



Diocesan Prayer Calendar

December 2023

People in Zimbabwe pray daily for us. Let us also pray for them daily. 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 Osiward in Masvingo; their clergy and people.

God Bless Zimbabwe, protect her children, transform her leaders, heal her communities and grant her peace, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

1 - 11 December:

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 December

The Croydon South Deanery

Sue Thomas (Area Dean)

Nicola Howe (Lay Chair)

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Bangor, The Church in Wales.

2 December

St Andrew, Coulsdon

Esther Foss (Vicar)

Gerry Daley (Reader)

Jennifer Atkinson (SPA)

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Banks and Torres, The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

3 December

Advent Sunday

St John the Evangelist, Coulsdon

Vacancy (Rector)

Susan Thomas (Assistant Priest)

Christine McCutcheon (Reader, PTO)

Coulsdon CoE Primary School

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Church of North India (United).

4 December

All Saints, Kenley

Justine Middlemiss (Priest in Charge)

Elizabeth Goodridge (Assistant Priest)

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Diocese of Barbados, The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

5 December

St Barnabas, Purley

Justine Middlemiss (Priest in Charge)

Elizabeth Goodridge (Assistant Priest)
David Hadley (PTO)
Susan Myers (SPA)

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Bari, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

6 December

Christ Church, Purley

Doug McHardie (Vicar)
Lisa Fairman-Brown (Assistant Curate)
Simon Stocks (Assistant Priest)
Richard Slade (Reader)
Christopher Hickin (Reader, PTO)
Jenny Hird (SPA)

Christ Church Primary School

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Baringo, The Anglican Church of Kenya.

7 December

St Mark (Woodcote), Purley

Fiona Weaver (Vicar)
Julian Pearcey (Reader)

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Barisal, The Church of Bangladesh.

8 December

St Swithun, Purley

Fiona Weaver (Vicar)

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Barrackpore, The Church of North India (United).

9 December

St James, Riddlesdown

Grant Cohen (Priest in Charge)

Martin Freeman (PTO)

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Bath and Wells.

10 December

Second Sunday of Advent

St Mary, Sanderstead

Grant Cohen (Vicar)
Robert Radley (Reader, PTO)
Julia Storey (SPA)

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Church of Pakistan (United).

11 December

Sanderstead Benefice

All Saints, Sanderstead

Carol Bates (Priest in Charge)
Jeremy Groombridge (Assistant Priest)
Sandra Groombridge (SPA)

St Edmund, Riddlesdown

Wendy Holt (Reader, PTO)

St Antony, Hamsey Green

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Diocese of Bathurst, The Anglican Church of Australia.

12 - 21 December:

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 December

The Plumstead Deanery

Patrick Eggleston (Area Dean)

Olaitan Fatoye (Lay Chair)

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Missionary Diocese of Bauchi, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

13 December

St Michael & All Angels, Abbey Wood

David Sherratt (Vicar)

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Belize, The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

14 December

St Michael, East Wickham

Vacancy (Vicar)

Mark Smith (Assistant Priest)

Caroline Ogden (Reader)

Darren Latty (Reader)

Wilhemina Buckley (SPA)

St Michael CofE Primary School

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Bendigo, The Anglican Church of Australia.

15 December

All Saints, Plumstead

Herbert Aparanga (Vicar)

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Beni, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

16 December

St John w St James & St Paul, Plumstead

Timothy Ajayi (Vicar)

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Benin, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

17 December

Third Sunday of Advent

Plumstead Common United Benefice

Vacancy (Vicar)

Berhane Asmelash (Assistant Priest)

St Mark & St Margaret, Plumstead

St Margaret's CofE Junior School

The Ascension, Plumstead

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

18 December

St Nicholas, Plumstead

Andrew Stevens (Vicar)

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Diocese of Bentiu, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

19 December

Christ Church, Shooters Hill

Ariadne van den Hof (Vicar)

Sue Peach (Reader, PTO)

Christ Church CofE Primary School

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Bermuda (Extra Provincial).

20 December

Thamesmead Team Ministry

Patrick Eggleston (Team Rector, Area Dean)

Jonathan Macy (Team Vicar)

Ruth Turner (Team Vicar)

Esther-Bisi Akano-Adesoye (Assistant Curate)

Henry Akingbemisilu (Assistant Curate)

Karen Saunders (Church Army)

Lara Sholu (SPA)

Diana Sackey (SPA)

Andrew Willett (Ecumenical Partner)

Sally Willett (Ecumenical Partner)

St Paul, Thamesmead

Bishop Robinson CofE Primary School

William Temple Church

Abbey Wood Church of the Cross

Thamesmead

West Thamesmead Community Church

HMP Thameside: Vacancy (Chaplain)

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Bethlehem, The Episcopal Church.

21 December

St Mary the Virgin, Welling

Neil Nicholls (Priest in Charge)

HMP Belmarsh: Trevor Jaquet (Chaplain)

HMP/YOI ISIS: Adelaide Davies (Chaplain)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Bhopal, The Church of North India (United).

22 December

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

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Bida, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

23 December

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, deacons & people of the Diocese of Biharamulo, The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

24 December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Christmas Eve

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

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.

25 December

Christmas Day

The Nativity of our Lord

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

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Diocese of Birmingham.

26 December

St Stephen, Deacon & Martyr

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

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Blackburn.

27 December

St John, Apostle & 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 Revd Prof Dr Jerry Pillay, 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, deacons & people of the Diocese of Bo, The Church of the Province of West Africa.

28 December

The 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 bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Boga, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

29 December

Thomas Beckett, Archbishop & Martyr

London Bridge Hospital, Royal Brompton, St Thomas', Southwark and Lambeth Community, London Fire Brigade.

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Bolivia, The Anglican Church of South America.

30 December

Pray for the Mission and Evangelism team, 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.

Will Cookson (Director)

Imani McEwen (Mission Support Officer for Children & Young People and Mission Action Planning)

Joanne Gavin (Mission Support Officer)

Magdalena Staron (Mission Support Administrator)

Jack Edwards (Diocesan Environmental Officer)

Nelly Misenga (Together Southwark)

Aleisha Armah (Fresh Expressions Administrator)

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Bondo, The Anglican Church of Kenya.

31 December

First Sunday of Christmas

New Year's Eve

Pray for the families of the Clergy in our Diocese.

Pray for the bishops, priests, deacons & people of Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.

Notes on the Prayer Calendar

We do our best to make sure that all the information in this Prayer Calendar is accurate - however, we sometimes make mistakes, and we're really sorry for that.

For questions about the design and distribution of the Calendar, please email the Communications Team via communications@southwark.anglican.org.

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