

Cycle of Prayer

1 - 31 March 2026

1 March 2026

The way of righteousness

'I will bless those who bless you and one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' Genesis 12:3

Out of the blue, God chooses a single man and makes this extraordinary promise, that through his family, the descendants of Abraham, all nations will be blessed. God determines to restore the communion and community that has been marred by human selfishness, culminating in the chaos of Babel. This blessing comes in as we are brought to the way of righteousness, that is the place where we know the forgiveness and favour of God, through Jesus Christ. Our collect today is a prayer for all of us, and for our neighbours, colleagues, family and friends, that all would find and continue in the way of righteousness, held by the grace of God.

'Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession,
and follow such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Anglican Communion: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

2 March 2026

Little Budworth, St Peter

Clergy: Revd Margaret Byrne, Revd Canon Paul Dawson, Revd Jane Millinchip
Thanking God for devoted lay leaders and generous colleagues. Pray for preparations for the forthcoming vacancy of incumbent. Pray also for continuing outreach with our wider communities, including Whitegate school.

Anglican Communion: Toamasina, The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

3 March 2026

Lostock Gralam, St John the Evangelist and All Saints

Lay Workers: Mr Joyce Kenrick, Mr Graham Sheen

Pray for the parishes during vacancy to be able to continue mission and ministry and that we are strengthened as a Team together.

Anglican Communion: Tohoku, The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

4 March 2026

Lostock Gralam C of E School

Anglican Communion: Tokyo, The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

5 March 2026

Middlewich, St Michael and All Angels

Clergy: Revd Derek Guest, Revd Julie Hassall

Lay Workers: Mr Steve Broadfoot, Mr Duncan Goodwin, Mrs Christine Hamill-Stewart, Miss Anne Latham, Mrs Elaine Reynolds, Mr Tony Woode

Anglican Communion: Toliara, The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

6 March 2026

Moulton, St Stephen the Martyr

Lay Worker: Mrs Cath Milnes

Anglican Communion: Tonj, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

7 March 2026

Northwich, Holy Trinity

Lay Worker: Mr Rob Shepherd

Praying for our parish and its people as we continue in vacancy, looking forward to the future and the exciting possibilities that it brings, Giving thanks for all of the amazing clergy and lay ministers who have taken services for us and supported us since the vacancy began.

Anglican Communion: Torit, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

8 March 2026

The way of life and peace

'Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Exodus 17:6

Moses is leading God's people, a grumbling and thankless bunch. Led miraculously through the Red Sea they have escaped the cruel servitude of the Egyptians, but now, hungry, thirsty and uncomfortable, they bitterly regret their escape: 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?' And instead of abandoning them to consider their ingratitude, God once more shows his loving kindness – strike the rock and bring water. Bring refreshment, hope, life. Our path takes us through hard and dry places: the way of Christ is the way of the cross, for his followers as it was for him, a way of suffering, sometimes chosen, sometimes imposed. But even here the loving kindness of God is experienced, as water in a dry and barren place. We pray that in the week ahead we would find life and peace, walking with Jesus Christ.

Almighty God,
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace:
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Anglican Communion: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

9 March 2026

Northwich, St Luke

Clergy: Revd Deborah Dalby

Lay Workers: Mr Malcolm Evans, Mrs Sue Renshaw, Mr Kenneth Smyth

Anglican Communion: Toronto, The Anglican Church of Canada

10 March 2026

Over, St Chad

Clergy: Revd Callum Boothroyd, Revd Richard Marshall

Lay Workers: Ms Jill Marriott, Mrs Sue Williams

The children and adults attending the Flourish worshipping community at St Chad's school.

Anglican Communion: Trichy-Tanjore, The Church of South India (United)

11 March 2026

Winsford St Chad's C of E School

Anglican Communion: Trinidad and Tobago, The Church in the Province of the West Indies

12 March 2026

Over, St John

Clergy: Revd Richard Marshall

Anglican Communion: Truro, The Church of England

13 March 2026

Over St John's C of E School

Anglican Communion: Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe, The Church of Ireland

14 March 2026

Sandiway, St John the Evangelist

Clergy: Revd Ruth Mock

Lay Workers: Mrs Janet Buttanshaw, Mrs Sue Hadden, Mr Andrew Hardy, Mr Paul Stevenson

Anglican Communion: Twik East, Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

15 March 2026

Mothering Sunday

'Above all clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.'

