

Cycle of Prayer

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1 February 2026

Becoming a younger church

'God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.' 1 Corinthians 1: 25

Visitors to Tatton Park can walk along the magnificent Beech Avenue, with trees planted in 1739. Those who designed it knew that they would never see the avenue they had created: they did it for the generations to come. It is an act of trust and generosity to look to the future. The present moment is about us, our needs and desires: when times are hard and we feel vulnerable, it is entirely understandable that our first instinct is to protect ourselves. But trust in God, whose wisdom and strength are so beyond ours, and generosity towards others encourages us to put these fears aside. Our desire is to be a church that makes the gospel known for generations to come. And that requires us to be generous, putting aside our needs and fears for the sake of those we may not yet see.

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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 Church of England

2 February 2026

Tushingham, St Chad

Clergy: Revd Veronica Green

Lay Workers: Mrs Alison Hunter-Johnston, Mrs Carolyn Wort

As we continue to reach in to our community and beyond we ask Alpha to be a blessing to all, and for our new Fresh Expression of Church to catch people's imagination and inspire Worshiping Together.

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

3 February 2026

Tushingham-with-Grindley C of E School

For our Primary School, its governors, teaching staff, children and families, that we may continue to grow in faith and understanding as we meet together.

Anglican Communion: Taita-Taveta, The Anglican Church of Kenya

4 February 2026

Waverton, St Peter

Clergy: Revd Julian Beauchamp

Lay Workers: Miss June Hargreaves, Mrs Kath Wentel

Anglican Communion: Taiwan, The Episcopal Church

5 February 2026

Whitewell, St Mary

Clergy: Revd Veronica Green

Lay Workers: Mrs Alison Hunter-Johnston, Mrs Carolyn Wort

Thanksgiving for the hospitality and welcome given to all at this church, may we continue to offer and deliver the welcome the Gospel itself invites people to share and experience.

Anglican Communion: Tamale, The Church of the Province of West Africa

6 February 2026

Bredbury, St Barnabas

Clergy: Revd Martin Makin

Lay Worker: Mrs Daryl Beaumont

Anglican Communion: Tanga, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

7 February 2026

Bredbury, St Mark

Clergy: Revd Andy Bull

Lay Worker: Mrs Ruth Bull

Anglican Communion: Central Tanganyika, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

8 February 2026

Racial Justice Sunday

'The most important one is this, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength'. The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself,' There is not commandment greater than these.' Mark 12: 28 – 31

'Jesus calls on his followers not to 'tolerate' or even 'accept' their neighbours, but to love them, regardless of how they look or what they believe. This is not an easy ask, but it is one that is demanded of those who follow a Saviour who gave his life for all, out of love.

What is more, while we often hear about who belongs in or who should be excluded from a country or kingdom, as Christians the only 'kingdom' we should truly be focussing on is the Kingdom of God (Matthew 6:33). His is a kingdom built on love, justice, compassion, mercy, truth, unity and hope.'

Richard Reddie, Director of Justice and Inclusion, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

God of all creation

gather us in - stranger and friend,
bring us into Your loving presence,
that we might know that Your love for us never ends
and has no terms or conditions.

God of love,

on the Racial Justice Sunday
point us towards Your dreams for all people,
that we might work together in hope,
for justice, peace and unity throughout Your world.
give us grace, show us mercy,
that we might live and love in Your name,
now and forever.

Amen

Anglican Communion: Hong Kong, Sheng Kung Hui

9 February 2026

Bredbury St Mark's C of E School

Anglican Communion: South West Tanganyika, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

10 February 2026

Romiley, St Chad

Clergy: Revd David Hill, Rev Richard Pennystan, Revd Katie Wade

Lay Workers: Mr Alan Bancroft, Mrs Molly Dow, Mr Alan Murch

We want to see More People, More Like Jesus. Please pray that all our outreach, through the week to all generations, leads to many coming to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour.

Anglican Communion: Western Tanganyika, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

11 February 2026

Disley, St Mary the Virgin and St John the Divine

Clergy: Revd Stuart Cornes

Lay Workers: Mrs Jenny Kidd, Mrs Wendy Luxon

Our mission to reach are parish, and those attending the Alpha course. Also the planned restoration work that is due to start on the tower of St Mary's Church this year. And for this impacted by the approaching closure of St John's Church.

