

Intercession List for May 2024

Please pray for:

David, Bishop of Manchester

Matthew, Bishop of Bolton

Stephen, Bishop of Beverley

Mark, Bishop of Middleton

Rob, Bishop of Ebbsfleet

Archdeacon of Manchester: Karen Best

Archdeacon of Salford & Bolton: Rachel Mann

The Dean of Manchester: Rogers Govender

Also:

Our companion Link Dioceses of:

Namibia, the clergy and people, together with their bishop, the Rt Revd Patrick Djuulume.

Lahore, the clergy and people, together with their bishop, the Rt Revd Nadeem Kamran.

Our partnership with the Diocese of Tampere, Finland, (Porvoo Communion) the clergy and people together with their bishop, the Rt Revd Matti Repo.

Our historic friendship with the Diocese of Melbourne, Australia, the clergy and people, together with their bishop, the Most Revd Philip Freier and the regional bishops.

Note: entries marked (Porvoo) are taken from 'The Porvoo Churches Invitation to Prayer'.

Entries marked (ACP) are taken from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

Parishes are prayed for daily in the Cathedral at Evening Prayer, using this list. Clergy and parishioners are welcome to attend on any day, and especially when their parish or benefice is remembered.

- 1 Wed **Stretford, St Matthew**
Rev Kate Burgess; Rev Simon Schofield
St Matthew's CE Primary School, Stretford
Give thanks for the strong bonds of fellowship among them and the commitment of so many. Pray for Matthew, their ordinand on placement, as he prepares for ordination.
ACP: The Diocese of Central Ecuador - The Episcopal Church
- 2 Thu Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373
West Didsbury, Christ Church and Withington, St Christopher
Rev Ann Meadowcroft;
Give thanks for the children from local schools who visited Christ Church in March for 'Experience Easter'. May God bless them all.
ACP: The Diocese of Edinburgh - The Scottish Episcopal Church
- 3 Fri Whalley Range, St Margaret
Rev Ian Harvey; Rev Tom Studman
St Margaret's CE Primary School, Whalley Range
Pray as they celebrate 175 years of ministry and give thanks for the steeplejack's work on the tower.
ACP: The Diocese of Edmonton - The Anglican Church of Canada
- 4 Sat English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era
Withington, St Crispin
Rev Canon Patrick Davies
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich - The Church of England
- 5 Sun **The Sixth Sunday of Easter**
Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Southwark, Bishop Christopher Chessun, Bishop Martin Gainsborough, Bishop Rosemarie Mallet; Church of Norway: Diocese of Björgvin, Bishop Ragnhild Jepsen
ACP: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

- 6 Mon Rogation Day
Withington, St Paul
Rev Cate Allison; Rev Josh Gaskell
St Paul's CE Primary School, Withington
Pray for this benefice.
Tampere link: pray with our sisters and brothers in Tampere for peace in Ukraine. Pray for all those living in Tampere who are concerned for the future and are anxious about the intentions of neighbouring countries.
ACP: The Diocese of Egba - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 7 Tue Rogation Day
Wythenshawe
Rev Nicholas Birnie-Campbell; Rev Ian Fellows; Rev Dr Caroline Hewitt; Rev Gary Miller; Rev Alexa Russell
Reader: Abby Ogier
Pray for the ministry of their new Reader Sue and ALMs Adrian, Paul, Ruth, Paul and Gemma and for their new Men's Group, Toddlers and Foodbank.
ACP: The Diocese of Egba-West - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 8 Wed Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417; Rogation Day
Astley Bridge, St Paul
Rev Julian Hartley
St Paul CE Primary School, Astley Bridge
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Egbu - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 9 Thu **Ascension Day**
Blackrod, Daisy Hill, Westhoughton and Wingates
Rev Andy Jones; Rev Carol Pharaoh; Rev Dr Malcolm Wearing; Rev Angela Wynne
Blackrod Anglican/Methodist Primary School; St Bartholomew's CE Primary School, Westhoughton; St George's CE Primary School, Westhoughton; St James' CE Primary School, Daisy Hill; St Thomas CE Primary School, Chequerbent
Pray for the PCC as it further develops the church mission action plan.
ACP: The Diocese of Egypt - The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria
- 10 Fri Bolton le Moors, St Bede
Rev Vinny Whitworth
Reader: Tony Whitehead
St Bede's CE Primary Academy
Pray for their evangelistic 'Quiz Night' on the 17th May as part of their Mission Community 'Connect' Mission as they reach out to their community.
ACP: The Diocese of Eha-Amufu - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 11 Sat Bolton le Moors, St Peter with St Philip
Rev Simon Cook; Rev Grace Gaze; Rev Ian Hepburn; Rev Canon Prof Kenneth Newport
Bishop Bridgeman CE Primary School; Bolton Parish CE Primary School
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Ekiti - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 12 Sun **The Seventh Sunday of Easter; Sunday after Ascension Day**
Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Gloucester, Bishop Rachel Treweek, Bishop Robert Springett;
Church of Sweden: Diocese of Västerås, Bishop Mikael Mogren
ACP: The Anglican Church of Burundi
- 13 Mon Royal Bolton Hospital - Rev Canon Catherine Binns and Rev Daniel Langdon Griffiths
Namibia link: pray for our friends in the Diocese of Namibia. Thank God for the mission and service they offer to their local communities, asking that all that they do will flourish and grow.
ACP: The Diocese of Ekiti Kwara - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