Colossians 3: 14

Struggles in church life are nothing new. So often in his letters Paul must urge his friends to patience, care, and generosity. He knows they are connected to Christ by faith, and to one other by invisible spiritual bonds, but that unseen reality is to be shown intentionally in their lives together. Rather like the spokes on a bicycle wheel, as they draw closer to Jesus Christ the centre, they will become closer to one another. It takes some determination but also, as we pray today, a deep work of God the Holy Spirit. On this Mothering Sunday, as we celebrate the blessing of motherly and family love, we recognise all that we are for one another and pray that we might be that blessing to others.

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and sorrow
we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever. Amen

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Kenya

16 March 2026

Weaverham, St Mary the Virgin

Clergy: Revd Paul Withington

Lay Workers: Mrs Gilly Latham, Mrs Jules Sanders, Mr Mike Sanders

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

17 March 2026

Wharton, Christ Church

Clergy: Revd Michael Hayden, Revd Christopher Pierce

Anglican Communion: Northern Uganda, The Church of the Province of Uganda

18 March 2026

Wharton C of E School

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

19 March 2026

Whitegate, St Mary

Clergy: Revd Margaret Byrne, Revd Canon Paul Dawson, Revd Jane Millinchip

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

20 March 2026

Whitegate C of E School

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

21 March 2026

Northwich, St Helen

Lay Workers: Mr David Drinkwater, Mr Berenice Kirwan

Anglican Communion: Upoko o Te Ika, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

22 March 2026

The breath of hope

'Thus says the Lord God to these bones: 'I will cause breath to enter you and you shall live!' Ezekiel 37: 60

A famous and striking image – the prophet Ezekiel brought to a valley full of bones, very many and very dry. It is a picture of the people of God, who say 'our hope is lost, we are cut off completely'. But the God who breathes life into dry bones is able to bring his people back from distant exile and to put his Spirit in them that they may live. Many of our experiences, personally and more globally, work to erode our hope. But the more powerful work of God can cause us to hope again. It is work external to us – the fact of the death and resurrection of Jesus are the first shoots of the healing that God will bring to all of his creation. But God also breathes hope into us: by his Spirit He persuades and reassures that He is good, that all will be well, that we have great blessing to enjoy and to share in Jesus Christ. As we pray today's collect, may we know the great triumph of hope in our heart and in our lives.

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Korea

23 March 2026

Leasowe, St Chad

Clergy: Revd Jonny Frost

Lay Worker: Mrs Diana Jones

For our work, as we seek to alleviate the impact of the cost of living in our Parish and deepen our relationships with each other, the community and with God through hospitality, community outreach and communion together.

Anglican Communion: Uruguay, The Anglican Church of South America

24 March 2026

Leasowe The Holy Spirit RC/C of E School

Anglican Communion: Utah, The Episcopal Church

25 March 2026

Liscard The Resurrection, St Mary

Clergy: Revd Chris Turner

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

26 March 2026

Liscard, St Thomas

Clergy: Revd Brian Bell

Anglican Communion: Valparaiso, Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

27 March 2026

New Brighton, St James with Emmanuel

Clergy: Revd Heather Atkinson

Lay Workers: Mr Mike Collins, Mrs Liz Cooper Clark, Mr Ron Jones

Anglican Communion: Vanuatu, The Anglican Church of Melanesia

28 March 2026

Poulton, St Luke

Lay Workers: Mr Rob Woodburn

Please pray for the ongoing vacancy process, and that an appointment may soon be made. Pray for our local Community in Poulton, our Community Cafe and for good relations with our Partner Churches at St Paul 's Seacombe and St Mary's Liscard.

Anglican Communion: Vellore, The Church of South India (United)

29 March 2026

Palm Sunday

'Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness.' Philippians 2: 5 - 7

When do we see someone looking like Jesus Christ? Someone on their knees in prayer? Someone transported in worship? Well, it is perhaps a silly question because there is no one answer. But I picture a friend on a Christian holiday for teenagers, bent double over a toilet bowl, scrubbing hard to clean the floor in the far corner. That looks like Jesus, doesn't it, someone slaving away for others, with no regard to their own comfort or dignity. Today we pray for ourselves and for our Christian family at church, that we would have the mind of Christ and would gladly take the opportunities we have to look like him. Not just in church life, joining the rotas, but as a thoughtful neighbour, a loving child or parent, a generous colleague or a member of our local community working with others. May we more and more find it a joy to serve as Christ has served us.

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race sent
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Melanesia

30 March 2026

Seacombe, St Paul

Lay Worker: Mr John Riddiough

Anglican Communion: Venezuela, The Episcopal Church

31 March 2026

Wallasey, St Hilary

Clergy: Revd Richard Avery, Revd Josh Carlson

Lay Workers: Miss Catherine Godfrey, Mrs Caroline Houghton, Mrs Louise Jones

Anglican Communion: Vermont, The Episcopal Church