Anglican Communion: Tarime, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

12 February 2026

High Lane, St Thomas

Clergy: Revd Lynn Boyle

Lay Workers: Prof Tony Berry, Mr Mick Boyle, Mr John Wilson

Anglican Communion: Tasmania, The Anglican Church of Australia

13 February 2026

Low Marple, St Martin

Clergy: Revd Timothy Hupfield

Lay Workers: Mr Tony Doust, Mrs Debbie Moores

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

14 February 2026

Marple, All Saints and St Paul

Clergy: Revd Daniel Currie, Revd Lesley Currie

Lay Workers: Mr Keith Frost, Mr Martin Palmer

Please pray for our annual ALPHA course. Please pray for outreach in our schools through the national Flourish initiative and Easter Experience.

Anglican Communion: Temotu, The Anglican Church of Melanesia

15 February 2026

Becoming a fairer church

'Mighty king, who loves justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.' Psalm 99: 4

How remarkable to hear about a king who loves justice. Many speak about justice, or appreciate it or are glad to experience it, but God's king loves it. Jesus Christ, for he is the king the Psalm ultimately points to, is not bound by any laws or expectations, only by his own character, and his heart is set on justice. What does this mean? Our skewed human preference is for the rich and the powerful: in contrast the justice of God leans towards the marginalised, the weak and the vulnerable. Our prayer for the churches of the diocese is that we too would all lean this way, in imitation of God and his king. He will bring his justice one day and we seek to live in anticipation of that, changed into his likeness, from glory to glory.

Almighty Father,

whose Son was revealed in majesty

before he suffered death upon the cross,

gives us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

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

16 February 2026

Marple All Saints' C of E School

Anglican Communion: Tennessee, The Episcopal Church

17 February 2026

Compstall (or Werneth), St Paul

Clergy: Revd Timothy Hupfield

Anglican Communion: East Tennessee, The Episcopal Church

18 February 2026

Whaley Bridge, Holy Trinity and St James

Lay Workers: Mrs Beryl Axcell

Anglican Communion: West Tennessee, The Episcopal Church

19 February 2026

Kettleshulme St James' C of E School

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

20 February 2026

Taxal and Fernilee C of E School

Anglican Communion: the People, The Anglican Church of Canada

21 February 2026

Mellor, St Thomas

Clergy: Revd Canon Andrew Tawn

Lay Workers: Mr David Shercliff

Anglican Communion: Tete, Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

22 February 2026

Becoming a greener church

'The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.' Genesis 2:15

At the start of Lent our readings remind us of our human origins. Women and men were made by God to enjoy his good creation, but selfishness and a desire for power brought God's judgment, and through that a lasting fracture in our relationships with God, one another and the created order. Our struggle to treat this world rightly is a symptom of our struggle to be truly human: we see the consequences in the climate crisis and in the many ways that the natural world is abused. In this bleak situation the church is to be a beacon of hope, showing what is possible when we know God's power to save. When the church becomes greener it is showing its desire to live in obedience to God and with compassion for our neighbours. May this Lent be a time when we do this more and more.

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
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 Church of Ireland

23 February 2026

Byley-cum-Lees, St John the Evangelist

Clergy: Revd Julie Hassall

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

Anglican Communion: Texas, The Episcopal Church

24 February 2026

Davenham, St Wilfrid

Clergy: Revd Rob Iveson

Lay Workers: Mrs Elizabeth Tabeart Rene

Anglican Communion: Northwest Texas, The Episcopal Church

25 February 2026

Davenham C of E School

Anglican Communion: West Texas, The Episcopal Church

26 February 2026

Delamere, St Peter

Clergy: Revd Angela Askwith

Anglican Communion: Thika, The Anglican Church of Kenya

27 February 2026

Delamere C of E Academy

Anglican Communion: Thoothukudi - Nazareth, The Church of South India (United)

28 February 2026

Hartford, St John the Baptist and Christ Church

Clergy: Revd James Doo, Revd Mike Smith, Revd Jon Teasdale

Lay Workers: Mr David Charlton, Mr Jeremy Hunns

Please pray for Will, who starts at Easter as our new chaplain at Hartford CE High; for a fruitful schools' mission in May; and for our curate James as he seeks a new post.

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

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