



# Diocesan Prayer Calendar – December 2020

People in Zimbabwe pray daily for us.  
Let us also pray for them daily:  
God Bless Zimbabwe, protect her children,  
transform her leaders, heal her communities  
and grant her peace, for Jesus Christ's sake.  
Amen

Pray for the people suffering hardship  
and hunger in Zimbabwe, and for our  
Link Dioceses: Bishop Ignatios in Central  
Zimbabwe, Bishop Erick in Manicaland, Bishop  
Cleophas in Matabeleland and Bishop Godfrey  
in Masvingo, their clergy and people.

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## CROYDON SOUTH DEANERY

In the largely residential communities of Purley,  
Kenley, Coulsdon and Sanderstead, the Church  
is constantly challenged as to how to minister  
effectively where people's expectations of life are  
high and time is their most precious commodity.

### 1. Pray for Croydon South Deanery

Paul Roberts (Area Dean); Indrani Balachandran  
(Lay Chair)

#### World Aids Day

*Pray for the Rt Revd Peter Lee, Bishop of  
Seoul (Korea); the priests and people of his  
Diocese; and the priests and people of the  
Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador  
(Canada)*

### 2. Coulsdon, St Andrew

Esther Foss (V); Gerry Daley (Reader);  
Susan Goddard (Reader) (PTO); Jennifer  
Atkinson (SPA)

*Pray for the Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin  
Song (Primate), Bishop of Seychelles (Indian  
Ocean); the Rt Revd Patrick Bell, Bishop of  
Eastern Oregon (The Episcopal Church); and the  
priests and people of their Dioceses*

### 3. Coulsdon, St John the Evangelist

Paul Roberts (R) (AD); Susan Thomas (AsstP);  
Christine McCutcheon (Reader)

Coulsdon Church of England Primary  
School

*Pray for the Rt Revd Pete Wilcox, Bishop  
of Sheffield (England); the Rt Revd William  
Mchombo, Bishop of Eastern Zambia (Central  
Africa); the Rt Revd Santosh Marray, Bishop of  
Easton (The Episcopal Church); and the priests  
and people of their Dioceses*

### 4. Kenley, All Saints

Justine Middlemiss (PiC); Elizabeth Goodridge  
(AsstP)

*Pray for the Rt Revd Johnson Chinyong'ole,  
Bishop of Shinyanga (Tanzania); the Rt Revd  
William Jay Lambert, Bishop of Eau Claire  
(The Episcopal Church); and the priests and  
people of their Dioceses*

### 5. Purley, St Barnabas

Justine Middlemiss (PiC); Elizabeth Goodridge  
(AsstP); David Hadley (PTO); Susan Myers (SPA)

*Pray for the Most Revd Laurent Mbanda  
(Primate), Bishop of Shyira (Rwanda); the  
Rt Revd John Armes, Bishop of Edinburgh  
(Scotland); and the priests and people of  
their Dioceses*

### 6. 2nd Sunday of Advent

#### Purley, Christ Church

Douglas McHardie (V); Lisa Fairman-Brown  
(AsstC); Steve Bishop (AsstP); Simon Stocks  
(AsstP); Richard Slade (Reader); Christopher  
Hickin (Reader) (PTO); Jenny Hird (SPA); Nicola  
Rogers (SPA); Karen Speed (SPA)

Christ Church Primary School

*Pray for the bishops, priests and people in the  
Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-  
Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury),  
and for the Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano, Bishop  
of the Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church*

## 7. Purley, St Mark (Woodcote)

Fiona Weaver (V)

Pray for prisoners of conscience and the work of Amnesty International

*Pray for the Rt Revd Samuel M Mugisha, Bishop of Shyira (Rwanda), and for the priests and people of his Diocese*

## 8. Purley, St Swithun

Fiona Weaver (V)

*Pray for the Rt Revd Jered Kalimba, Bishop of Shyogwe (Rwanda); the Rt Revd Emmanuel Adekunle, Bishop of Egba (Nigeria); the Rt Revd Godwin A Robinson, Bishop of Lafia (Nigeria); and for the priests and people of their Dioceses*

## 9. Riddlesdown, St James

Grant Cohen (PiC); Martin Freeman (PTO)

*Pray for the Rt Revd Alwin John Samuel, Bishop of Sialkot (Pakistan); the Rt Revd Samuel Oludele Ogundeji, Bishop of Egba West (Nigeria); and the priests and people of their Dioceses*

## 10. Sanderstead, St Mary

Grant Cohen (V); Raewynne Whiteley (AssocP); Robert Radley (Reader) (PTO); Julia Storey (SPA)

*Pray for the Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung, Bishop of Singapore (South East Asia); the Most Revd Mouneer Hanna Anis (Primate), Bishop of Egypt (Alexandria); and the priests and people of their Dioceses*

## 11. Sanderstead Parish

Martin Greenfield (PiC); Jeremy Groombridge (AsstP); Sandra Groombridge (SPA); Gerie Knights (SPA); Wendy Holt (Reader)

### Human Rights Day

*Pray for the Rt Revd James Min Dein, Bishop of Sittwe (Myanmar); the Rt Revd Daniel Olinya, Bishop of Eha-Amufu (Nigeria); and the priests and people of their Dioceses*

## PLUMSTEAD DEANERY

This Deanery sits on borough and Diocesan boundaries. It contains a rich diversity of Anglican traditions and faces the challenge of large new housing developments.

