



# Diocesan Prayer Calendar – December 2021

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.

## 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

It raises awareness across the world and in the community about the issues surrounding HIV and AIDS. It is a day for people to show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died.

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Ife East - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ibadan Province)*

### 2. Coulsdon, St Andrew

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

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Ifo - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lagos Province)*

### 3. Coulsdon, St John the Evangelist

Paul Roberts (R) (AD); Susan Thomas (AsstC); Christine McCutcheon (Reader); Jo Udell (SPA)

Coulsdon Church of England Primary School

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Igbomina - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kwara Province)*

### 4. Kenley, All Saints

Justine Middlemiss (PiC); Elizabeth Goodridge (AsstP)

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Igbomina - West - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kwara Province)*

### 5. 2nd Sunday of Advent

#### Purley, St Barnabas

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

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Anglican Church of Burundi*

### 6. 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); Karen Speed (SPA)

Christ Church Primary School

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Ihiala - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Province)*

### 7. Purley, St Mark (Woodcote)

Fiona Weaver (V)

Pray for prisoners of conscience and the work of Amnesty International.

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Ijebu - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lagos Province)*

## 8. Purley, St Swithun

Fiona Weaver (V)

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Ijebu - North - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lagos Province)*

## 9. Riddlesdown, St James

Grant Cohen (V); Martin Freeman (PTO)

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Ijebu South West - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lagos Province)*

## 10. Sanderstead, St Mary

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

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Ijesa North East - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ibadan Province)*

## 11. SANDERSTEAD

### Sanderstead, All Saints

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

### Riddlesdown, St Edmund

Wendy Holt (Reader) (PTO)

### Hamsey Green, St Antony

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Ijesha North - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ibadan Province)*

## PLUMSTEAD DEANERY

A deanery sitting on Borough and Diocesan boundaries, containing a rich diversity of Anglican traditions and responding to the challenge of large new housing developments.

## 12. 3rd Sunday of Advent

### Pray for Plumstead Deanery

Patrick Eggleston (Area Dean); Olukunle Amodu (Lay Chair)

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Anglican Church of Canada*

## 13. Abbey Wood, St Michael & All Angels

David Sherratt (V); Derek Robinson (PTO)

*Pray for the Bishop, priests & people of Ijumu - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Lokoja Province)*

## 14. East Wickham, St Michael

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

St Michael's School: Amanda Shepherd (Acting Head Teacher)

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Ikara - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Kaduna Province)*

## 15. Plumstead, All Saints

Herbert Aparanga (V) (p/t)

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Ikeduru - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Owerri Province)*

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

Vacant (V)

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Ikka - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Bendel Province)*

## 17. PLUMSTEAD COMMON (UNITED BENEFICE)

Clive Welham (V); Berhane Asmelash (AsstC) (p/t)

### Plumstead, St Mark & St Margaret

St Margaret's School: Jeremy Lunnon (Head Teacher)

### Plumstead, The Ascension

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Ikwerre - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Niger Delta Province)*

## 18. St Nicholas, Plumstead

Andrew Stevens (V)

International Migrants Day - A United Nations Day to recognise the rights of migrants throughout the world.

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Ikwo - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Enugu Province)*

## 19. 4th Sunday of Advent

### Shooters Hill, Christ Church

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

Christ Church School: Anne-Marie Bahiol  
(Head Teacher)

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the  
Church of the Province of Central Africa*

## 20. THAMESMEAD TEAM MINISTRY

Patrick Eggleston (TR) (AD); Jonathan Macy  
(TV); Ruth Turner (TV); Bisi Akano-Adesoye  
(AsstC); Henry Akingbemisilu (AsstC)

**Thamesmead, St Paul**

**Abbey Wood, William Temple**

Karen Saunders (C/A) (Youth worker)

**Thamesmead, Church of the Cross**

Lara Sholu (SPA)

Bishop John Robinson School: Matthew  
Harris (Head Teacher)

**West Thamesmead Community Church**

Andrew Willett (EPURC); Sally Willett (EPURC)

HMP Thameside: Roger Harper (Anglican  
Chaplain)

*Pray for mission agencies and their ministry  
throughout the Anglican Communion, including  
Mothers' Union around the world and the  
Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of  
Ikwuano - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican  
Communion) (Aba Province)*

## 21. St Thomas the Apostle

**Welling, St Mary the Virgin**

Neil Nicholls (PiC) (h/t)

Belmarsh Prison: Trevor Jacquet (Managing  
Chaplain); Alison Smith (Resettlement  
Chaplain)

HMP/YOI ISIS: Adelaide Davies (Prison  
Chaplain)

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of  
the Diocese of Ilaje - The Church of Nigeria  
(Anglican Communion) (Ondo Province)*

## 22. Pray for those in hospitals and hospices over Christmas and all chaplaincy teams serving those places.

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the  
Diocese of Ile - Oluji - The Church of Nigeria  
(Anglican Communion) (Ondo Province)*

## 23. Pray and give thanks for your local foodbank, for those who run them and for the families they will serve. during this festive season

Crisis at Christmas: pray for all those  
involved in the Crisis at Christmas  
programme this Christmastide.

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the  
Diocese of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican  
Communion) (Ibadan Province)*

## 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 as 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 these facing their first  
Christmas alone.

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the  
Diocese of Ilesa South West - The Church  
of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ibadan  
Province)*

## 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, for the hungry and  
the unloved, for broken families, for those  
in prison and for those separated from their  
families at this Christmastide.

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the  
Diocese of North East India - The (united)  
Church of North India*

## 26. 1st Sunday of Christmas

**St Stephen, Deacon & Martyr**

Pray for the Church's solidarity with those  
who are persecuted.

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of la Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America*

## 27. John's Apostle and Evangelist

Pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement.

His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome, His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch, The General Secretary of the World Council of Churches.

Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary of the World Methodist Council; the Revd Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Northern Indiana - The Episcopal Church (V (5) Province)*

## 28. Holy Innocents

Pray for children in danger. Pray for housing justice and those in the Diocese working to find lasting solutions to problems of housing and homelessness.

Pray for the Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation department, whose aim is to advise and resource the Diocesan and Area Bishops and parishes on the range of current issues of social concern encountered by parishes through their mission to communities across South London and East Surrey.

Nicola Thomas (Director); Nelly Misenga (Together Southwark Development Officer); Vacant (Interfaith Advisor); Jack Edwards (Diocesan Environmental Officer).

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Indianapolis - The Episcopal Church (V (5) Province)*

## 29. St Thomas Becket

Pray for the Guy's & St Thomas' Hospital NHS Trust Chaplaincy Team: Mia Hilborn (Hospitalier & Chaplaincy TL); William Sharpe (Senior Chaplain & Deputy TL); Imam Abdul Chowdhury (Senior Chaplain (Hospital) & Deputy TL); Sue Taylor (Chaplain p/t)

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Iowa - The Episcopal Church (VI (6) Province)*

## 30. Pray for the Mission and Evangelism department, which exists to serve the parishes of the Diocese in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, demonstrating the Kingdom of God and growing the Church in numbers, depth and faith. This department includes Children and Young People.

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

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Iran - The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East*

## 31. NEW YEARS EVE

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

Pray for the Families of the Clergy of our Diocese.

*Pray for the Bishops, priests & people of the Diocese of Irele - Eseeodo - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) (Ondo Province)*

### GENERAL NOTES

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