

# Cycle of Prayer

01 - 28 February 2023

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### **Ashton upon Mersey St Martin**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Catherine Cleghorn, Revd Canon John Sutton

**Lay Workers:** David Cottier

Please pray for the new activities for children and young people that we have launched recently.

**Anglican Communion:** Pelotas, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

02 February 2023

### **Ashton upon Mersey St Mary Magdalene**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Steve Rankin, Revd Nathan Gregory

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Outi Rankin, Mr Brian Macfaden

Prayer Pointers: Faith Matters evangelistic course is ongoing, English language classes are proving very popular (=/- 12 nationalities are coming along) – we are praying for more leaders & helpers, Prep for a Creation Care sermon/Small Group series that we hope will be practical for individuals and launch a serious look at net zero emissions

**Anglican Communion:** Pennsylvania, The Episcopal Church

03 February 2023

### **Bowdon**

Please pray for our...

**Lay Workers:** Mr John Fenton, Mrs Karen Wilson

**Anglican Communion:** Central Pennsylvania, The Episcopal Church

04 February 2023

### **Broadheath**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Rev. Daud Gill , Rev. Tom Ryan, Rev. Christian Obichukwu

**Lay Workers:** Peter Johnson

Young people and young family and our outreach to the community

**Anglican Communion:** Northwestern Pennsylvania, The Episcopal Church

05 February 2023

### **A Reflection from Bishop Mark**

Come with me, if you will, to a clearing just outside the city of Jericho, roughly 3,500 years ago. Here is Joshua, chosen leader of the people of God doing as he has been instructed and leading God's people into the land God has promised. Jericho is the objective, the people have been (re)consecrated, and Joshua is preparing. He 'looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand', which must have been a bit of a shock. Being made of stern stuff (he is the leader of the people of the Living God, after all), he 'went up to [the man] and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"' (these quotations are from Joshua 5.13-15 NIVUK).

Now, we know that this was an angel of the Lord, so we might well expect that the answer should be that God is for his people, especially as they face a major battle. However, the man replies 'Neither... but as commander of the army of the Lord I have now come.'

I don't know about you, but I find I need to stumble over this. If God is not on Joshua's side, what is Joshua doing?

Joshua, though, sees further and deeper. He falls to his face in worship and asks 'what message does my Lord have for his servant?' It is as a result of this prayer that the people of

God find security in the city of Jericho, and this is vital to notice.

I come back to this interaction often in my prayers, especially at the moment. It is so easy to seek to recruit God to our cause, but true prayer is always the other way around. Even in my purest pursuit of the purposes of God, His will and way are always bigger, better, holier, and greater. Praying does many things and the pray-er never leaves unchanged

This week General Synod meets. We will be discussing many different matters (including several that might well be quite challenging). Pray with me that we might be kept in step with not only the will of God, but the way of God. That we might be held, led, formed, and holy in all that we do. Pray for those who struggle, and those who speak. Pray that the voice of Christ might be clear and that all who are broken might find life. Pray that the Lord Himself might be among us...

... and let's include all that we are in those prayers. Wherever we might be and whatever we might be doing in this week, God's plan, purpose, way, and life is always bigger than we have yet seen.

'What message does my Lord have for his servant?'

† **Mark**

**Anglican Communion:** The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea,

06 February 2023

**Dunham Massey St Margaret**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** The Revd Aled Seago, Revd Dave Murray

**Anglican Communion:** the People, The Anglican Church of Canada

07 February 2023

**Dunham Massey St Mark**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** The Revd Aled Seago, Revd Dave Murray

**Anglican Communion:** Perth, The Anglican Church of Australia

08 February 2023

**Hale**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** The Revd Karen Stanton, Revd Giselle Rusted

**Lay Workers:** Mr Christopher Graham, Ms Julie Withers

**Anglican Communion:** Peru, The Anglican Church of South America

09 February 2023

**Oughtrington**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Canon Michael Burgess, Revd Trevor Legge, Revd Geoffrey Hardman`  
Building and outreach projects.

**Anglican Communion:** Peshawar, The (united) Church of Pakistan

10 February 2023

**Partington & Carrington**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Andrew Knight

Please pray for our children's work, in drawing together the threads of diverse work in a toddler group, primary and secondary school assemblies, baptism ministry, Messy Church, youth group and local outreach – for growing discipleship, engagement and joy.

**Anglican Communion:** Peterborough, The Church of England

11 February 2023

**Hale Barns with Ringway**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Mthr Clair Jaquiss

**Lay Workers:** Mary Babbage

Please pray for Father Gordon Herron who assists in the parish, for progress in the Narthex project to develop a welcoming café area, and for the appointment of a Children and Families Worker.

**Anglican Communion:** Central Philippines, Philippines

12 February 2023

**Foxhill**

At Foxhill, we continue to reflect on how we can be a resource for the whole diocese, and beyond, and how we can best support you in your faith and various ministries.

Please pray for our Encounter Days – day retreats which include both silence and other ways of reflecting for those who are not internal reflectors. This year we're exploring some of the pictures that Jesus used of himself in the 'I am' sayings, and through Lent reflecting on moments in Jesus' journey to the cross. Pray that these would help those who attend to connect more deeply with God.

Please pray for our programme of residential retreats in which we seek to cater for a wide variety of people with varying interests. This year's retreats explore our faith through: art, photography and icon painting; quiet and silence; a retreat for those who don't do retreats; getting to grips with the bible; and singing. Please pray that these times would give rest, refreshment and renewal to all who attend.

Please pray that our programme might catch the eye of those who would not usually consider taking space away at a retreat centre. Pray that Foxhill would continue to be a resource for all.

