



Diocesan Prayer Calendar

December 2025

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

Croydon South Deanery

Sue Thomas (Area Dean)

Nicki Howe (Lay Chair)

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

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 Rumbek, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

3 December

St John the Evangelist, Coulsdon

Jonathan Simpson (Rector)

Christine McCutcheon (Reader PTO)

Coulsdon CoE Primary School

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Church of the Diocese of Rumonge, The Anglican Church of Burundi

4 December

All Saints & St Barnabas, Kenley

Justine Middlemiss (Vicar)

Elizabeth Goodridge (Assistant Priest)

Susan Myers (CPLM)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Diocese of Rupert's Land, The Anglican Church of Canada

5 December

Christ Church, Purley

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

Christ Church Primary School

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Rutana, The Anglican Church of Burundi

6 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 Ruvuma, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

7 December

Second Sunday of Advent

St Swithun, Purley

Fiona Weaver (Vicar)
Julian Pearcey (Reader)

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

8 December

St James, Riddlesdown

Grant Cohen (Vicar)
Martin Freeman (PTO)

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

9 December

St Mary, Sanderstead

Grant Cohen (Vicar)
Peter Macan (PTO)
Robert Radley (Reader)(PTO)
Julia Storey (CPLM)

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

10 December

Sanderstead

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

All Saints, Sanderstead

St Edmund, Riddlesdown

St Antony, Hamsey Green

Wendy Holt (Reade)(PTO)

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

11 - 20 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.

11 December

Plumstead Deanery

Patrick Eggleston (Area Dean)
Mark Smith (Assistant Area Dean)
Olaitan Fatoye (Lay Chair)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Sabah, Church of the Province of South East Asia

12 December

St Michael & All Angels, Abbey Wood

David Sherratt (Vicar)

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

13 December

St Michael, East Wickham

Yunghee Koh (Vicar)
Mark Smith (Assistant Priest)
Darren Latty (Reader)
Caroline Ogden (Reader)
Wilhemina Buckley (CPLM)

St Michael CofE Primary School

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The, Sacred Circle, The Anglican Church of Canada

14 December

Third Sunday of Advent

All Saints, Plumstead

Herbert Aparanga (Vicar) (p/t)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

15 December

St John with St James and St Paul Plumstead

Timothy Ajayi (Vicar)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Saint Helena, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

16 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 Saint Mark the Evangelist, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

17 December

St Nicholas, Plumstead

Andrew Stevens (Vicar)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of The Diocese of Saldanha Bay, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

18 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 Salisbury

19 December

Thamesmead Team Ministry

Patrick Eggleston (Team Rector) (AD)

Jonathan Macy (Team Vicar)

Ruth Turner (Team Vicar)

Karen Saunders (CA)

St Paul, Thamesmead

Diana Sackey (CPLM)

Bishop Robinson CofE Primary School

William Temple Church Abbey Wood

Church of the Cross Thamesmead

Lara Sholu (CPLM)

West Thamesmead Community Church

HMP Belmarsh: Jeremy Noles
(Chaplain)

HMP/YOI ISIS: Vacant (Chaplain)

HMP Thameside: Vacant (Chaplain)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons
& people of the Diocese of El Salvador,
Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central
de America

20 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 Sambalpur,
The Church of North India (United)

21 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 Anglican Church of Burundi

22 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 Santiago (Chile), Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

23 December

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 Santiago (Philippines), The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

24 December **Christmas Eve**

Pray for all who will be working over the Christmas holiday

Pray for the Bishops, priest, deacons and people of the Diocese of São Paulo, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

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 Sapele, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

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 Saskatchewan, The Anglican Church of Canada

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 Saskatoon, The Anglican Church of Canada

28 December
1st Sunday of Christmas
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 Saskatoon, The Anglican Church of Canada

29 December
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 Diocese of Sebei, The Church of the Province of Uganda

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

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 Seoul, The Anglican Church of Korea

Pray for the Mission 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
Gary Jenkins - Dean of Estates Ministry
Charles Lamont - Dean of Revitalisation
David Cundill - Pioneer Development Officer
Imani McEwen - Mission Support Officer for Children & Young People
Joanne Gavin - Mission Support Officer for Children & Young People and Mission Action Planning
Natalie Walters - Head of JPIC (Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation)
Sophie Edwards - Diocesan Environmental Officer
Nicole McKeever - Development Worker (Social Action)
Jason O'Shea - Delivery Officer - Serious Youth Violence
Katherine von Schubert - Parish Mission Consultant
Aleisha Armah - Mission and Evangelism Administrator
Magdalena Staron - Mission and Evangelism Administrator

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.

General comments and enquiries about entries should be addressed to Penny Lohead via pl@southwark.anglican.org

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