

Cycle of Prayer

01 - 30 April 2026

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

Please pray for our new children's ministry groups that were launched in February, that our young people might continue to grow in faith and friendship. Pray for our new partnership with Bramhall Men in Sheds and for the Bible Course we will be hosting post Easter.

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.'

Psalms 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

Please pray for Project Sanctuary, the restoration and renewal of St Mary's church building, ensuring that our church remains a welcoming, accessible place at the heart of worship and the community. Please pray also as we refresh our vision for homegroups over the next few months and seek to disciple new Christians.

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

We give thanks for our Easter services and events, including a new interactive session for under 5s in Holy Week. We give thanks for all who serve in various ways, including those preparing to stand for election at our APCM. We ask for wisdom as we plan for the future - seeking to be a growing all-age community of faith, hope and love.

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 APCM. We ask for wisdom as we plan for the future - seeking to be a growing all-age community of faith, hope and love.

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, discipling 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

We give thanks and pray for our congregation, communities and everyone having responsibility during our vacancy; for the clergy conducting our sacramental services, and for those responding to our Lord's call and considering an application.

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 so 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