## 12. Pray for Plumstead Deanery

Peter Organ (Area Dean); Patrick Eggleston (Asst Area Dean); Christina Agin (Lay Chair)

*Pray for the Rt Revd Dr Christopher Tayo Omotunde, Bishop of Ekiti (Nigeria); the Rt Revd Andrew Ajayi, Bishop of Ekiti Kwara (Nigeria); the Rt Revd Isaac Olubowale, Bishop of Ekiti Oke (Nigeria); The Rt Revd Rufus V A Adepoju, Bishop of Ekiti West (Nigeria); and the priests and people of their Dioceses*

## 13. 3rd Sunday of Advent

### Abbey Wood, St Michael & All Angels

David Sherratt (V); Derek Robinson (PTO)

*Pray for the bishops, priests and people of the Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury), and for the Rt Revd Timothy Thornton, Bishop to the Forces and Bishop for the Falkland Islands*

## 14. East Wickham, St Michael

Peter Organ (V) (AD); Carol Bates (AsstC); Mark Smith (AsstP); Caroline Ogden (Reader); Wilhelmina Buckley (SPA)

St Michael's School: Tracey Payne (Headteacher)

*Pray for the Rt Revd Peter Eagles, Bishop of Sodor & Man (England); the Rt Revd Mary Gray-Reeves, Bishop of El Camino Real (The Episcopal Church); and the priests and people of their Dioceses*

## 15. Plumstead, All Saints

Herbert Aparanga (V)

*Pray for the Rt Revd Augustin Omole, Bishop of Sokoto (Nigeria); the Rt Revd Juan David Alvarado Melgar, Bishop of El Salvador (Central America); and the priests and people of their Dioceses*

## 16. Plumstead, St John w St James & St Paul

Vacant (V)

*Pray for the Rt Revd Nathan Ahimbisibwe, Bishop of South Ankole (Uganda); the Rt Revd Christopher Ruto, Bishop of Eldoret (Kenya); and the priests and people of their Dioceses*

**17. PLUMSTEAD COMMON (UNITED BENEFICE)**

Clive Welham (V); Berhane Asmelash (AsstC)  
(P/T)

**Plumstead, St Mark & St Margaret**

St Margaret's School: Jeremy Lunnon  
(Headteacher)

**Plumstead, The Ascension**

*Pray for the Rt Revd John Tarrant, Bishop of South Dakota (The Episcopal Church); the Rt Revd Ismail Gabriel Abudigin, Bishop of El-Obeid (Sudan); and the priests and people of their Dioceses*

**18. Plumstead, St Nicholas**

Andrew Stevens (V)

**UN International Migrants Day**

*Pray for the Rt Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam (Primate), Bishop of South Kerala (South India); the Rt Revd Stephen David Conway, Bishop of Ely (England); the Rt Revd David Muriithi Ileri, Bishop of Embu (Kenya); and the priests and people of their Dioceses*

**19. Shooters Hill, Christ Church**

Ariadne van den Hof (V); Sue Peach (Reader);  
Lynn Webber (SPA)

Christ Church School: Anne-Marie Bahiol  
(Headteacher)

*Pray for the Rt Revd Jackson Nzerebende, Bishop of South Rwenzori (Uganda), the Most Revd Emmanuel Chukwuma (Primate), Bishop of Enugu (Nigeria); the Rt Revd Sosthenes Eze, Bishop of Enugu North (Nigeria); and the priests and people of their Dioceses*

**20. 4th Sunday of Advent**

**THAMESMEAD TEAM MINISTRY**

Patrick Eggleston (TR) (AsstAD); Jonathan Macy  
(TV); Bisi Akano-Adesoye (AsstC)

**Thamesmead, St Paul**

**Abbey Wood, William Temple**

Karen Saunders (CA) (Pioneer Evangelist to  
Young People)

**Thamesmead, Church of the Cross**

Bishop John Robinson School: Matthew  
Harris (Headteacher)

**West Thamesmead Community Church**

Andrew Willett (EPURC); Sally Willett (EPURC)

*Pray for mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world*

**21. Welling, St Mary the Virgin**

Neil Nicholls (PiC)

