

Cycle of Prayer

1 - 31 January 2026



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Chester

1 January 2026

Timperley, Christ Church and Holy Cross

Clergy: Revd Steve Dunton, Revd Tom Ruston

For our engagement with schools, for our 'Top Teens' Youth Group exploring confirmation and our 'Jolly Tots' Pre-schoolers. We give thanks for the work of our churchwardens Stephen Taylor and Linda Goodchild.

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

2 January 2026

St Werburgh, Warburton

Anglican Communion: Sheffield, The Church of England

3 January 2026

Altrincham C of E School

Anglican Communion: Shinyanga, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

4 January 2026

Together in Christ, Sharing Hope

Reflection and prayers for a broader church - by Peter Froggatt

'Nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.' Isaiah 60:3

Epiphany means a revealing. At this time we remember and celebrate the revealing of God in the person of Jesus Christ. Though he was an infant in very ordinary circumstances, wise men were led by God to see him and to worship him. In doing so they showed again that the good news of Immanuel, God with us, is for people all over the world. Christians in the UK are demonstrations of this wonderful truth: we are among those nations who have come to the light of God in Christ. And so we pray that our lives and our churches would reflect God's revelation to the whole world, that we would demonstrate by our hospitality, our leadership, our governance and our practice that the gospel of Jesus Christ is for every person.

O God,
who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we,
who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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 the Province of Central Africa

5 January 2026

Aldford, St John the Baptist

Clergy: Revd Julian Beauchamp, Revd Karl Jones

Lay Worker: Mrs Kath Wentel

Anglican Communion: Upper Shire, The Church of the Province of Central Africa

6 January 2026

Bickerton, Holy Trinity

Clergy: Revd Dr Janine Arnott

Anglican Communion: Shyira, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

7 January 2026

Bickerton Holy Trinity C of E School

Anglican Communion: Shyogwe, Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

8 January 2026

Bickley, St Wenefrede and St Nichola Chapel

Clergy: Revd Veronica Green

As we begin a new year of worship and mission, bless this community; its needs, its people and its willingness to serve God and one another.

Anglican Communion: Sialkot, The Church of Pakistan (United)

9 January 2026

Bruera, St Mary the Virgin

Clergy: Revd Julian Beauchamp, Revd Karl Jones

Lay Worker: Mrs Kath Wentel

Anglican Communion: Singapore, Church of the Province of South East Asia

10 January 2026

Saighton C of E School

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

11 January 2026

Together in Christ, Sharing Hope

Reflection and prayers for a safer church - by Peter Froggatt

'He will not cry out or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.' Isaiah 42: 2-3

The gentleness of Jesus as the Christ is often remarked upon. His great authority and rule was seen even more clearly as he dealt kindly with those who were vulnerable and often overlooked. He upended human hierarchies, prioritising the last, the least and the lost. And in his church we are to do the same. To see those who are usually overlooked and to allow them to take a lead. This is true particularly of the victims and survivors of abuse, whose voices are may be uncomfortable and are often ignored. We pray that we would follow Jesus in his baptism, taking a lower place that we might be lifted up in due time.

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
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: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

12 January 2026

Bunbury, St Boniface and Calveley Hall Chapel

Clergy: Revd Tim Hayward, Revd Claire Wilson

Lay Workers: Mrs Kathy Collinge, Mr Peter Collinge, Mr Tom Crotty, Mrs Amber Middlemiss, Mr Nichola Sanders

Anglican Communion: Sodor and Man, The Church of England

13 January 2026

Bunbury Aldersley C of E School

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

14 January 2026

Burwardsley, St John

Clergy: Revd Canon Lameck Mutete

Anglican Communion: Central Solomons, The Anglican Church of Melanesia

15 January 2026

Coddington, St Mary

Lay Worker: Mr Raymond Moulton

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

16 January 2026

Clutton C of E School

Anglican Communion: Southwark, The Church of England

17 January 2026

Farndon, St Chad

Lay Worker: Mr Raymond Moulton

Anglican Communion: Southwell and Nottingham, The Church of England

18 January 2026

Together in Christ, Sharing Hope

Reflection and prayers for a bolder church - by Peter Froggatt

'He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God: many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.' Psalm 40:3

