



# Diocesan Prayer Calendar

May 2026

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 - 20 May**

**Merton Deanery**

**1 May**

**St Philip & St James**

**Merton Deanery**

Mark Eminson (Area Dean)  
David Pennells (Assistant Area Dean)  
Richard Blades (Lay Chair)

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

**2 May**

**St James, Merton**

Mark Budden (Vicar)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Wyoming - The Episcopal Church.

The Diocese of  
**Southwark**

**3 May**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

**World Press Freedom Day**

**Merton Priory Team Ministry**

Mark Eminson (Team Rector) (AD)  
Vacancy (Team Vicar)  
Mary Kilikidi (Assistant Curate)  
Duncan Swan (Assistant Priest)  
Sue McKinney (Reader)

**Holy Trinity & St Peter, South Wimbledon**

Holy Trinity & The Priory Church of England Primary School

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

**4 May**

**Merton Priory Team Ministry**

**Christ Church, Colliers Wood**

Joy Lyons (CPLM)

Pray for all the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Yambio - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

**5 May**

**Merton Priory Team Ministry**

**St John the Divine, Merton**

Christ Centred | Outward Focused

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Yangon - The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

### **6 May**

#### **St Mary the Virgin, Merton**

Alistair Milne (Vicar)

Judith Bersweden (Assistant Priest)

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

### **7 May**

#### **St Mark, Mitcham**

Edward Veale (Vicar)

Belinda Nortley (Reader) (PTO)

St Mark's Church of England Academy:  
Andy Gray (Chaplain)

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

### **8 May**

#### **St Olave, Mitcham**

Graham Piper (Priest in Charge)

Kofi Asante (Reader)

Edith Enubunniga (CPLM)

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

### **9 May**

#### **St Peter & St Paul, Mitcham**

David Pennells (Vicar) (Assistant AD)

Jackie Cockfield (PTO)

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

### **10 May**

#### **6th Sunday of Easter**

#### **Rogation Sunday**

#### **Christian Aid Week begins**

#### **Morden Team Ministry**

David Heath-Whyte (Team Rector)

Vacancy (Team Vicar)

Andrew Palfreyman (Reader) (PTO)

Brian Pickett (Reader) (PTO)

Peter Wellman (Reader) (PTO)

#### **St Lawrence, Morden**

#### **St Martin, Morden**

#### **Emmanuel, Morden**

David Ruddick (Team Vicar)

Omotunde Adebayo (CPLM)

#### **St George, Morden**

Alan Wenham (Team Vicar)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Church of Pakistan (United)

### **11 May**

#### **Rogation Day**

#### **Holy Cross, Motspur Park**

Rachel Taylor (Vicar)

Anne Cocking (Associate Priest)

John Barrow (Reader) (PTO)

Kenneth Dovey (Reader) (PTO)

Elaine Miller (Reader)

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

**12 May**

**Rogation Day**

**St Saviour, Raynes Park**

Vacancy (Priest in Charge)

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

**13 May**

**Rogation Day**

**All Saints, South Wimbledon**

Christopher Noke (PTO)

All Saints Church of England Primary School

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of York - The Church of England.

**14 May**

**Ascension**

**Thy Kingdom Come begins (till 24th)**

**The Ascension, Pollards Hill**

Jenny Thomas (Vicar)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of New York - The Episcopal Church.

**15 May**

**Matthias the Apostle**

**St Barnabas, Mitcham**

Vacancy (Vicar)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Western New York - The Episcopal Church.

**16 May**

**St Andrew, South Wimbledon**

Santhosh Thomas (Priest in Charge)

Oliver Butlin (Assistant Curate)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Ysabel - The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

**17 May**

**7th Sunday of Easter**

**Sunday After Ascension**

**Christ Church, West Wimbledon**

Lotwina Farodoye (Vicar)

Felicity Banks (Reader) (PTO)

Farhad Hedayati (Reader) (PTO)

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

**18 May**

**St Luke, Wimbledon Park**

Stephen Fraser (Vicar)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons & people of the Diocese of Yukon - The Anglican Church of Canada.

**19 May**

**Wimbledon Team Ministry**

Mandy Hodgson (Team Rector)

Bishop Gilpin CofE Primary School

St Matthew's CofE Primary School

**St Mary the Virgin, Wimbledon**

Nils Bersweden (Assistant Vicar)

### **St Mark, Wimbledon**

Jane Andrews (Team Vicar)  
Charles Esdale (Reader)  
Paula Thorvaldsen-Brits (CPLM)

### **St Matthew, Wimbledon**

Alastair Newman (Team Vicar)

### **St John the Baptist, Wimbledon**

Stephen Edmonds (Team Vicar)  
Sally Carter-Esdale (Reader) (PTO)  
Peter Haddock (Reader)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons  
& people of the Diocese of Zaki-Biam -  
The Church of Nigeria  
(Anglican Communion).

### **20 May**

#### **Wimbledon Emmanuel (Proprietary Chapel)**

Luke Ijaz (Senior Minister)  
Leon Sim (Assistant Minister)  
Martin Andrews (Reader) (PTO)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons  
& people of the Missionary Diocese of  
Zambezia - Igreja Anglicana de  
Mocambique e Angola.

### **21 May**

#### **The Kingston Episcopal Area Office**

Bishop Martin  
Simon Gates (Archdeacon of Lambeth)  
Bridget Shepherd (Archdeacon of  
Wandsworth)  
Hannah Nightingale (Bishop's PA)  
Charles Watkins (Archdeacons' PA)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons  
& people of the Diocese of Central  
Zambia - The Church of the Province of  
Central Africa.

### **22 - 30 May**

#### **Croydon Addington Deanery**

### **22 May**

#### **Croydon Addington Deanery**

Dhanaraj Premraj (Area Dean)  
Janet Davies (Lay Chair)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons &  
people of the Diocese of Eastern Zambia  
- The Church of the Province of  
Central Africa.

### **23 May**

#### **St Mary the Blessed Virgin Addington Virgin, Addington**

Debbie Forman (Vicar)  
Lindsay Ould (Reader)  
Pat Heady (CPLM)  
Karen Holloway (CPLM)  
Peter Wilson (CPLM)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons &  
people of the Diocese of Northern  
Zambia - The Church of the Province of  
Central Africa.

### **24 May**

#### **Pentecost**

#### **Whit Sunday**

#### **Anglican Communion Sunday**

#### **St Edward, New Addington**

Dhanaraj Premraj (Vicar)  
Lesley Clay (CPLM)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons &  
people of the Episcopal Church in the  
Philippines.

**25 May**

**Walsingham (National)**

**St John the Divine w St Francis,  
Selsdon**

Younis Francis (Rector)  
Peter Crocombe (CPLM)

**St Francis (Con Dis)**

Peter Wyatt (Vicar)  
Olu Akitoye (Reader) (PTO)  
Steve Thomas (Reader) (PTO)  
Paul Waddell (Reader)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons &  
people of the Diocese of Zanzibar -  
The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

**26 May**

**St George the Martyr, Shirley**

Jennifer Walpole (Priest in Charge)  
Hilary Fife (Assistant Priest)  
Liz Bebington (Reader) (PTO)  
Ray Wheeler (Reader) (PTO)

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

**27 May**

**St John the Evangelist, Shirley**

Lu Gale (Vicar)  
Tabitha Singh (Assistant Curate)  
Jackie Pontin (Reader)

St John's (CofE) Infants and Junior Mixed  
School

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons &  
people of the Diocese of Central  
Zimbabwe - The Church of the Province  
of Central Africa.

**28 May**

Bethlem Royal Hospital  
Mary Geoghegan (Chaplain)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons &  
people of the Diocese of Ziwa Rukwa -  
The Anglican Church of Tanzania.

**29 May**

**Intl. Day for UN Peacekeepers  
St Francis & St Mary of Nazareth,  
West Wickham (United Benefice)**

Matt Drummond (Vicar)  
Carol Costlett (Assistant Priest)

**St Francis of Assisi**

Lesley East (CPLM)

**St Mary of Nazareth**

Debbie Adams (Reader)  
Kenneth Bryan (Reader) (PTO)

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

**30 May**

**St John, West Wickham**

Jon Ward (Rector)  
Julia Cernoch (Reader)  
Sally Munns (Reader)  
Sybil Andrew (CPLM)  
Penny Seabrook (CPLM)

Pray for the Bishops, priests, deacons &  
people of the Diocese of Zululand - The  
Anglican Church of Southern Africa.

**31 May**

**Trinity Sunday**

**Church Members and Officers**

Pray for Electoral Roll Members  
Churchwardens; District Wardens;  
Deanery Synod Members; PCC Treasurers  
and Secretaries and PCC Members,  
especially for those taking office for the  
first time.

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

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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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