HMP Belmarsh: Trevor Jacquet (Managing  
Chaplain)

HMP Thameside: Roger Harper (Chaplain)

HMP/YOI Isis

*Pray for the Rt Revd Matthew Mhagama, Bishop of South West Tanganyika (Tanzania); the Most Revd Friday Imaekhai (Primate), Bishop of Esan (Nigeria); and the priests and people of their Dioceses*

**22. Pray for Christian leaders in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement**

Pray for those in hospitals and hospices over  
Christmas and all their chaplaincy teams

*Pray for the Rt Revd Precious Nwala, Bishop of Etche (Nigeria); the Rt Revd Jacob Bada, Bishop of Etsako (Nigeria); and the priests and people of their Dioceses*

**23. Pray and give thanks for local food banks, those who run them, and the families they serve**

Pray for Crisis at Christmas

*Pray for the Rt Revd Robert Atwell, Bishop of Exeter (England); the Rt Revd Innocent Ordu, Bishop of Evo (Nigeria); and for the priests and people of their Dioceses*

**24. CHRISTMAS EVE**

We pray thee, O Lord, to purify our hearts that they may be worthy to become thy dwelling place. Let us never fail to find room for thee, but come and abide in us, that we may also abide in thee, who at this time wast born into the world for us, and dost live and reign, King of kings and Lord of lords, now and for evermore. Amen (William Temple)

Pray for all who cannot share the joy of  
Christmas and for all facing their first  
Christmas alone

*Pray for the Rt Revd John Kereboro Zawo, Bishop of Ezo (South Sudan); the Rt Revd John Samuel, Bishop of Sialkot (Pakistan); and for the priests and people of their Dioceses*

## 25. CHRISTMAS DAY – NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Almighty Father, who by the glorious incarnation of your Son, Jesus Christ, has sent a new light into the world; give us grace that we may so receive the same light into our hearts as to be guided by it into the way of everlasting salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Pray for the homeless, the hungry and the unloved, for broken families, for those in prison and for those separated from their families this Christmastide

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and the people of Bethlehem*

## 26. St Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

Pray for those who are persecuted

*Pray for the Rt Revd Gilbert Ratelosen Rakotondravelo, Bishop of Fianarantsoa (Indian Ocean); the Rt Revd John Howard, Bishop of Florida (The Episcopal Church); and the priests and people of their Dioceses*

## 27. 1st Sunday of Christmas

Pray for His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome; His All-Holiness Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch; and the Revd Prof Dr Ioan Sauca, Interim General Secretary of the World Council of Churches

*Pray for Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary of the World Methodist Council; and the Revd Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches*

## 28. Holy Innocents

Pray for children in danger and for housing justice

### Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Department

Nicola Thomas (Director, from January); Nelly Misenga (Together Southwark); Laura Baggaley (Environmental Administration Co-ordinator);

Tim Goode (Disability and Access Advisor); Kim Jeffal (Administrator)

*Pray for the Rt Revd Matthew Alan Gunter, Bishop of Fond du Lac (The Episcopal Church); the Rt Revd Scott Mayer, Bishop of Fort Worth (The Episcopal Church); and the priests and people of their Dioceses*

## 29. St Thomas Becket

### Guy's & St Thomas' Hospital NHS Trust Chaplaincy Team

Mia Hilborn (Hospitaller & Chaplaincy TL); William Sharpe (Senior Chaplain (Community) & Deputy TL); Imam Abdul Chowdhury (Senior Chaplain (Hospital) and Deputy TL); Sue Taylor (Chaplain p/t)

*Pray for the Rt Revd David Edwards, Bishop of Fredericton (Canada); the Rt Revd Thomas Arnold Ikunika Wilson, Bishop of Freetown (Sierra Leone) (West Africa); and the priests and people of their Dioceses*

## 30. Mission and Evangelism Department

Jay Colwill (Director); Keli Bolton (Mission Support Officer (Children & Young People) and Mission Action Planning); Aike Kennett-Brown (Mission Support Officer (Children & Young People)); Kim Jeffal (Administrator)

*Pray for the Rt Revd Alexis Bilindabagabo and The Rt Revd Manasseh Gahima, Bishops of Gahini (Rwanda); the Rt Revd James Allen Yaw Odico, Bishop of Gambia (West Africa); and the priests and people of their Dioceses*

## 31. New Year's Eve

“For all that has been, Thanks. To all that shall be, Yes” (Dag Hammarskjöld)

Pray for the families of Diocesan clergy

*Pray for the Rt Revd Onesphore Rwaje, Bishop of Gasabo (Rwanda); the Rt Revd Emmanuel Nyitsse, Bishop of Gboko (Nigeria); and the priests and people of their Dioceses*

## GENERAL NOTES

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