

Intercession List for January 2025

Please pray for:

David, Bishop of Manchester

Mark, Bishop of Middleton

Matthew, Bishop of Bolton

Archdeacon of Manchester: Karen Best

Archdeacon of Salford and Bolton; Rachel Mann

Archdeacon of Rochdale: Karen Smeeton

The Dean of Manchester: Rogers Govender

Stephen, Bishop of Beverley

Rob, Bishop of Ebbsfleet

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, and by the Bishop's Leadership Team, using this list. Clergy and parishioners are welcome to attend the cathedral on any day, and especially when their parish or benefice is remembered.

1 Wed **Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**

Bolton le Moors, St Peter with St Philip

Rev Simon Cook; Rev Ian Hepburn; Rev Hannah Lane; Rev Canon Prof Kenneth Newport
Bishop Bridgeman CE Primary School; Bolton Parish CE Primary School

Pray for continued growth across their benefice, for success in future ministries including music, and to nurture vocations and developing interfaith links in the town.

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

2 Thu Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops, teachers of the faith, 379 and 389;
Seraphim, monk, spiritual guide, 1833; Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, bishop, evangelist, 1945

Clifton

Rev John Evans

Reader: Sharon Betton

Pray for this benefice.

ACP: The Diocese of Kyoto - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

3 Fri Deane
Rev André Adefope; Rev Sweetline Burnell; 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 this benefice.

ACP: The Diocese of Kyushu - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

4 Sat Farnworth, Kearsley and Stoneclough

Rev Stephen Nolan

All Saints CE Primary School, Farnworth; St John's CE Primary School, Kearsley; St Peter's
CE Primary School, Farnworth; St Saviour CE Primary School, Ringley; St Stephen's CE
Primary School, Kearsley

Pray for this benefice.

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

- 5 Sun **Epiphany**
 Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of London, Bishop Sarah Mullally, Bishop Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy, Bishop Emma Ineson, Bishop Anderson Jeremiah, Bishop Jonathan Baker, Bishop Ric Thorpe, Bishop Joanne Grenfell; Church of Norway: Diocese of Nidaros and Trondheim, Presiding Bishop Olav Fykse Tveit, Bishop Herborg Oline Finnset
 ACP: The Church in Wales
- 6 Mon University of Bolton
 Rev Dr Gill Smart
Pray for this university.
 TAMPERE Link Diocese: Pray for the Diocesan staff.
 ACP: The Diocese of Lagos - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 7 Tue 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 Lagos Mainland - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 8 Wed Harwood, Christ's Church
 Rev Julia Gordon; Rev Adrienne Morgan
 Bolton St Catherine's Academy
Pray for this benefice.
 ACP: The Diocese of Lagos West - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 9 Thu Heaton, Christ Church with Halliwell, St Margaret
 Rev Deborah Bithell; Rev Matthew Burnell; Rev Dave Thompson
Pray for their planned stewardship campaign during Lent as they look to increase their giving of time, talents and resources.
 ACP: The Diocese of Lahore - The Church of Pakistan (United)
- 10 Fri *William Laud, archbishop, 1645*
 Horwich and Rivington
 Rev Nicola Butterworth; Rev Nicola Gillard; Rev Libby Greenhalgh; Rev Peter Harley; Rev Dr Gill Smart; Rev Caroline Tracey
 Horwich Parish CE Primary School; St Catherine's CE Primary School
Give thanks that their church family is growing, and pray for everyone to continue to grow in fellowship and faith.
 ACP: The Diocese of Lainya - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- 11 Sat *Mary Slessor, missionary, 1915*
 Leverhulme
 Rev Viv Masters
 St Stephen & All Martyrs CE Primary School
Pray for this benefice.
 ACP: The Diocese on the Lake - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 12 Sun **Baptism of Christ; First Sunday of Epiphany**
 Porvoo: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Oulu, Bishop Jukka Kesitalo; Church of Norway: Diocese of Sør-Hålogaland (Bodø), Bishop Svein Valle; Church of England: Diocese of Coventry, vacancy – bishop of Coventry, Bishop Ruth Worsley (bishop of Taunton, acting bishop), vacancy – bishop of Warwick.
 ACP: The Church of the Province of West Africa
- 13 Mon Hilary, bishop, teacher of the faith, 367; *Kentigern (Mungo), missionary bishop, 603; George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers), 1691*
 Little Lever, St Matthew
 Rev Tony Davies; Rev Robert Eloff
 St Matthew's CE Primary School, Little Lever
Pray for this benefice.
 NAMIBIA Link Diocese: Pray for the Diocesan staff.
 ACP: The Diocese of Lango - The Church of the Province of Uganda

