

Cycle of Prayer

01 - 30 June 2024

01 June 2024

Over Chad

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Callum Boothroyd

Lay Workers: Jill Marriott, Jo Whittall, Sue Williams

Anglican Communion: Exeter, The Church of England

02 June 2024

Vision to Strategy

If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; But when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed. Proverbs 29:18 (The Message)

Having a vision doesn't mean we've arrived yet, but it gives us a direction of travel, and helps us to start taking steps to get to our destination. Our verse of the day encourages us to seek God's vision for what we should be focusing on; asking God to show us what He is doing, so that we can join in, and in doing so know His blessing.

Our diocesan vision is to be **Together in Christ, Sharing Hope**. It summarises who we want to be, and what we want to be doing; fulfilling our commission to be disciples of Christ and to make more disciples of Christ. Our vision came out of a long process of prayer and conversation - it's what we felt God showed us was the most important thing. Today we pray that God will continue to reveal how we live that out in our local context - in our parish, our school, our workplace, our family, our community. What are you doing Lord? How can we join in?

Heavenly Father,

Your Son Jesus Christ showed us how to live for you - He only did what He saw the Father doing.

Help us to see you at work in our lives, and to co-operate with you as you mould us and shape us into the likeness of your son.

Help us to see you at work in our community, and to work alongside you to declare the Kingdom promises of good news for the poor, freedom for the prisoners, sight for the blind, release for the oppressed, and the hope of new life in Christ.

Amen

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

03 June 2024

Over St John

Please pray for the church during vacancy

Anglican Communion: Ezo, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

04 June 2024

Sandiway

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Ruth Mock

Lay Workers: Sue Hadden, Andrew Hardy, Paul Stevenson

Please pray for us as we look to the next phase of our Heritage Building Project, for all who are involved in planning and the feasibility study.

Anglican Communion: Faisalabad, The Church of Pakistan (United)

05 June 2024

Waverham

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Paul Withington

Lay Workers: Gilly Latham, Jules Sanders, Mike Sanders

We thank God for the links we have built up in our local community over the past few months, please pray for more opportunities over the coming months to consolidate and deepen these connections.

Anglican Communion: False Bay, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

06 June 2024

Wharton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Christopher Pierce

Please pray as we seek to employ for a new youth worker and for God to sustain and empower our wonderful church volunteers who are working with our young people.

Anglican Communion: Fianarantsoa, The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

07 June 2024

Whitegate

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Paul Dawson, Revd Margaret Byrne, Revd Jane Millinchip

Lay Workers: Pauline Hayward

Please pray for Revd Margaret Byrne as she is ordained priest in the church and for her family.

Anglican Communion: Florida, The Episcopal Church

08 June 2024

Northwich St Helen

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Andrew Ridley

Lay Workers: Berenice Kirwan, David Drinkwater

Please pray for us as we begin the 'Jesus Shaped People' project as a church this month, that we would be encouraged and grow through the process.

Anglican Communion: Central Florida, The Episcopal Church

09 June 2024

Growing our Missional Health

Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all peoples, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:16-18 (NLT)

At the heart of our vision is the desire to see **Growing, Braver, Fuller Faith.**

We long to see people growing in their understanding of what it means to follow Jesus every day, being empowered by the Holy Spirit to be braver in living out and speaking out their faith, and enjoying a fuller sense of the Father's love and care for them. Today we pray that we may all become disciples who make disciples; that together we may learn how to encounter that deep sense of relationship with a God who is with us always through everything we experience in life.

*We pray for confidence to share your Word with others
and for the opportunity to proclaim it.*

*Forgive our reluctance, our timidity.
We pray for wisdom to know what should be said
and the moment in which to say it.*

*Forgive our reticence, our anxiety.
We pray for knowledge of the fullness of your grace
and the willingness to live it.*

*Forgive our ignorance, our self-reliance.
Be the centre of all we are; the Light by which we walk; the blessing we bring to others
Through Jesus Christ we ask.*

Amen

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

10 June 2024

Leasow

Please pray for our...

