



# Diocesan Prayer Calendar

December 2024

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

#### First Sunday of Advent

#### Croydon South Deanery

Sue Thomas (Area Dean)

Nicki Howe (Lay Chair)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

### 2 December

#### St Andrew, Coulsdon

Esther Foss (Vicar)

Gerry Daley (Reader)

Jennifer Atkinson (CPLM)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Kitale, The Anglican Church of Kenya

### 3 December

#### St John the Evangelist, Coulsdon

Jonathan Simpson (Priest in Charge)

Sue Thomas (Assistant Priest)

Christine McCutcheon (Reader PTO)

Coulsdon CoE Primary School

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Church of the Diocese of Kiteto, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

### 4 December

#### All Saints, Kenley

Justine Middlemiss (Vicar)

Elizabeth Goodridge (Assistant Priest)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Diocese of Kitgum, The Church of the Province of Uganda

### 5 December

#### St Barnabas, Purley

Justine Middlemiss (Vicar)

Elizabeth Goodridge (Assistant Priest)

Susan Myers (CPLM)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Kitui, The Anglican Church of Kenya

## **6 December**

### **Christ Church, Purley**

Doug McHardie (Vicar)  
Simon Stocks (Assistant Priest)  
Richard Slade (Reader)  
Christopher Hickin (Reader) (PTO)  
Jenny Hird (CPLM)  
Nicola Rogers (CPLM)  
Karen Speed (CPLM)  
Judy Strawson  
Jude Barber (Lead Pastor)  
Charlotte Hunn (Children & Families Minister)

Christ Church Primary School

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Kivu , Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

## **7 December**

### **St Mark (Woodcote), Purley**

Fiona Weaver (Vicar)  
Julian Pearcey (Reader)  
Diane Von Dromme (Lay Pastoral Asst)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of North Kivu, Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

## **8 December**

### **Second Sunday of Advent**

#### **St Swithun, Purley**

Fiona Weaver (Vicar)  
Julian Pearcey (Reader)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

## **9 December**

### **St James, Riddlesdown**

Grant Cohen (Vicar)  
Martin Freeman (PTO)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Kobe, The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

## **10 December**

### **St Mary, Sanderstead**

Grant Cohen (Vicar)  
Peter Macan (PTO)  
Julia Storey (CPLM)

### **St Edmund, Riddlesdown**

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Koforidua, The Church of the Province of West Africa

## **11 December**

### **Sanderstead**

Vacancy (Vicar)  
Jeremy Groombridge (PTO)  
Steve Cooper (PTO)  
Kevin Garratt (PTO)

### **All Saints, Sanderstead**

#### **St Antony, Hamsey Green**

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

## **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**

**Plumstead Deanery**

Patrick Eggleston (Assistant Dean)

Olaitan Fatoye (Lay Chair)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Missionary Diocese of Kollam - Kottarakkara, The Church of South India (United)

**13 December**

**St Michael & All Angels, Abbey Wood**

David Sherratt (Vicar)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Kondoa, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**14 December**

**St Michael, East Wickham**

Yunghee Koh (Vicar)

Mark Smith (Assistant Priest)

Caroline Ogden (Reader)

Darren Latty (Reader)

Wilhemina Buckley (CPLM)

St Michael CofE Primary School

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Kongor, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**15 December**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**All Saints, Plumstead**

Herbert Aparanga (Vicar) (p/t)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Anglican Church of Tanzania

**16 December**

**St John with St James and St Paul**

**Plumstead**

Timothy Ajayi (Vicar)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Kongor, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**17 December**

**Plumstead Common**

**(United Benefice)**

Bisi Akano-Adesoye (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 Diocese of Kontagora, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**18 December**

**St Nicholas, Plumstead**

Andrew Stevens (Vicar)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Diocese of Kootenay, The Anglican Church of Canada

**19 December**

**Christ Church, Shooters Hill**

Ariadne van den Hof (Vicar)

Sue Peach (Reader PTO)

Lynn Webber (CPLM)

Christ Church CofE Primary School

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Eastern Kowloon, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

## **20 December**

### **Thamesmead Team Ministry**

Patrick Eggleston (Team Rector) (AD)  
Jonathan Macy (Team Vicar)  
Ruth Turner (Team Vicar)  
Henry Akingbemisilu (Assistant Priest)  
Karen Saunders (CA)  
Lara Sholu (CPLM)  
Diana Sackey (CPLM);

### **St Paul, Thamesmead**

Bishop Robinson CofE Primary School

### **William Temple Church Abbey Wood Church of the Cross Thamesmead West Thamesmead Community Church**

HMP Thameside: Vacant (Chaplain)  
HMP Belmarsh: Trevor Jaquet  
(Chaplain)  
HMP/YOI ISIS: Vacant (Chaplain)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Western Kowloon, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

## **21 December**

### **St Thomas the Apostle St Mary the Virgin, Welling**

Neil Nicholls (Vicar) (h/t)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Krishna-Godavari, The Church of South India (United)

## **22 December**

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**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 The Church of the Province of Uganda

## **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 Kubwa, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

## **24 December 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 Kuching, Church of the Province of South East Asia

## **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 Kumasi, The Church of the Province of West Africa

### **26 December** **St Stephen, Deacon and Martyr**

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

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Kumi, The Church of the Province of Uganda

### **27 December** **St John the 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 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 Dr Setri Nyomi Interim General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Kurunegala, The Church of Ceylon (Extra Provincial)

### **28 December** **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 Kushtia, The Church of Bangladesh

### **29 December** **1st Sunday of Christmas** **St Thomas Beckett**

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

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Episcopal Church

### **30 December** **Pray for the Mission, Evangelism and Pioneer 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.**

Will Cookson - Director

Aleisha Armah - Administrator Fresh Expressions

Imani McEwen - Mission Support Officer for Children & Young People

Joanne Gavin - Mission Support Officer for Children & Young People and Mission Action Planning

Jack Edwards - Diocesan Environmental  
Officer

Jason O'Shea - Delivery Officer - Serious  
Youth Violence

Katherine von Schubert - Parish Mission  
Consultant

Magdalena Staron - Mission Support  
Administrator

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons &  
people of the Diocese of Kutgi, The  
Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**31 December**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

**Pray for the families of the Clergy in  
our Diocese**

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons &  
people of the Diocese of Kwara, The  
Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

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#### **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.

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