

# Cycle of Prayer

01 - 30 April 2026



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Chester

01 April 2026

**Wallasey, St Nicholas with All Saints**

**Clergy:** Revd Jeff Staples

**Anglican Communion:** Victoria Nyanza, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

02 April 2026

**Moreton, Christ Church**

**Clergy:** Revd Ron Iveson, Revd Graeme Lamb

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Karen Alsop, Mrs Jane Fisher, Mrs Lindsey Lawrence

**Anglican Communion:** Virgin Islands, The Episcopal Church

03 April 2026

**Moreton Christ Church C of E School**

**Anglican Communion:** Virginia, The Episcopal Church

04 April 2026

**Bramhall, St Michael and All Angels, Bramhall Hall Chapel**

**Clergy:** Revd Calum Piper

**Lay Workers:** Mr John Baker, Mr Mark Hackney

**Anglican Communion:** Southern Virginia, The Episcopal Church

05 April 2026

**Easter Sunday**

*'The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.*

*This is the Lord's doing and it is marvellous in our eyes.*

*This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.'*

*Psalm 118: 22 - 24*

The stone was horribly rejected – Jesus crucified by those who saw him as a hindrance. But by God's mighty power, on this Easter Day Jesus is risen to be the foundation stone of God's re-created church. The joy of that first Easter Day – he is not dead, he is alive! – resounds and multiplies down the ages as we more and more see what this means. The church is held in the unshakeable protection of the resurrecting God. The world, so shaken by violence and greed, will one day be transformed: God's peace and justice will one day reign. This day is the day that the Lord has made. Rejoice and be glad in it!

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
To make all things new in him;  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity. Amen

**Anglican Communion:** La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

06 April 2026

**Cheadle All Hallows**

**Clergy:** Revd Paul Cumming, Revd Gilly Hall, Revd Catherine Johnson

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Barbara Forrest, Mrs Liz Harrison, Mr Tony Mason, Mrs Heidi Theophanous, Dr Terry Thorpe

**Anglican Communion:** Southwestern Virginia, The Episcopal Church

07 April 2026

**Cheadle, St Mary**

**Clergy:** Revd Ian Chidlow, Revd George Crowder, Revd Stanley Tomalin

**Lay Workers:** Mr Neil King, Mr Mel MacLeod, Mrs Ruth Ormiston, Mrs Winsome Richbell-Brown, Dr Nick Singleton, Mr Philip Wells

**Anglican Communion:** West Virginia, The Episcopal Church

08 April 2026

**Cheadle Hulme, All Saints**

**Clergy:** Revd Sarah Hancock,

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Linda Ackerley, Mr Michael Aiers, Prof Peter Budd, Mr Clare Russell, Mr Pat Yates

**Anglican Communion:** Wad Medani, Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

09 April 2026

**Cheadle Hulme, St Andrew**

**Clergy:** Revd Mark Pickles, Revd Aled Seago, Revd Peter Selby, Revd Joshua Tomlin

**Lay Workers:** Dr Geoff Cooke, Mrs Jane Holland, Mr Mike Yates

**Anglican Communion:** Waiapu, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

10 April 2026

**Gatley, St James**

**Clergy:** Revd Jack Marsh

**Lay Worker:** Mr Geoff Belton

Growing in our love for God, growing in our love for each other, and growing in numbers - especially as we think about what outreach activity to be setting up in the summer.

**Anglican Communion:** Waikato and Taranaki, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

11 April 2026

**Handforth, St Chad, Christ Church**

**Clergy:** Revd Marcus Pagnam

**Lay Worker:** Dr Jim Lethbridge

**Anglican Communion:** Waipounamu, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

12 April 2026

**St Werburgh of Chester**

*You will show me the path of life in your presence is the fullness of joy and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. Psalm 16:10*

In this year, across the northern dioceses, attention is being paid to pilgrims and pilgrimage. The Bible often encourages Christians to see their life of faith as a journey, and the saints of the past as encouragements and inspirations. In the coming weeks we will look to some of those saints to feed our faith and to shape our prayers. We begin with St Werburgh,

commemorated in the Lady Chapel in Chester Cathedral, an Anglo Saxon princess who became a nun renowned for her good and holy life. She was active in establishing nunneries and monastic houses and ruling them as Abbess. We thank God for her devotion to Christ and her diligence, enabling others to grow in faith and serve God.

Lord, Your servant Werburgh turned her back on wealth, privilege and power and entered into a closer union with You.

Help us to reject all the false gods of self-interest, affluence and personal power to serve you and our fellow human beings.

Lord, Werburgh grew in holiness and became a shining light for Your presence and grace. Help us through prayer to grow in Your knowledge and love, that we too may shine in the world to Your glory.

Lord, Werburgh was close to You in Your creation. Help us to respect and reverence all that You have made and to work in harmony with Your creative will.

Lord, Werburgh became a beacon of hope, of healing, and of renewal to your people who still come to honour her example at her shrine.

May we find this day wholeness of mind, body and spirit and a new resolution to serve You by bringing Your love to others.

This we ask in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

**Anglican Communion:** Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

13 April 2026

**Heald Green, St Catherine**

**Clergy:** Revd Jacob Devadason, Revd Jasmine Devadason

**Anglican Communion:** Wandí, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

14 April 2026

**Poynton, St George, St Martin**

**Clergy:** Revd Matthew Swires-Hennessy

**Lay Workers:** Mr Mike Holt, Mr Les Hutchinson, Mrs Joanne Rodman

**Anglican Communion:** Wangaratta, The Anglican Church of Australia

15 April 2026

**Woodford, Christ Church**

**Clergy:** Revd David Russell

**Lay Workers:** Mr Richard Cussons, Mr Malcolm Evans

**Anglican Communion:** Wanglei, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

16 April 2026

**Barnston, Christ Church, St Michael and All Angels**

**Clergy:** Revd Chris Slater

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Lynn Alexander, Mr Marjorie Burden, Ms Jane McCallum, Mr David Reed, Mr David Williams

Give thanks for the appointment of Rev Joe Hadfield as our Associate Minister, pray he and his family will settle well and enjoy a faithful and fruitful ministry in the parish and beyond.

Give thanks for the opportunities of the Easter season for extended

**Anglican Communion:** Wanyjok, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

17 April 2026

**Bebington, St Andrew, Townfield Church**

**Clergy:** Revd Andrew Field-Davies, Revd Debbi Stott, Revd David Vestergaard

**Lay Workers:** Miss Judith Battersby, Mr Ian Halliday, Mr David Jack, Mrs Helen Thomas

**Anglican Communion:** Warri, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

18 April 2026

**Bebington St Andrew's C of E School**

**Anglican Communion:** Washington, The Episcopal Church

19 April 2026

**St Chad of Mercia**

*'O Lord I am your servant, your servant the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord' Psalm 116: 14 - 15*

Chad was a student of Aidan in Lindisfarne, a monk and in time Archbishop to the Mercians, who left a privileged life in order to take up a ministry of prayer and mission, disciplining many others as he did so. He was known for his humility: although appointed Bishop in York he willingly stepped aside in favour of Wilfrid. He was known for his obedience, traveling from Northumberland to Ireland, Yorkshire, Mercia and Lichfield in the service of Christ and the church. He was a remarkable evangelist: Bede says that he had visited continually the towns, countryside, cottages, villages and houses to make Christ known.

Lord God, we thank you for Chad,  
gentle shepherd of Christ's flock,  
humble in heart and steadfast in faith,  
who walked the quiet paths of service,  
sowing peace where there was strife,  
and hope where hearts had grown weary.  
Teach us we pray to follow in his steps  
in humility, obedience and service,  
that we might commend to others  
the faith in Christ that we ourselves profess.  
We ask it in his blessed name.  
Amen

**Anglican Communion:** The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma),

20 April 2026

**Frankby with Greasby, St John the Divine, St Nicholas**

**Clergy:** Revd Simon Stride

**Anglican Communion:** Wau, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

21 April 2026

**Great Meols, St John the Baptist**

**Clergy:**

**Lay Workers:** Mrs Chris Branch, Mr Alex Calvert, Mr Andy Liston, Mr David Moss, Mrs Sheena Wilson, Mrs Lesley Young

**Anglican Communion:** Wellington, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

22 April 2026

**Heswall, St Peter, The Lighthouse Church**

**Clergy:** Revd Martin Cannam

**Lay Workers:** Captain Michael Barritt, Mr Jennie Hewitt, Prof Peter Twin, Mrs Breenda Wilson

**Anglican Communion:** Wernyol, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

23 April 2026

**Heswall St Peter's C of E School**

**Anglican Communion:** Wiawso, The Church of the Province of West Africa

24 April 2026

**Higher Bebington, Christ Church**

**Clergy:** Revd Eunice Blackmore

**Lay Workers:** Ms Helen Byrne, Mrs Pam Hollinshead, Mrs Lynn Ion, Jackie Jones

Please pray for our ministry team during our vacancy, our expanding children and families' work led by Christie Parnaby and schools' coordinator Libby Potter and our ongoing bereavement support ministry.

**Anglican Communion:** Willochra, The Anglican Church of Australia

25 April 2026

**Hoylake, St Hildeburgh**

**Clergy:** Revd Michelle Goodrich, Revd John Harrison

**Lay Workers:** Dr Peter Ham

**Anglican Communion:** Winchester, The Church of England

26 April 2026

**St Plegmund, from Plemstall**

'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' Luke 24:32

St Plegmund was Archbishop of Canterbury in the late 9th and early 10th century. Tradition has it that he was previously a hermit in Plemstall, near Chester and it is known that he gained a reputation as a scholar. In his time as Archbishop he strengthened the organisation of the church in England and, perhaps through his own example, oversaw a deeper learning amongst those who served the church. We recognise the grace of God in his life, stirring him to deep devotion to Christ, to fruitful study and learning, and to seeing the church established and effective in mission. We pray that God would work in us to that we too might love him with our heart, and mind and soul and strength.

Lord Jesus,

With all my heart, I love You.

With all my soul, I surrender to You.

With all my mind, I seek Your truth.

With all my strength, I serve Your name.

Bind every part of me in steadfast devotion,  
until I see You face to face.

Amen.

**Anglican Communion:** The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion),

27 April 2026

**Hoylake Holy Trinity C of E School**

**Anglican Communion:** Windward Islands, The Church in the Province of the West Indies

28 April 2026

**New Ferry, St Mark the Evangelist**

**Clergy:** Revd Andy Greenhough

**Anglican Communion:** Wondurba, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

29 April 2026

**Newton West Kirby, St Michael and All Angels**

**Clergy:** Revd Cheryl Coverley

**Lay Workers:** Dr Anthony Hart, Mr Martin Smith

**Anglican Communion:** Worcester, The Church of England

30 April 2026

**Thurstaston, St Bartholomew, St Chad**

**Clergy:** Revd Gaynor Kydd, Revd Jane Turner, Revd Captain Ailsa Whorton

**Lay Workers:** Mr Alan Jones

Please pray for existing and new and renewed PCC members following APCM on Sunday 26th April. Please also pray for ongoing project to install a toilet at St Bartholomew's

**Anglican Communion:** Wulu, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan