchi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wednesday 13 December

Selston, St Helen; Westwood, St Mary

The Diocese of Belize – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Thursday 14 December

Skegby, St Andrew; Teversal, St Katherine; Stanton Hill, All Saints

The Diocese of Bendigo – The Anglican Church of Australia

Friday 15 December

Sutton-in-Ashfield, New Cross Community Church

The Diocese of Beni – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Saturday 16 December

Sutton-in-Ashfield, St Mary Magdalene

The Diocese of Benin – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Sunday 17 December

3rd Sunday of Advent

On the third Advent Sunday, we pray:

Lord Jesus, light of the world,

John told the people to prepare

for you were very near.

As Christmas grows closer day by day,

help us to be ready to welcome you now.

Amen.

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

18-24 December, we pray for...



Monday 18 December

Kirkby-in-Ashfield, St Wilfrid

The Diocese of Bentiu – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Tuesday 19 December

Brinsley, St James the Great; Underwood, St Michael & All Angels

The Diocese of Bermuda – (Extra Provincial)

Wednesday 20 December

We pray for those who work in retail around our diocese at this busy time of year

The Diocese of Bethlehem – The Episcopal Church

Thursday 21 December

We pray for those who are lonely and isolated over the Christmas period.

The Diocese of Bhopal – The Church of North India (United)

Friday 22 December

We pray for those who work in hospitality around our diocese at this busy time of year

The Diocese of Bida – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 23 December

We pray for all those attending Christmas services, especially for those who don't usually attend church.

The Diocese of Biharamulo – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Sunday 24 December

Christmas Eve

As we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth, we pray for ourselves that we might invite Him to be born again in us as we Grow as Disciples.

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

25-28 December, we pray for...



Monday 25 December

Christmas Day

The greatest birth in history is celebrated today. We pray for all Christians across the world with whom we have links as the Saviour of the world is acclaimed. O Come Let Us Adore Him! Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of Bethlehem.

The Diocese of Birmingham – The Church of England

Tuesday 26 December

St Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr

Today we recall the first Christian martyr. Someone will lose their life today because they proclaim Christ. In the midst of celebrations, take a moment today to reflect upon this and pray for those who do not count the cost in being a sacrificial offering.

The Diocese of Blackburn – The Church of England

Wednesday 27 December

St John, Apostle and Evangelist

'The Word was made flesh and dwelt Among Us'. With these words John acclaims, the Incarnation of God and Man. Today, we are thankful for John's gift and for all evangelists in the Church. Pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement.

The Diocese of Bo – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Thursday 28 December

The Holy Innocents

This sombre commemoration of the death of the young is a sharp counterpoint to the celebration of new birth. Please pray today for those who are victims of aggression.

The Diocese of Boga – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

29-31 December, we pray for...



Friday 29 December

St Thomas Becket - Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr

Today we commemorate another martyr. We give thanks for Thomas's gift of faith and pray for Justin Welby, his successor.

The Diocese of Bolivia – The Anglican Church of South America

Saturday 30 December

The first 'quiet day' of the week, with no feast day. Take a few minutes today to be thankful for things that can be celebrated from the last week. We remember those who have not been able to see family and friends as they have been caring for others and serving in the emergency services.

The Diocese of Bondo – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Sunday 31 December

1st Sunday of Christmas

John Wyclif

Today we recall the life of one of the churches great reformers. We thank God for the vision we have to Grow Disciples and for the year ahead as we seek to introduce new people to Jesus Christ as our Lord.

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda