

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

November 2022 – December 2022



1 November - All Saints' Day

The Archdeacon of Sherborne

The Ven Penny Sayer.

Please pray for those who are supporting the most vulnerable: those who have given a home to refugees from the Ukraine; those who run Food Banks; and those who are planning to provide a Warm Welcome this winter.

2 November

Lyme Bay Deanery

Rural Dean: David Baldwin. ARD: Vacant. Lay Chair: Janet Jackson.

Please pray for LB Deanery and especially for The Bride Valley Benefice (Rev Jane Williams, Rector) as they work towards welcoming the parishes of Abbotsbury, Langton Herring and Portesham (Rev Margaret Preuss Higham, HfD Minister) into the Benefice. please join us in praying that the discernment taking place will allow this to happen smoothly.

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for The Rt Revd Samuel Lomude Eluzai, Bishop of Mundu in South Sudan.

3 November

Eggardon and Colmers, Lyme Bay Deanery

Clergy: Chris Grasske.

- *We pray for all who volunteer, in church roles and in community roles.*
- *We pray for all who are struggling with their finances at this time*
- *We pray for our schools, children and staff as they approach normality and recovery from covid.*
- *We pray for a deepening of faith and growing commitment to regular worship.*

Loders CE VC Primary School - part of Acorn Academy

Powerstock CE VA Primary School

Symondsburry CE VA Primary School

4 November

Beaminster Area, Lyme Bay Deanery

Clergy: David Baldwin, Jo Neary, Fiona Beale. LLM: Barbara Simmonds.

Please pray for the beaminster team at this time of transition. Eleven years into our project of creating new ways of being church alongside upholding traditional church we are praying for how we take the next steps in discipling those outside of church life and re-discipling those inside church life. Also for our schools especially Beaminster Secondary School who are working towards becoming an academy next term. Please pray for Fiona whilst she looks for her next post at the end of her Curacy.

Salway Ash CE VA Primary School

Mosterton Parrett & Axe CE VA Primary School

Beaminster St Mary's Academy

Broadwindsor CE VC Primary School

Beaminster CE VC Secondary School

5 November

Bride Valley, Lyme Bay Deanery

Clergy: Jane Williams, Liz Howlett, Sue Linford, Ryder Rogers. LLM James Webster.

We pray for the Bride Valley Churches during the period of consultation regarding their proposed Union with the parishes of Abbotsbury, Portesham and Langton Herring - your will be done, here and now.

We thank God for all our volunteers in many and varied roles within the ministry and mission of our church teams.

Litton Cheney Thorner's CE VA Primary School

Burton Bradstock CE VC School

6 November - Third Sunday before Advent

Bridport, Lyme Bay Deanery

Clergy: Deb Smith, Lorna Johnson, Pete Stone, Helen Croud. LLM PtOs: Coral Hatton, Peter Wright.

Bridport St Mary's CE VC Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for The Church of England.

7 November

Golden Cap Team, Lyme Bay Deanery

Clergy: Chris Martin, Sarah Godfrey, Virginia Lockett, Lucyann Ashdown, Sarah Keen.

LLMs: James Ashdown, Jim Pettifer.

Please pray for us as we seek to work together to discern God's particular vision for the people who live here and the many who visit. May God give us eyes to see all that God is doing and providing, and the courage to respond and join in.

Lyme Regis St Michael's CE VA Primary School

Marshwood C of E Primary Academy

Hawkchurch CE VC Primary School

8 November

Dorchester Deanery

Rural Dean: Sarah Hillman. ARD: Jonathan Still. Lay Chair: Roger Holehouse.

Please pray for our communities as we seek to support those struggling with the recent rise in the cost-of-living, either directly through our churches or via charities in the local area that help people to make ends meet and provide a listening ear.

9 November

Buckland Newton, Cerne Abbas, Godmanstone and Minterne Magna, Dorchester Deanery

Clergy: Jonathan Still.

For Cerne Abbas give thanks for the rewiring and relighting project at St Mary's now finally under way, and for Buckland Newton pray for Phil Sales the newly arrived head teacher at the village church school as he sets his course.

Buckland Newton CE VC Primary School

Cerne Abbas CE VC First School

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for Rt Revd Onesimo Lado Yugusuk, Bishop of Lomega in South Sudan.

10 November

Charminster, Stinsford and the Chalk Stream villages, Dorchester Deanery

Clergy: Leila Mather, Hugh Willis, Dick Luther, Rob van der Hart, Elizabeth Cross, Bruce Dixon.

Please pray for:

- *Unity in our mission and worship.*
- *Those who are struggling to heat their homes and community initiatives seeking to help them.*
- *All who serve as staff members at our local schools/college.*

Charminster St Mary's CE VC First School

11 November

Moreton, Woodsford and Crossways with Tincleton, Dorchester Deanery

Clergy: Gemma Donnell, Peter Stevens. LLMs: Will Spackman.

Please pray for us as we seek renewed vision about how to serve God in our setting.

Particularly for our winter outreach services and social activities, Quizzes, Christingles, Special Evensongs etc.

Frome Valley CE VA First School

12 November

Piddle Valley, Hilton and Ansty, Cheselbourne and Melcombe Horsey, Dorchester Deanery

Clergy: Helier Exon.

For churchwardens, retired clergy and all who are providing ministry and support during the period of vacancy.

Piddle Valley CE VA First School

13 November – Remembrance Sunday

Puddletown, Tolpuddle and Milborne with Dewlish, Dorchester Deanery

Clergy: Sarah Hillman, Maggie Crosbie, Sue Turner. LLM: Margaret Rickard.

That we discern how to fill the gap left by the ending of Messy Church, which never recovered after the enforced break due to covid, so that we can build on our links with families more effectively.

Puddletown St Mary's CE Middle School

Puddletown CE First School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.

14 November

Watercombe, Dorchester Deanery

Clergy: David Johnson, Anthony Bush. LLM PtO: Jenny Bagnall. Methodist: Brenda Stephenson.

Please pray for us as David begins a new (half-time) ministry role amongst the five churches of the Benefice and please give thanks for Anthony, Jenny, Brenda and everyone who offers so much to the churches and communities of our villages.

15 November

Dorchester and the Winterbournes, Dorchester Deanery

Clergy: Keith Magee, Jean Saddington, Cora Yarrien, Jimmy Holden, Jo Lacy-Smith, Heidi Merrett. LLM: Caroline McMeiken. LLM PtOs: Allan Knott, Robert Potter, David Bowen, Esther Bird.

Please pray for us as we seek to co-ordinate and develop our work in the many schools across our town. Please also pray for our new benefice toddler group, Tea, Toast and Toddlers.

Winterbourne Valley CE VA First School

Dorchester Manor Park CE VC First School

Dorchester St Osmund's CE Middle School

16 November

Dorchester Area Hospitals and Weldmar Hospice Trust

Chaplains: Jean Saddington, Kate Wyles, Jimmy Holden (C of E), Filip Lommaert (Orthodox), Barry Hallett, Jacek Kostuch (Roman Catholic).

We pray for all those being cared for in Dorset County Hospital, and all hospitals, hospices and care homes. We give thanks for the skills of the staff who look after them and pray for them at such a demanding time. We pray too for the gift of discernment that as chaplains we might see how best to provide loving spiritual care for our staff and patients.

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for The Rt Revd William Mading Machar, Bishop of Maper in South Sudan.

17 November

Weymouth & Portland Deanery

Rural Dean: Nick Clarke. ARD: James Menzies. Lay Chair: Neil Biles.

Please pray for:

** Deanery Synod as we seek to encourage and deepen our prayer life*

** The Deanery Plan as we continue to discuss and shape the vision for the future.*

18 November

Abbotsbury, Portesham & Langton Herring, Weymouth & Portland Deanery

Clergy: Margaret Preuss-Higham

Portesham CE VA Primary School

19 November

Chickerell with Fleet, Weymouth & Portland Deanery

Clergy: Vacant, Margaret Preuss-Higham.

20 November – Christ the King

Radipole & Melcombe Regis, Weymouth & Portland Deanery

Clergy: Nick Clarke, Jo Haine, Tom Coopey, Matt Renyard, Anni Douglas, Malcolm Millard, John Lewis, Richard Simmons, Geoff Hebborn, Paul Selley, Peter Gibbs. LLMs: Carl Whitehouse, Richard Pendrey, Donna Smith, Shirley Evans-Jones. Town Centre Chaplain: Neil Biles. Youth Pioneer Minister: Joe Hobday.

** Pray for growth in our Youth Ministry Fund as we seek to extend Joe Hobday's ministry.*

** We give thanks for the growth this Autumn of a range of children's outreach, youth alpha and youth worship nights.*

** We pray, 'Your Kingdom Come-Here and Now' in our mission priorities. Town centre ministry and mission, discipleship & evangelism, youth and new housing estates.*

Weymouth St John's CE VA Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

21 November

Weymouth Holy Trinity, Weymouth & Portland Deanery

Clergy: Vacant.

Weymouth Holy Trinity CE VC Primary School

22 November

Weymouth St Paul, Weymouth & Portland Deanery

Clergy: Gregory Lipovsky, Tony Ball.

For St Paul's, may our hearts be converted more and more to the Lord and so may we become witnesses of his love, grace, and mercy. For Beechcroft, may our children come to know, love, and serve God with joy and seek always only what is good and true.

Weymouth Beechcroft, St Pauls CE VA Primary

23 November

Wyke Regis All Saints with St Edmund, Weymouth & Portland Deanery

Clergy: Alasdair Kay, Betty Port. LLM: Janet Hall.

Particular prayers are asked for our work as a Church among Ukrainian Refugees. Our two Church schools, All Saints Church of England Academy, and Wyke Federation. We also have volunteers who work at the Nest Community Shop providing affordable food for people hit by the cost of living crisis. We have been very encouraged by high attendance at the School Prayer club, our Cafe Church service and the Toddler Group. Please also pray for all our efforts towards becoming a Silver Award Eco Church.

Weymouth Wyke Regis CE VC Primary Federation

Weymouth All Saints CofE Academy

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for Rt Revd Joseph Maker Atot, Bishop of Pacong in South Sudan.

24 November

Portland Team Ministry, Weymouth & Portland Deanery

Clergy: Tim Gomm.

Prayers for Portland:

We continue to seek funds for the conversion of a underused Church Hall into 2 single bedroom flats. We are £40K short – but we praise God we have raised £62K so far.

We have a large empty Vicarage on Portland, and we need God's wisdom to know what to do with it. Maybe a religious community could be set up there. Please pray with us.

We praise God for the 3 new volunteers who are undergoing training as a Lay Pastoral Assistant.

25 November

Weymouth Ridgeway, Weymouth & Portland Deanery

Clergy: James Menzies, Philip Elliott, Brian Ellis, Ada Whittock. LLMs: Tony King, Sue Le Riche, Alan McIntosh, Georgie Menzies.

We'd love prayers for our Alpha, currently running; for our processes of discerning parish visions; and for spiritual renewal and numerical growth across the Team. Thanks too for hardworking and lovely people across the Benefice!

Weymouth St Nicholas & St Laurence CE VA Primary School

Weymouth St Andrew's CE Primary School (Academy (VA) School)

26 November

HMP/YOI Portland

Chaplain: Sue Linford.

Please pray for all those who work so hard to make a difficult time a little easier.

27 November - First Sunday of Advent

Sherborne Deanery

Rural Dean: Tony Gilbert. ARD: Tim Greenslade. Lay Chair: Andrew Graham.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

28 November

Melbury, Sherborne Deanery

Clergy: Tim Greenslade, Daniel Ingles, Linda Wilcock. LLM: Paul Rendell.

Please pray for our preparation for Christmas services, especially a Messy Christmas event early in December. We particularly need to renew links with children, young people and families. Christmas events may help us to do this.

Maiden Newton Greenford CE VC Primary School

Evershot Sticklands CE VA Primary School

29 November

Queen Thorne, Sherborne Deanery

Clergy: David Bond, Claude Rutter.

We pray for all who make a living from the land, out in all weathers and often alone.

Trent Young's CE VA Primary School

30 November – Andrew the Apostle

Sherborne with Castleton, Lillington and Longburton, Sherborne Deanery

Clergy: Martin Lee, Jim Edie. LLMs: Claire Ridgeway, Huw Ridgeway. LLM PtO: Michael Nurton.

Sherborne The Abbey CE VC Primary School

Sherborne The Gryphon School

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for Rt Revd Gabriel Angok Arok, Assistant Bishop of Nimule in South Sudan.

1 December

Three Valleys, Sherborne Deanery

Clergy: Tony Gilbert, George Moody, Jenny Nelson. LLMs: Kerri Canepa, Colin Stobart. LLM PtO: Keith Budgell.

Yetminster St Andrew's CE VC Primary School

Bishop's Caundle All Saints CE VC Primary School

Bradford Abbas St Mary's CE VC Primary School

Thornford CE VA Primary School

2 December

Blackmore Vale Deanery

Rural Dean: Tim Heaton. ARD: Vacant. Lay Chair: Sue Chandler.

In this first week of Advent, we pray for all our 34 parishes, that the light who is coming into the world will give us light in our hearts and renew us in faith and love.

3 December

Hazelbury Bryan & the Hillside Parishes, Blackmore Vale Deanery

Clergy: Vacant. LLMs: Jestyn Coke, James Hepburn.

On this day that the church remembers the missionary, Francis Xavier, we pray for the mission of the church in our benefice, that the gospel may be proclaimed and received in all our communities, and for The Blackmore Vale Pilgrim Group Ministry of which we are a part.

4 December - Second Sunday of Advent

Marnhull, Blackmore Vale Deanery

Clergy: Gaenor Hockey, Angus Mayhew.

St Gregory's CE VA Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.

5 December

Okeford, Blackmore Vale Deanery

Clergy: Vacant. LLMs: Mark Riley, Sue Rawlinson.

Please pray for a new priest-in-charge and for our church schools, including the lay people who regularly go into the schools to lead worship.

Okeford Fitzpaine CE VA School

Shillingstone CE VA Primary School

Child Okeford St Nicholas CE VA Primary School

6 December

Spire Hill, Blackmore Vale Deanery

Clergy: Richard Hancock.

We pray for our benefice as we begin to develop a new Mission Action Plan for the next 10 years, we ask the Holy Spirit to direct us as we focus on becoming outward looking and engaging with our communities. We pray also for the development of the new Pilgrim Group Ministry and cooperation between clergy and laity in those benefices.

We pray for Stalbridge and Bishops Caundle schools and the links being developed.

We pray also for our Lay Ministry Team as we work together to develop worship that is engaging across the benefice particularly with young families and men.

We pray for our developing relationship with ecumenical partners and our new link with Stalbridge Scouts.

Stalbridge CE F Primary School

7 December

Stour Vale, Blackmore Vale Deanery

Clergy: Vacant. LLMs: Carol Hibbert, Barbara Priest.

Please pray for our benefice at this time of vacancy, that together we will have vision and courage for future patterns of ministry. We ask God to bless our LLM in training, Fiona Hedges, our LWLs, churchwardens and benefice administrator, and the newly formed Open the Book team at Stour Provost Community School.

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for The Rt Revd Gabriel Kuol Garang, Bishop of Wernyol in South Sudan.

8 December

Sturminster Newton, Hinton St Mary and Lydlinch, Blackmore Vale Deanery

Clergy: Vacant.

Please pray for our benefice, currently in interregnum: for the churchwardens Michael, Maggie, Kevin, Robin and John; and for our LPAs Brenda, Carol and Fiona. Pray too for Eric, Roger, Heather and Sue who are leading worship at this time.

9 December

Shaftesbury, Blackmore Vale Deanery

Clergy: Donna Gibbs.

Please pray for the forging of meaningful relationships between our churches and our schools. Please pray especially for our peer mentoring initiatives in Motcombe Primary and Shaftesbury secondary school.

We pray for God's blessings on our local volunteers who lead weekly initiatives in our schools. And for the successful appointment of a new Team Vicar.

Shaftesbury CE VC Primary School

Motcombe CE VA Primary School

Shaftesbury The Abbey CE VA Primary School

Shaftesbury VC School

10 December

Gillingham, Milton on Stour and Silton, Blackmore Vale Deanery

Clergy: Peter Greenwood, Eve Pegler, Tm Heaton, Angus Mayhew.

We pray for schools in this benefice, and all the schools in our diocese. For children, all staff, governors, and staff at the Salisbury diocesan board of education; for energy as we near the end of the school term and all those wonderful nativities and Christmas carol concerts and celebrations.

Milton-on-Stour CE VA Primary School

Gillingham St Mary the Virgin CE VA School

11 December - Third Sunday of Advent

HMP Guy's Marsh

Chaplain: Peter Browne.

Please pray for all chaplains, staff and volunteers, who all work hard to make life a bit easier for those serving time.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya.

12 December

The Dean of Guernsey

The Very Revd Tim Barker.

Pray for wisdom as we seek to discern how best to further our mission and our ministry to the island through the provision of parish clergy, and for priests to be open to a call to ministry in the Bailiwick of Guernsey.

13 December

Alderney, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Jan Fowler, Tony Fowler.

We give thanks for the newly commissioned group of Lay Worship Leaders whose ministry is a blessing to the church and for all who are growing in faith.

We pray for those who are training as Lay Pastoral Assistants and their ongoing ministries.

14 December

Castel and Cobo, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Gill Nobes, Jim Sykes, Bev Herve.

Please pray for all visitors to the Christmas services at St. Matthew's and for the Vision Group as they seek to discern the future direction of St. Matthew's. At the Castel church we pray for 'Church on the Hill', and the successful recruitment of a new Incumbent.

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for Rt Revd Peter Gatbel Kunen Lual, Bishop of Maiwut in South Sudan.

15 December

Forest, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Claire Claxton (also Chaplain to Les Bourgs Hospice). LLM: Margaret Boden-Heaume.

Please pray for:

- * more families to come to the monthly breakfast service*
- * the Churchyard for Nature project*
- * the members of the congregation who have dementia and our aim to become more 'dementia-friendly'*

Forest Primary School

Le Rondin School & Centre

16 December

St Andrew, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Tim Barker.

Pray for the planning and funding of the development of the parish church and the provision of an accessible entrance and much needed facilities, so that the church can be a place of welcome and hospitality.

17 December

St Martin, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Daniel Foot.

Please pray for our Youth and Children's ministry as we explore the best way forward following the recent departure of our Youth Worker.

18 December - Fourth Sunday of Advent

St Peter Port and St John, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Peter Graysmith.

Please pray for us as we discern the way forward for our two parishes during our interregnum.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for The Anglican Church of Korea.

19 December

Holy Trinity, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Jon Honour.

Our work amongst children and teenagers is growing and we are in need of a Children's Pastor and more volunteers to join the team - please pray that God would provide.

20 December

St Stephen, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Vacant.

Pray for Fr Joe Thompson and his family as they move from South Africa to Guernsey, and for God's blessing on the parish in this new phase of its life. Give thanks for the faithful ministry of retired priests during the long vacancy.

21 December

St Pierre du Bois, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Adrian Datta.

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for The Rt Revd Abdu Elnur Kodi, Bishop of Port Sudan in Sudan.

22 December

St Sampson and St Mary, Guernsey Deanery

LLM: John Le Page.

Please pray for the work at St Mary's with young people namely the Boys Brigade and the Guides.

23 December

St Saviour (and Torteval), Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Mark Charmley, Tracy Charmley, Linda le Vasseur. LLM: Sarah-Jane Allen.

Please pray for all those who will come to our Crib Service, Midnight Mass and Christmas Day services, for the opportunity to share the good news and show them a warm welcome. Please also pray for our university students who are back worshiping with us, for rest and refreshment with family and friends.

24 December – Christmas Eve

(St Saviour and) Torteval, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Mark Charmley, Tracy Charmley, LLM: Richard Wheadon (Emeritus).

Please pray for our joint Midnight Mass and Christmas Day services with our Methodist brothers and sisters, and for all who will join together at this holy time. Please pray particularly for Jacky Cottrell the Methodist Minister on her first Christmas in Guernsey.

25 December - Christmas Day

Vale, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: Stuart Tanswell.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

26 December – Stephen, deacon, first martyr

The Princess Elizabeth Hospital, Guernsey Deanery

Lead Chaplain: Linda Le Vasseur.

We ask for prayers with regard to the new Chapel/spiritual care centre at the Prince Elizabeth hospital Guernsey, praying that the space provided will be the right one.

27 December – John, Apostle and Evangelist

Guernsey Prison

Chaplain: Penny Graysmith. Chaplaincy Team volunteers: Steve Henry, Mary Herve.

Pray for all those in prison at this time when it is especially hard to be separated from families and friends.

Pray too for those relatives and for the children of prisoners.

Pray for the staff of the prison working over Christmas and for the new officers.

28 December – The Holy Innocents

St Peter, Sark, Guernsey Deanery

Clergy: David Stolton.

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for The Most Revd Joseph Atem, Archbishop and Bishop of Malakal in South Sudan.

29 December

The Archdeacon of Dorset

The Ven Antony MacRow-Wood.

As we look towards the new year, we pray for peace in Ukraine and compassion at home for those struggling with the cost of living.

30 December

Purbeck Deanery

Rural Dean: Ian Jackson. ARD: James Mercer. Lay Chair: Vacant.

We give thanks for each other in the 4 benefices of our deanery. We ask for prayer that we might continue to offer support and encouragement and discern the ways we might work together. We ask for prayer especially for David, Richard and Ian who recently joined the clergy chapter and Jo who will join us in 2023.

31 December

Swanage and Studland, Purbeck Deanery

Clergy: Ian Bird.

As we all give thanks for the year now ending we thank God for all who have supported and sustained the life of this Team and the communities its seeks to serve, especially during the clergy vacancies. Please pray for Ian Bird who became Team Rector in October and for Joanna Levasier who, in this coming early July, will take up the post of Team Vicar and also work with the schools in the deanery.

We ask for God's continuing blessing throughout the coming year.