Singing has been making a comeback, particularly communal singing in informal choirs and groups. Singing expresses joy and it brings joy (though sometimes more joy to the singer than to the sung to). And so it is a brilliant picture to use in describing the work of God in the mind and heart of the believer. The good news of God in Christ, bringing forgiveness, new life and purpose, is a song that is given to us, a joyful song to be shared. Too often, and this may be a particularly British thing, we consider faith to be a private matter, best kept hidden. But God's song is to be sung out. It is sung out when we speak about God and his work, and when we live generous, justice-seeking lives. And when we do, we read, many will see and be filled with awe and will explore this song-giving God for themselves. The Bible doesn't have much to say about fishing techniques – how to persuade people to join the church. It encourages us rather to experience and express the goodness of God, to sing the new song that he has put in our mouths

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives

make known your heavenly glory;
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: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

19 January 2026

Handley, All Saints

Clergy: Revd Canon Lameck Mutete

Anglican Communion: the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain, (Extra Provincial)

20 January 2026

Hargrave, St Peter

Clergy: Revd Laura Rhodes

Anglican Communion: Spokane, The Episcopal Church

21 January 2026

Huxley C of E School

Anglican Communion: Springfield, The Episcopal Church

22 January 2026

Malpas and Threapwood, St Oswald and St John

Clergy: Revd Dr Janine Arnott

Anglican Communion: Port Sudan, Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

23 January 2026

Marbury, St Michael

Clergy: Revd Veronica Green

Lay Workers: Mrs Alison Hunter-Johnston, Mrs Jane Lunt

We pray that 2026 may be a year of continued learning, growing and commitment to Prayer and Worship for God's glory and His Kingdom.

Anglican Communion: Sul Occidental, Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

24 January 2026

Shocklach, St Edith

Clergy: Revd Dr Tim Robinson, Revd Norma Robinson

Lay Worker: Mr Chris Gilbert

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

25 January 2026

Week of prayer for Christian unity

Reflection and prayers for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - by Peter Froggatt

'The gifts he gave were ... for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ' (Ephesians 4:11-13).

In Ephesians 4:13 we are shown a vision of the wholeness of the unified Body of Christ – through unity in faith and maturity into the fullness of Christ's stature. We are invited into a reality that is more than knowing; it is embodied. Knowing that you do not know everything is the beginning of wisdom. As we humbly explore in awe (a different definition of fear), we can discover paths to maturity that are life changing and renewing not just for us personally,

but also for the Church and, through the Church, for the world. It means becoming more like Jesus in every way: loving as Jesus loves, serving as Jesus serves and reflecting His character. We are called to share our spiritual journey, seeking unity with each other, growing in our lived experience of the Son of God and striving for the full stature of Christ.

May I rise with You, Light of the World,
called to bring grace and mercy.
May I journey in the wake of Your Spirit,
called towards righteousness and peace.
May I rest with the hope of good things
in the places of Your creation that You, O God, call me to bring healing.
May we all, with courage and joy,
work faithfully for the coming of Your kingdom.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
Now and always and unto the ages of ages.
Amen.

(Reflection and prayer from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland)

Anglican Communion: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

26 January 2026

Shocklach Oviatt C of E School

Anglican Communion: Sur, Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

27 January 2026

Tarporley, St Helen, St Thomas and St John and Holy Cross

Clergy: Revd Jim Bridgman

Pray for our three church communities as our weekly Bible study grows, Cafe Church starts a new series on the Parables and as we discern plans to provide toilets and kitchen facilities in our buildings to help serve our communities better.

Anglican Communion: Del Sureste, La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

28 January 2026

Tarporley C of E School

Please pray for the school, its staff, pupils and governors as we join CDAT, and pray for the continued great work of the Flourish project in school, especially our Flourish Children's and Families Worker Debbie Wood, and the Flourish Young Leaders and ET

Anglican Communion: Swansea and Brecon, The Church in Wales

29 January 2026

Tattenhall, St Alban

Clergy: Revd Canon Lameck Mutete

Anglican Communion: Sydney, The Anglican Church of Australia

30 January 2026

Tilstone Fearnall, St Jude

Clergy: Revd Tim Hayward, Revd Claire Wilson

Anglican Communion: Tabora, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

31 January 2026

Tilston, St Mary

Clergy: Revd Dr Tim Robinson, Revd Norma Robinson

Lay Workers: Mr Chris Gilbert, Mrs Trisha Swift

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