- 14 Tue **Matthias the Apostle**
Clifton
Rev John Evans
Reader: Sharon Betton
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Ekiti Oke - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 15 Wed Deane
Rev André Adefope; Rev Canon Dr Terry Clark; Rev Vinny Whitworth
St Andrew's CE Primary School, Over Hulton; St Mary's CE Primary School, Deane
Pray for St Mary's Deane and St Andrew's Over Hulton as they prepare for a mission week 19th-26th May.
ACP: The Diocese of Ekiti West - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 16 Thu *Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877*
Farnworth, Kearsley and Stoneclough
Rev Anthony Cowell; Rev Stephen Nolan
All Saints CE Primary School, Farnworth; St John's CE Primary School, Kearsley; St Peter CE Primary School, Farnworth; St Saviour CE Primary School, Ringley; St Stephen's CE Primary School, Kearsley
Pray for people, friends and families who grieve for those they love and no longer see.
ACP: The Diocese of Eldoret - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- 17 Fri Halliwell, St Peter
Rev Alan Saunders
Reader: David Cieszynski
St Peter's Smithills Dean CE Primary School
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Port Elizabeth - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- 18 Sat Harwood, Christ's Church
Rev Julia Gordon; Rev Adrienne Morgan
Bolton St Catherine's Academy
Give thanks for all who have worked hard during their vacancy and pray that God will call the right person to be their new incumbent.
ACP: The Diocese of El-Obeid - Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
- 19 Sun **Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)**
Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Guildford, Bishop Andrew Watson, Bishop Paul Davies;
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Viborg, Bishop Henrik Stubkjær
ACP: The Anglican Church of Canada
- 20 Mon Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804
Heaton, Christ Church with Halliwell, St Margaret
Rev Dave Thompson
Pray for their mission to the communities they serve, especially to people who feel isolated and fearful. Pray for the appointment of church officers at the forthcoming APCMs.
Pray for a resolution in the dispute between the Lahore Diocese and the wider Church of Pakistan.
Pray for peace and justice throughout the country.
ACP: The Diocese of Ely - The Church of England
- 21 Tue *Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330*
Horwich and Rivington
Rev Michael Behrend; Rev Nicola Butterworth; Rev Nicola Gillard; Rev Peter Harley; Rev Dr Gill Smart; Rev Caroline Tracey
Rivington and Blackrod High School; Horwich Parish CE Primary School; St Catherine's CE Primary School
Give thanks for the growing number of children and young people here, pray that God raises up new leaders to work with them.
ACP: The Diocese of Embu - The Anglican Church of Kenya

- 22 Wed Leverhulme
St Stephen & All Martyrs CE Primary School
Rev Vivien Masters
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Enugu - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 23 Thu University of Bolton, Rev Gill Smart
ACP: The Diocese of Enugu North - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 24 Fri John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788
Little Lever, St Matthew
Rev Tony Davies; Rev Robert Eloff
St Matthew's CE Primary School, Little Lever
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Esan - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 25 Sat The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735; Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709
Lostock, St Thomas and St John
Rev André Adefope; Rev Canon Dr Terry Clark
Thanks for a growing ministry among young adults and families and wisdom for the PCC working on a new mission action plan.
ACP: The Diocese of Eswatini - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- 26 Sun **Trinity Sunday**
Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Exeter, Bishop Robert Atwell, Bishop James Grier, Bishop Jackie Searle; Church of Norway: Diocese of Nord-Hålogaland, Bishop Olav Øygard
ACP: The Church of the Province of Central Africa
- 27 Mon Seven Saints, New Bury with Great Lever
Vacant
SS Simon and Jude CE Primary Academy; St James' CE Primary School, Farnworth; St Michael's CE Primary School, Great Lever
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Etche - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 28 Tue *Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar, 1089*
Tonge Moor, St Augustine
Rev Tony Davies; Rev Robert Eloff
Pray for a deepening of the parish's links with both St Matthew, Little Lever, and the Bolton South East Mission Community.
ACP: The Diocese of Etsako - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 29 Wed Turton Moorland Ministry
Rev Marcus Bulcock; Rev Chris Jamieson; Rev Hannah Lane
Canon Slade CE School; St Maxentius CE Primary School; Turton and Edgworth CE Methodist Primary; Walmsley CE Primary School
Pray for the Turton Moorland Team as they begin the process of appointing a new Team Rector.
ACP: The Diocese in Europe - The Church of England
- 30 Thu *Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)*
West Bolton
Rev Fayaz Adman; Rev Margaret Irwin; Rev Canon Rodger Petch
Readers: Lizzie Bomber; Stephen Hamer
St Matthew's CE Primary School, Bolton; St Thomas CE Primary School, Halliwell
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe - The Episcopal Church

31 Fri **The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth**

Ainsworth, Christ Church

Rev Debra Johnstone

Christ Church Ainsworth CE Primary School

Give thanks for all who volunteer or hold office within their church, and pray for guidance and inspiration during this time of interregnum.

ACP: The Diocese of Eyo - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)