Please pray for us as we continue to develop our programme and begin to plan for 2024 that God would inspire us provide events that will build up his church.

Please pray for strong bookings as we face the challenges both of the continuing effects of COVID and the present economic crisis. Please pray that our bursaries would be used by those who wouldn't otherwise be able to afford to attend events at Foxhill.

Please pray for our staff team as we seek to serve all those who come through our doors with generous hospitality and grace.

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** The Episcopal Church in the Philippines,

13 February 2023

**Sale St Anne**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** The Revd Canon Alison Cox

**Lay Workers:** Mr Paul Edwards

**Anglican Communion:** North Central Philippines, Philippines

14 February 2023

**Sale St Paul**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Becky Mathew, Revd Dr Margaret Jones, Revd Dr Lisa Redfern, Revd Shemil Mathew

**Lay Workers:** Michael Riley, Yvonne Kerridge and Karen Salisbury

Please pray for the families/carers attending our weekly pre-school group, for those involved in our dementia-friendly community choir. We give thanks for our newly established Forest Church group as we learn more about the environment and our faith through the natural world. Pray too for our monthly Soup Sunday warm space.

**Anglican Communion:** Northern Philippines, Philippines

15 February 2023

**Timperley**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** The Revd Steve Dunton

**Anglican Communion:** Southern Philippines, Philippines

16 February 2023

**Warburton**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Canon Michael Burgess

Blessing on rural ministry in the parish.

**Anglican Communion:** Phulbani, The (united) Church of North India

17 February 2023

**Ashton Hayes**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Dr Phil Weston

**Lay Workers:** Alan Downen, Philip Goodall, Margaret Papworth

For spiritual growth from the teaching of God's Word in our Sunday sermons and midweek Bible Study groups, and numerical growth from our community mission initiatives. We would also value wisdom for best use of our newly reordered church building.

**Anglican Communion:** Pittsburgh, The Episcopal Church

18 February 2023

**Barrow**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Julian Osborne

**Lay Workers:** Martin Welch

Please pray: 1) For Revd Julian as this is his first post which started in mid November. 2) For the dedicated team who run "Jellies" the childrens group, that it continues to thrive 3) Give thanks for the team that held the parish through vacancy and their much needed input for the future.

**Anglican Communion:** Polynesia, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

19 February 2023

### **Hospital Chaplaincy**

We pray for Hospital Chaplains and Chaplaincy Teams across the diocese. May their care, compassion, and ministry be beacons of God's love and bring blessing and comfort to all those they meet. Through their conversations with patients, visitors, staff, and volunteers, may they reveal God's peace, His grace and His healing presence in every situation and encounter.

For Warrington and Halton hospitals we especially pray for the new Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Team; those who have recently joined the team and those who are soon to join. May they continue to grow and flourish together in fellowship and in the ministry to which God has called them. We pray for God to call and bring forward more volunteers with the necessary gifts, talents and strong desires to show and share the love of God in all aspects of Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care across the two hospitals.

**Anglican Communion:** Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda,

20 February 2023

### **Chester St John the Baptist**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** The Revd David Chesters

**Lay Workers:** Mr Keith Allen

**Anglican Communion:** Popondota, The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

21 February 2023

### **Chester Holy Trinity Without-the-Walls (Blacon)**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Rev Tina Upton, Rev Canon Dr Christopher Burkett, Rev Anina Thomas, Rev Jo Pemberton

**Lay Workers:** Sarah Dutton, Lindsay Tanner

Please pray for our Warm Welcome, three days each week, for Rosie Perkins and Ashley Marshall who run it and for ways to point people to God's love for them, as well as helping them in practical ways.

**Anglican Communion:** Portsmouth, The Church of England

22 February 2023

### **Chester St Mary Without-the-Walls (Handbridge)**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd John Carhart, Revd Trevor Dennis, Revd Maureen Pickering, Revd Ric Whaite

**Lay Workers:** Linda Manning

For the empowering of PCC clusters in widening participation in the life of St Mary's in Handbridge

**Anglican Communion:** Pretoria, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

23 February 2023

### **Chester St Paul with St Luke**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** The Revd Chris Blunt

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Jenny Gilbertson, MR John Somerville, Mr Keith Taggart

**Anglican Communion:** Puerto Rico, The Episcopal Church

24 February 2023

**Christleton**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** The Revd Dr Stefan Collier, Revd Rob Croft

Please pray for: Church development project, Assistant curates Rob and Tina, Pastoral Worker in Training – Lesley, Development of interdependent relationships with, not least, schools, churches, care homes, and Save the Family. Development of vocations, Journeying well with current community, while creating space for the formation of new communities which will carry Christ to all.

**Anglican Communion:** Pune, The (united) Church of North India

25 February 2023

**Dodleston**

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** Pyay, The Church of the Province of Myanmar

26 February 2023

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** The Scottish Episcopal Church,

27 February 2023

**Eccleston & Pulford**

Please pray for our...

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Jeanette Howe

Please pray for ministry here in Eccleston and Pulford, that Revd. Stephen Torr settles into his ministry as incumbent here from 21/2/23, when we will have an induction service for him. Stephen had a successful interview here in October 2022, as Rector of the parish of Eccleston and Pulford.

**Anglican Communion:** Qu'Appelle, The Anglican Church of Canada

28 February 2023

**Guilden Sutton**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** The Revd Heather Carty, Revd Sarah Batchelor

As a joint benefice please pray that we would continue to work together more closely with St Peter's, Plemstall. Please also pray for a resolution to the need for administrative help.

**Anglican Communion:** Quebec, The Anglican Church of Canada