

Calendar of Intercessions

April 2024

Parishes (where there is an incumbent and / or other clergy, they are named): please pray for the communities and for any lay ministers you know in each church – the aim is always to pray more widely than just those named. Each month will feature parts of a paired deanery. **April = Doncaster & West Doncaster**

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1	Doncaster Deanery: Co-Area Deans Richard Heard & Andrew Howard, Lay Chair Kevin Stothard	Receiving the light for Christ: reflect on what you have heard & experienced in Holy Week & Easter services. What have you received that builds up your faith?
2	For Stephen Edmonds, Associate Archdeacon in these twin deaneries: that he would know what support to offer to Oversight Ministers, Focal Ministers & congregations	Walking in the light for Christ: reflecting on Jesus' death & resurrection, how will you let these events shape the way you live out your faith this week?
3	For Denise Teal, Chaplain among deaf people & for others who assist with signing at major events	Reflecting the light for Christ: ask God to give you boldness to tell one person what Easter has meant to you this year
4	St Mary, Tickhill with St Winifred, Stainton: Paul Richardson	St Mary's Tickhill CE Primary and Nursery School: Janet Sanderson
5	We pray for fruitful partnership with one of our link dioceses: a large part of Argentina . Today for: San Salvador, Belgrano, Buenos Aires (Argentina) Hernán Dei Castelli, Agustín Marsal and Peter Clarke	For Annual Parish Church Meetings this month or next and for all those stepping up to serve as churchwardens, treasurers and PCC secretaries
6	Argentina link diocese: The Good Shepherd, Villa Devoto, Buenos Aires (Argentina) Andy Lenton	For Bishop Sophie: for some rest after Easter & an extended period of additional responsibility but also for the Spirit to continue to give her passion & vision
7	Argentina link diocese: St Peter's, Flores, Buenos Aires (Argentina) Adrian Torres	Pray for the nation of Argentina, facing serious economic issues & its relatively new president, Javier Milei
8	The Annunciation. 'Greetings, you who are highly favoured! (Luke 1:28) The Lord is with you.' Instead of focusing on Mary's courageous response, let's hear the announcement of good news. What might God be saying to you today?	Faith Empowered training course for Lay Parish Evangelists, taking place this evening. For the five students as they plan evangelistic events as part of their learning

9	St John the Baptist, Edlington with St Jude, Hexthorpe: Richard Hume	Renewed. Part of our praying is for 2.5% of the population to become disciples & regular worshippers in our churches. Pray also for individuals you know to find faith
10	Wilson Carlile Centre at a time of change in the Church Army's leader. For centre of mission evangelist, Stephen Ramshaw in Sheffield	Released. For each person in our churches to be released into their calling as a baptised follower of Jesus – at home, in work, through their relationships
11	St Leonard & St Mary Armthorpe: pray for the process of appointing a new Oversight Minister	Rejuvenated. For all those seeking to grow the church through new congregations; and for those taking a group of people to plant a church or graft new life into an existing congregation
12	St Peter & St Paul Barnby Dun: Tom Brown	For those preparing for marriage
13	Peak Pilgrimage 2024 stage 1. For a new group of pilgrims setting out to pray & meet with God as they walk	For church coffee mornings & Natter Groups & the people who find these an invaluable weekly support
14	St Oswald Kirk Sandall & Good Shepherd Edenthorpe: Tom Brown	Canon Popham Memorial CE Primary & Nursery School: Jackie Skelton & Sharon Patton
15	For the finance and property departments in their important supportive roles	For all those affected by continuing increases in food & fuel prices
16	DAC meets today: for wisdom, creativity & accuracy in all the advice they give	For church food banks, debt advice & other responses to the cost of living crisis
17	'Faith in conversations: talking about Jesus in today's culture': for Rachel Jordan Wolf coming to share with us from Talking Jesus research	Church House Heads of Department meeting
18	For Rachel Jordan Wolf & others exploring the same subject with Oversight Ministers & others to build confidence in sharing our faith	Board of Faith & Justice meeting
19	For Julian Raffay who has recently started in his role as Bishop's Advisor for Spirituality	For the ministry of spiritual accompaniers in the diocese & for a new group training at Whirlow from just after Easter
20	St Peter's Warmsworth: Ian Smith; Chris Bishop, Chris Wroot	For victims of human trafficking and modern-day slavery; for those seeking to do something about this
21	St John the Baptist, Wadworth with St Katherine, Loversall & St John the Evangelist Balby. Ian Smith, Derek Pamment	For Derek Pamment in his role as Police Chaplain, working in many places right across South Yorkshire