Lay Workers: Diana Jones

Please pray for the church during its vacancy.

Anglican Communion: Southeast Florida, The Episcopal Church

11 June 2024

Liscard St Mary

Clergy: Revd Peter Cooper, Revd Chris Turner

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Southwest Florida, The Episcopal Church

12 June 2024

Liscard St Thomas

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Fond du Lac, The Episcopal Church

13 June 2024

New Brighton St James with Emmanuel

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Heather Atkinson

Lay Workers: Mike Collins, Liz Cooper Clark, Ron Jones

Please pray for our messy church community, for families to regularly come along so our childrens worker and team can build deeper relationships.

Anglican Communion: Fredericton, The Anglican Church of Canada

14 June 2024

Poulton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Peter Cooper

Lay Workers: Rob Woodburn

Please pray for St Paul's as they relaunch their social supermarket, that God would be in all the practicalities.

Anglican Communion: Free State, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

15 June 2024

Seacombe

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Peter Cooper

Lay Workers: John Riddiough

Anglican Communion: Freetown, The Church of the Province of West Africa

16 June 2024

Increasing our Missional Reach

One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: "Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?". Jesus replied, "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?". The man answered, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"

"Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!"

The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?". Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho..."

Luke 10:25-30 (NLT)

The world has changed. Our culture used to be centred on place; where we lived, its physical environment, and the relationships with neighbours. Now, much of life is centred around purpose; the things we do, the places those activities occur, and the friendship networks we build. However, many of our faith-based activities are still place-oriented. We've settled with those we feel comfortable with, who share our world view; there are so many people we no longer connect with in any meaningful way. Who is our neighbour now?

Jesus' challenge to the religious expert was to think far more expansively about who his neighbour really was. Mind-blowing inclusivity of the truly "other". The foreigner, the irreligious, the culturally different.

Today, we are praying that our eyes might be opened to this reality. That Jesus' call to true neighbourly love and hospitality is two-fold: being open to bless the stranger as we welcome them into our world, and blessing the stranger by being willing to enter into their world.

We are all, each and every one of us, wonderfully made.

Young or old, weak or strong, rich or poor, fearful or faith-filled, lost or found.

Open our eyes to see the ones we have not yet blessed, welcomed, or loved.

*Turn our hearts so we may we be able to
be blessed and be a blessing,
be welcomed and be a welcome,
be receivers and givers of your love,*

We are all, each and every one of us, wonderfully made.

Thank you, Creator God, who loves each one.

Amen

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

17 June 2024

Bollington

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Nancy Goodrich, Revd Dr Jennifer Eades

Lay Workers: Anne Coomes, Brian Brian

Please pray for Revd Dr Jenny Eades our curate, as she is ordained priest.

Anglican Communion: Gahini, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

18 June 2024

Bosley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Anna Cerval-Pena

Anglican Communion: Gambella, The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

19 June 2024

Gawsworth

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Colin Wilson

Please pray for outreach to the local community in partnership with Gawsworth Methodist Church.

Anglican Communion: Gambia, The Church of the Province of West Africa

20 June 2024

Henbury and Broken Cross

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Simon Bessant

Lay Workers: Dr Linda Craig

Please pray for our new Eco families worker as they build new connections within our community.

Anglican Communion: Garissa, The Anglican Church of Kenya

21 June 2024

Hurdsfield

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Jonny Frost, Revd James Gibson

Lay Workers: Wendy Moss, Dr John Owens, Hellen Watson

Please pray for our Family Bingo night on Saturday 29 June - that lots of folk from our local community would be able to come along and that we will all have a lot of fun together.

Anglican Communion: Gasabo, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

22 June 2024

Macclesfield St Michael & All Angels (Macclesfield Team Ministry)

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Martin Stephens

Lay Workers: Lynne Spedding, Catherine Stephens, Mike Strutt

Give thanks for the 9 people who've been attending the OWLs training; pray that their willingness might find an outlet in leading worship.