- 14 Tue Lostock, St Thomas and St John
Rev André Adefope; Rev Canon Dr Terry Clark
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of West Lango - The Church of the Province of Uganda
- 15 Wed Seven Saints, New Bury with Great Lever
Rev Andy Jones
SS Simon and Jude CE Primary Academy; St James' CE Primary School, Farnworth; St Michael's CE Primary School, Great Lever
Give thanks for the Seven Saints church family, and pray for new beginnings, guidance, strength and unity to fulfill your purpose.
ACP: The Diocese of Langtang - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 16 Thu Tonge Moor, St Augustine
Rev Tony Davies; Rev Robert Eloff
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Lebombo - Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola
- 17 Fri Antony of Egypt, hermit, abbot, 356; *Charles Gore, bishop, founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932*
Turton Moorland Ministry
Rev Marcus Bulcock; Rev Chris Jamieson
Reader: Angela Byrne
Canon Slade CE School; St Maxentius CE Primary School; Turton and Edgworth CE Methodist Primary; Walmsley CE Primary School
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Leeds - The Church of England
- 18 Sat **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January; Amy Carmichael, spiritual writer, 1951**
West Bolton
Rev Fayaz Adman; Rev Stephen Hamer; Rev Margaret Irwin; Rev Canon Rodger Petch
Reader: Lizzie Bomber
St Matthew's CE Primary School, Bolton; St Thomas CE Primary School, Halliwell
Give thanks for the lay people and SSMs who have taken on extra responsibilities through clergy vacancy, and pray for the appointment of a team rector.
ACP: The Diocese of Leicester - The Church of England
- 19 Sun **Second Sunday of Epiphany**
Porvoo: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Tampere, Bishop Matti Repo; Church of England: Diocese of Manchester, Bishop David Walker, Bishop Matthew Porter, Bishop Mark Davies
ACP: The Church in the Province of the West Indies
- 20 Mon *Richard Rolle, spiritual writer, 1349*
Ainsworth, Christ Church
Rev Debra Johnstone
Christ Church Ainsworth CE Primary School
Give thanks for all that has been achieved so far during interregnum, and pray that the right person will be found to lead their church forward.
LAHORE Link Diocese: Pray for the Diocesan staff.
ACP: The Diocese of Lesotho - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- 21 Tue Agnes, child martyr, 304
Bircle, St John the Baptist
Rev Janet Lyssejko
Pray for the nurture and growth of their congregation, for the ongoing positive ministry within their community and working ecumenically with the Methodist church.
ACP: The Diocese of Lexington - The Episcopal Church

- 22 Wed *Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, martyr, 304*
 Bury, Roch Valley
 Rev Jason Lawton; Rev Simon Watkinson; Rev Canon Donna Williams
 Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Bury; St Luke's CE Primary School, Bury; St Peter's CE
 Primary School, Bury; St Thomas' CE Primary School, Bury
Pray for this benefice.
 ACP: The Diocese of Liberia - The Church of the Province of West Africa
- 23 Thu Bury Hospice
Pray for this hospice.
 ACP: The Diocese of Lichfield - The Church of England
- 24 Fri Francis de Sales, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1622
 Bury, St Mary the Virgin
 Rev Sheila Beattie; Rev Craig Giles; Rev Julian Heaton
**Pray for wisdom as they begin to think about how to engage families and young people as
 they seek to grow younger.**
 ACP: The Diocese of Lincoln - The Church of England
- 25 Sat **Conversion of Paul**
 Bury, St Paul
 Rev Sheila Beattie; Rev Craig Giles; Rev Julian Heaton
 St Paul's CE Primary School, Bury
**Pray for God's grace and blessing as they work with the families who are part of their
 after-school church to grow in faith, love and desire to know the Lord.**
 ACP: The Diocese of Litoral Ecuador - The Episcopal Church
- 26 Sun **Third Sunday of Epiphany**
 Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Birmingham, Bishop Michael Volland, vacancy – bishop of
 Aston; Church of Ireland: Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, Bishop Paul Colton; Evangelical
 Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Elsinore, Bishop Peter Birch
 ACP: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria
- 27 Mon Bury, Walmersley Road
 Rev Harvie Nicol
 Reader: Ian Banks
 St John with St Mark CE Primary School, Bury
**Give thanks for the help they have received during our incumbent's long period of
 sickness and for those who have stepped in to help steer them through such a difficult
 time.**
 ACP: The Diocese of Liverpool - The Church of England
- 28 Tue Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1274
 Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS FT
 Rev Gareth Beresford-Jones; Rev Jeremy Law
Pray for this trust.
 ACP: The Diocese of Liwolo - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- 29 Wed Elton, St Stephen
 Rev Sam Eccleston
 St Stephen's CE Primary School, Elton
Pray for this benefice.
 ACP: The Diocese of Llandaff - The Church in Wales
- 30 Thu Charles, king and martyr, 1649
 Hillock and Unsworth
 Rev Michele Ryan
**Give thanks for the unity formed in their parish during vacancy, and pray for God's
 blessing on their food pantry that serves the vulnerable in their community.**
 ACP: Missionary Area of Lodwar - The Anglican Church of Kenya

31 Fri *John Bosco, priest, founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888*

Holcombe and Hawkshaw

Rev Matthew Brincombe; Rev Vic Fletcher; Rev Paul Sumsion

Readers: Jane Fletcher; Ethel Houghton; Jo Sumsion

Emmanuel Holcombe CE Primary School; St Mary's CE Primary School, Hawkshaw

Pray for the preparation and response to their multi-faceted mission initiative service #doyouknowhim?, and different events running through to Easter.

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