22	All ordinands in training & those going through the vocations process	For local government, parish councils & other bodies that make a difference in our lives at a local level
23	St George's Day: pray imaginatively for England – peoples, cultures, political leadership in an election year, its challenges & opportunities	Bishop's Council meeting today
24	Jane Truman in her work as Assistant Diocesan Director of Vocations	For peace in the Holy Land, an end to the misery in Gaza, and a lasting solution for the good of all peoples in this region
25	Mark the Evangelist. 'Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry' (2 Tim 4:11). He is one who earlier 'turned back'. Pray for those who feel they have 'messed it up' in ministry	For King Charles III and the royal family, particularly those with health concerns
26	St Mary Doncaster: Andy Thomas	For Centenary Project Worker, Becky Forrest; working with children and youth at St Mary's and beyond
27	Rotherham Minster: ecumenical prayer gathering to pray for the borough	Focus on Ukraine: for its leaders, those fighting & the many ordinary people, wounded, displaced or bereaved
28	Tim Fletcher supporting curates in their development through IME2 (initial ministerial education)	Pray for Ukraine's enemy, Russia, and its leader, Vladimir Putin that somehow their aggression might cease & their plans fail
29	Bishop's Senior Staff Team meets today (& any other points during these months): keep praying for them to keep Christ at the centre of their planning & vision	Pray for Ukraine's allies: for the UK, Europe & the USA in particular, that their support will not fail, that their friendship will prove real
30	Doncaster the Resurrection (Wheatley Park & Wheatley Hills & Intake): Adam Priestley, Philip McKenning, Tony Heppel	For Centenary Project Worker, Tracey Leigh; her role includes working with church young people but also wider community and continuing her previous links in the local school

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1	Philip & James, Apostles. That we might treasure & proclaim with fresh energy the faith they learnt at Jesus' side	Ecclesfield Deanery: Area Dean Pip Salmon & Lay Chair (John Marsden)
2	For Associate Archdeacon Transition Enabler, Mike Gilbert, as he begins his role in Ecclesfield & Hallam deaneries	Rejuvenated. Pray that more Global Majority Heritage Christians will find doors opening in their call to lay or ordained ministry
3	Christ Church, Hillsborough & Wadsley Bridge: Jim Crossley	Parson Cross CE Primary School: Julie Wright
4	St Thomas at Philadelphia: Mike Rutter, Zak Venable	Released. Pray for Seven Sacred Spaces workshops to help churches think through the link between spirituality & discipleship
5	Foundations Course. Runs today & several other Saturdays up to the summer.	For Bishop Pete: to know God's guidance & provision in his leadership at diocesan & national levels; for a fresh sense of renewal from his sabbatical studies
6	St Mary Walkley: Matthew Rhodes	St Mary's Walkley CE Primary School: Sharon Patton & Karen Miller
7	St John the Evangelist Ranmoor: Matthew Rhodes; Alison Wragg, Peter Das	As exams approach, we pray for all in our universities – students, lecturers, support staff & chaplaincy teams
8	St Mark Broomhill: Shan Rush, Beth Keith	For those who work in the Fire and Rescue Service
9	Ascension Day. '... until he was taken up into heaven' (Acts 1:2). As we pray, let's draw encouragement: Jesus prays for us, Jesus reigns, even now.	Thy Kingdom Come 9-19 May. Pray for deanery events – tonight a joint launch of TKC in Rotherham Deanery at the Minster
10	Cursillo weekend taking place 10-12 May: for new people exploring this spiritual journey & those facilitating the event	TKC. For the prayer pilgrimage in West Doncaster Deanery (provisionally this evening). In each of these, pray for the mission of the churches in each area
11	Focal Ministry learning day: that it will be useful to each one in their local church ministry	TKC. For the prayer pilgrimage in Snaith & Hatfield Deanery (today provisionally)

12	Thy Kingdom Come Evensong at Sheffield Cathedral (provisionally) to especially draw together in worship & prayer churches with a choral tradition	TKC (reflections from the Novena): the God who speaks. <i>'As we pray for our five friends today pray that, for them and us, we would hear God's word to us distinctly and definitively'</i>
13	Renewed. Pray for people to join the 2025 Prayer Community this week. It's so easy to sign up! We pray for more members to commit to pray for our diocese in this way	TKC (Novena): the God who creates. <i>'As we hold our five people before the Lord today, thank God for them and pray that their and our desire to look after God's creation will lead us to know and love the one who made it'</i>
14	Matthias, Apostle. 'He was added to the eleven apostles' (Acts 1:26). Pray for those (you might be one) who feel they have been added as a 'sub', that they might feel fully valued	TKC (Novena): the God who gives. <i>'As you continue to pray for your five friends, ask God to open more doors for you to share His word with other people so that they come to come a personal knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ'</i>
15	TKC. Deanery Prayer Pilgrimages in other deaneries, where details are not available as this goes to print	TKC (Novena): the God who listens. <i>'When we bring our five friends to him and say that we do not know how to share Jesus with them, He reminds us that he has promised to give us the words and that there is no greater sermon than a Christ-like life'</i>
16	Deanery Prayer Picnic (TKC) in Laughton Deanery by Roche Abbey	Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee
17	TKC. That these 10 days will give all of churches fresh impetus in prayer & encourage Christians to be bearers of the good news of Jesus	TKC (Novena): the God who saves. <i>'Pray that those whom you especially hold before God may come to know the joy of being welcomed to God's eternal banquet and rest in the forgiving touch of Jesus'</i>
18	Deanery prayer pilgrimages (TKC) in Wath Deanery & Doncaster Deanery	TKC. Deanery Prayer Pilgrimages today in Wath & Doncaster Deaneries
19	Pentecost. That we might experience God's renewal at our Beacon event at St John's Owlerton, with Bishop Sophie as preacher. 'He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit' (Titus 3:5)	TKC. Whit walks from churches in Rotherham Deanery to a picnic & praise in the Minster gardens Also for the national youth event for TKC with both Archbishops, being streamed live to many locations
20	St Saviour Mortomley High Green: Rick Stordy; David Whitehead	Net Zero group meets: pray for clear thinking & practical ways ahead
21	St John the Baptist, Chapelton: Rick Stordy; David Whitehead	For Haiti: check the current news but, at time of publication, it was descending into almost complete anarchy
22	Finance & Property Committee meets	Board of Education meets

23	Malcolm Chamberlain in his role as Archdeacon of Sheffield & Rotherham; for work to finalise the bid for Triennium funding	For countries where there are on-going conflicts that may have slipped from our news coverage, including Sudan, Libya & Myanmar
24	St Thomas Crookes (LEP): Tom Finnemore; Nick Lattimer, Luke Graham	For those recently bereaved
25	Christ Church Stannington: Nick Lattimer, Tom Finnemore, Alison Cook	Our partnership with the church district of Hattingen-Witten . Today we pray for: the parish of Nierenhof: Dirk Scheuermann
26	Trinity Sunday . Receive & reflect on Paul's prayer for you: 'That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better' (Eph 1:17)	Hattingen-Witten. Today we pray for: the parish of Ruedinghausen: Carsten Griese
27	St Mark Grenoside; Tim Gill	Spring Bank Holiday week: for those on holidays & for safety in travel
28	St Mary the Virgin, Ecclesfield: Tim Gill, Sam Ellmore	Others who will not be away on holiday but will be juggling child-care & work
29	LJ Buxton & the communications team: for creative content that makes an impact & for wisdom when handling sensitive subjects	For those who work in the leisure, entertainment, and hospitality sectors for whom half-term can be an important time
30	Corpus Christi . Pray for churches where people remain nervous of receiving the common cup post-Covid.	For teachers & others who work in our schools: for the pressures they face & for a genuine break this week
31	St Nicholas Bradfield: for those exploring Focal Ministry here	For those who work in the criminal justice system: solicitors, barristers, magistrates, judges & juries

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1	Snaith & Hatfield Deanery: Area Dean Tim Mitchell & Lay Chair Shaun Clarkson	Nurseries and toddler groups, including any church-run groups you know
2	For Clive Hogger, moving to become Archdeacon of Cornwall today. Pray for successful recruitment of someone to continue his role here.	For the RMM team (Resourcing Ministry & Mission), bringing together Parish Support Team & St Peter's College. Toby Hole leading this team
3	Final session of the Faith Empowered training course for lay evangelists	Lights for Christ: for Hannah Sandoval overseeing this strand of ministry
4	For our Generosity & Giving team: Libby Culmer, Luke Bunting, Paul Sheridan, Claire Stinson & Janet Daye, as they support churches	Ukraine: use the news stream to inform your prayers (this diary is produced too early to be current at this point)
5	All Saints Woodlands: Stephen Gardner	For the United Nations & General Secretary, António Guterres
6	St Laurence, Adwick-le-Street with St Michael & All Angels, Skelbrooke; Stephen Gardner	Ambulance workers & paramedics, whose work is often challenging
7	All Saints Owston & St Michael Skellow: Stephen Gardner, Jacquie Gardner	For those who work in mental health and for those who seek their help
8	Parish Safeguarding Officer Day: that this will be a real encouragement to those who perform this important role	For the 30th Anniversary Celebration of the ordination of women to the priesthood
9	For Javaid Iqbal, Archdeacon of Doncaster: that he may have the time, wisdom & encouragement to offer across the archdeaconry	Hospital chaplains in each of our hospitals: for their ministry to staff & patients
10	Bill Goodman in his role as Director for Ongoing Ministerial Development, including his work with Oversight Ministry training events	For those involved in ordination training: theological colleges, non-residential provision such as St Hild College
11	Barnabas, Apostle. 'Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul' (Acts 11:25). Pray for the grace to promote others & see their ministry grow	Bishop's Council

12	St David Airmyn; St Mary the Virgin Hook; St James Rawcliffe; Philip Ball	Hook CE Primary School: Caroline Ainley
13	St Laurence Snaith; Holy Trinity Cowick; St John the Baptist Heck & St Paul Hensall; Eleanor Robertshaw, Michael Towle, Chris Hutchinson	Cowick CE Primary School: Katherine Rawes Pollington-Balne CE Primary School: Katherine Rawes
14	Church Operations & Buildings Team: Libby Culmer, Jo Edwards, Chris Ellis, Josh Hunter & Georgina Davidson supporting churches in governance & building issues	Having prayed for church schools for two days, we pray for other local primary, secondary & special schools. If you have schools in your parish, pray for them & their staff
15	New Churchwardens' Conference: that this will bring encouragement & confidence to those in new roles	Peak Pilgrimage stage 2: for God to meet the pilgrims in the joys & challenges of the route
16	Fathers' Day. Giving thanks for good fathers but recognising this is a more difficult day for some people	For Bondo Diocese: Bishop David Kodia & Assistant Bishop Emily Onyango
17	Archdeacons' visitation services: today (Doncaster); 19 June (Rotherham); 24 June (Snaith) & 27 June (Sheffield)	For Bondo Diocese,. Giving thanks for our joint Lent course, we pray for the new cathedral & Dean George Omil
18	Finance & Property Committee. Grants Committee.	For Bondo Diocese: we continue to pray for political stability in Kenya & for a return to reliable rainy seasons
19	St Wilfrith Moorends	Renewed: planning for bishops' deanery visits later in the year & for evangelistic events as part of these. For John Hibberd leading on this
20	St Peter Askern: for the churchwardens during a vacancy & for the appointment process for an Oversight Minister	Released: for the mission support available to churches to make a practical difference. For Mark Wigglesworth leading this strand of the strategy
21	For Katie Bell, Diocesan Secretary, that she may have energy & focus for each aspect of her wide-ranging workload	Rejuvenated: for the increasing number of resourcing churches, enabling growth by giving away people & resources. For John Marsh leading this strand of ministry
22	St John the Evangelist, Goole: Hannah Patton, Peter Kay, Ben Grist	For Centenary Project Worker, Racheal Williams: setting up Sunday groups for children as well as parent & toddler groups, and involvement in schools
23	All Saints Adlingfleet; St Bartholomew Eastoft; St Margaret Swinefleet; St Mary Magdalene Whitgift:	Eastoft CE Primary School: Janine Bassingdale
24	For our resources centre (Julia Fall) and for Graham Sandersfield & Kellianne Montgomery with online resources / training	For ways to curb attacks on high profile public figures (politicians through to footballers) whether these are via social media or in person

25	Church House Heads of Department residential meeting (25-26 June)	For the work of the RNLI and coastguard
26	Mike North, Children's & Young People Advisor as he supports those working in this ministry. Also, in his focus on enabling young people to find a genuine voice in local church & diocesan life	For all those involved in adoption & fostering; children, the various agencies, prospective parents & carers
27	For the ordination retreat: that it would be a real blessing to those to be ordained this coming weekend	For the contribution of retired clergy in many parishes across the diocese
28	For Assistant Bishops Tim Ellis, Richard Blackburn, Stephen Race & Rob Munro and any ordinations with which they are particularly involved this week.	For our Diocesan Community of Evangelists, including our Lay Parish Evangelists and their warden, John Hibberd
29	St Peter & St Paul. Peter wrote (2 Pet 3:11): 'You ought to live holy and godly lives, as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.' Pray to live with this attitude in the light of eternity	Ordination of priests. The full list of those being ordained will be available nearer the time. Pray for each one, especially those you know
30	For Alex Shilkoff & Steph Mason overseeing & managing our strategic programmes, including links to the national church	Ordination of deacons. Again, names will be available by this date. Pray for each of them & any families to settle into a new home & way of life