Pray for this weekend's 'Treacle Market Outreach', when a number of churches come together to reach out to speak about faith and offer prayer.

Pray for the 7 Anglican Churches of Macclesfield that are wanting to explore closer co-working for the sake of the gospel. Now at the stage where words turn to action, we pray for God to be central in it all.

Anglican Communion: Gboko, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

23 June 2024

Planting Missional Communities

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. So, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labour. For we are fellow workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building. 1 Corinthians 3:6-9 (NIVUK)

The bible is full of agricultural metaphors, stories and parables; God is truly a gardener at heart; whether creating in the tranquillity of Eden, or moving purposefully towards peaceful flourishing in the "Garden City" described in Revelation. He seems constantly excited about the possibilities of harvest; if only we would join in the work and scatter some seeds that He can grow and make fruitful!

Today we pray that we might become better seed scatters, irrigators and workers in the field; that we can begin to imagine new ways to help people hear the gospel, encounter Jesus, and grow into faith-filled disciples.

*Lord, you encouraged us that seed scattered on good soil produces a harvest;
Give us courage to scatter the seeds of your good news, and to trust that you will grow it.*

*Lord, you encouraged us that some plant, some water, some reap the harvest;
Give us courage to find our place somewhere in the field, and a willingness to work with you in the task.*

*Lord, you encouraged us that the fields are white unto harvest;
Give us courage to hear you call to be part of your workforce, and confidence that you will bring people to faith in Christ*

In Jesus Name

Amen

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Church of England

24 June 2024

Macclesfield St John

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Simon Bessant

Please pray for our new Eco families worker as they build new connections within our community.

Anglican Communion: George, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

25 June 2024

Macclesfield St Paul

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Vivien Gisby

Lay Workers: Robert Marshall

We pray for more people in the community to come to know Christ and we pray that we would be able to raise the money to replace our roof so that St Paul's would continue to be a beacon of hope to our community.

Anglican Communion: Georgia, The Episcopal Church

26 June 2024

North Rode

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Colin Wilson

Please pray for success in raising funds for urgent fabric repairs.

Anglican Communion: Gippsland, The Anglican Church of Australia

27 June 2024

Pott Shrigley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Lynn Caudwell

Lay Workers: Anne Murphy

Anglican Communion: Gitega, The Anglican Church of Burundi

28 June 2024

Prestbury

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Patrick Angier, Revd Steve Murphy

Lay Workers: Keith Ravenscroft, Anne Stirling

Please pray for our D Day service and Community Street Fair and for us to see growth in our church families.

Anglican Communion: Glasgow and Galloway, The Scottish Episcopal Church

29 June 2024

Rainow with Saltersford and Forest

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Simon Gowler

Lay Workers: Jennifer Kendal

Anglican Communion: Gloucester, The Church of England

30 June 2024

Developing our Missional Leadership

So, Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIVUK)

The Apostle Paul makes a strong case for leaders; not to “Lord it over people”, but as an outworking of Jesus’ model of servant leadership. If we are to be equipped for service, be built up into the body of Christ, understand Jesus better, or become mature in our faith, we need good leaders with a range of gifts and skills. But their work is to be other focused – to help us grow, mature, attain the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Today we pray for our leaders. We give thanks for those leaders we already have, for the strategic work we are doing to encourage, equip and release more leaders, and for the future leaders God is already calling.

Heavenly Father

We thank you for the leaders you have already blessed us with.

*We pray that you will encourage them with a deeper sense of your love for them;
inspire them with understanding so together we can discern where you are leading us;
equip them with discernment so together we can join in your work effectively;
gift them with wisdom so together we can learn how to be better follows of Jesus;
bless them with your grace so together we can work out how to live well together.*

We ask that you will raise up the leaders we need for the future.

*Give us the ability to see good things in unexpected places
and talents in unexpected people;
and give us grace and generosity to encourage, support, equip and release them into their
leadership with you.*

Amen

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui