

# Calendar of Intercessions

## July 2022

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As we enter July, we invite you to join with us in our diocesan conference prayer:

**Living God,  
in baptism you have called each one of us  
to shine as a Light for Christ in the world to your glory  
and have equipped us in the power of your Spirit;  
look with mercy on us, your people in the Diocese of Sheffield,  
bless our Conference, onsite and online,  
and as we gather around Word and Sacrament  
renew, release and rejuvenate us,  
that we may be ever more fruitful in your service,  
for the sake of Jesus the Lord.  
Amen**

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1	Hallam Deanery: Area Dean Matthew Rhodes & Lay Chair David Clark	Each time a parish comes up for prayer this month, please pray for lay leaders as well as clergy. Pray for your own now
2	For Associate Archdeacon Transition Enabler, Ian Parkinson, working across these 2 deaneries, supporting clergy and churches	<b>Ukraine.</b> We continue to pray for civilians caught up in the war zone, refugees, for the injured and bereaved. Above all, we pray for peace with justice, an end to this evil invasion
3	St John the Baptist, Owlerton: Joy French. Kirsty Massey, as she begins her curacy	Sophie Boughton, Youth & Young Adult Minister (CPW) in Owlerton and working with other paid & volunteer colleagues with children and families
4	<b>Diocesan Conference: 'Released to Shine'.</b> For those at the venue and online to have an equally good conference experience. For our Bishops, Pete & Sophie, in their roles in this important gathering. For all the informal conversations that happen when we gather	<b>Lights for Christ (receiving):</b> much of the content of our conference focuses on our lives as disciples. Pray that you might receive good things from God to renew your faith
5	<b>Diocesan Conference.</b> For all those giving input in keynote talks, workshops and leading worship, including Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, Revd Prof Jennifer Strawbridge & Prof Steve Moyise	<b>Lights for Christ (walking in):</b> ask God to help you to live (walk) as a faithful disciple of Jesus. Are there things you need to be released from or into?

6	<b>Diocesan Conference.</b> That the conference will end purposefully; as delegates reflect, they might find valuable insights to take away into their ministry	<b>Lights for Christ (reflecting):</b> pray about your witness, in words as well as deeds. Do you need rejuvenating to discover again the enthusiasm of your early faith in Jesus?
7	For our HR team, Ruth Dunlop, HR Director and Gemma Armstrong, HR advisor. That they might give good, clear advice to support employees in a wide range of roles	For refugees on the move; many more are tempted to make dangerous sea crossings in improved summer weather conditions
8	General Synod meets 8-12th. Pray for those representing our diocese	<b>Released:</b> Common Fund (CF), a vital contributor to providing parish ministry – for generous responses to the request for 2023 and for wisdom as the CF system is reviewed
9	Wadsley: Dan Brown; Jordan Betts	<b>Released:</b> for our Generous Giving team and also those who offer bookkeeping support that each might help parishes handle finance well
10	St Polycarp, Malin Bridge: Dan Brown; Beki Otieno	For Jamys Carter, Focal Minister at Malin Bridge
11	Sally Myers, Director of Focal Ministry. For her role in developing Focal Ministry, and for partnership with AATEs, PST, and others	<b>Eco Diocese:</b> for steps on the journey towards Net Zero Carbon by 2030 & for local churches working towards Eco Church awards
12	St Ceclia Parson Cross & St Bernard of Clairvaux Southey Green; St Leonard Norwood: Keith Ryder-West; Andy Poultney	DSAT (Diocesan Schools Academy Trust) meets, as schools draw close to the end of another academic year
13	Bishop's Eucharist at Church House: an opportunity for the team there to meet for worship & lunch	The safeguarding of species and biodiversity, with many species now endangered in the UK
14	St Paul's Wordsworth Avenue: Andy Poultney; Claire Welch. David Reynolds as he begins his curacy	<b>Rejuvenated:</b> we give thanks for new congregations launched in 2022 and pray for more. Pray for any that you know personally
15	St James & St Christopher Shiregreen: David Dean-Revill	<b>Rejuvenated:</b> for 'church in school' congregations, many of whom may be meeting for the final time before the summer holidays
16	We pray for our link diocese of Bondo in Kenya. Bishop David Kodia & Assistant Bishop Emily Onyango	A focus on well-being: for anyone known to you who is sick in body, mind or spirit, including those in residential care or housebound
17	Diocese of Bondo: we continue to pray for their relief work and for their continued passion for evangelism	A focus on well-being: for doctors, nurses, dentists and the many other roles within the health service
18	Crosspool, St Columba: Louise Yauil	A focus on well-being: for the continued worldwide response to Covid-19 and other potential pandemic threats
19	Christ Church, Fulwood: Paul Williams; Peter Scamman, Christopher Conn, Matthew Lawes, Stephen Rae. Rob Mullock starting his time here as curate.	Diocesan Advisory Committee & Strategic Development Fund Programme Board each meet today

20	Christ Church, Stannington: Alison Cook	Prayers using lines from our Diocesan Vision Prayer. Taking a line at a time can deepen our appreciation of the content. Today: <b>'Living God ...'</b> We ponder these words. Our God is alive, the source of life, forever
21	Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee / Finance & Property Committee each meet today	<b>'Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom ...'</b> Show me, Lord, what this means right now in my life / in the life of my church
22	Feast of Mary Magdalene, the first witness to Jesus' resurrection. For God to give us the same love for Jesus and passion to share the good news	<b>'Renew us as we make your love known ...'</b> When could I make God's love known? Where do I need renewal?
23	Diocesan Synod. For those presenting material, for decisions needing to be made, for a positive meeting of people from across the whole diocese.	<b>'Release us to share freely together in mission...'</b> What obstacles hold me back / hold back my church from engaging in mission?
24	Oughtibridge, the Ascension: Chris Tufnell	<b>'Rejuvenate us to be fruitful in your service ...'</b> Where do I long to see fruit in serving God? What might it mean for my church / our diocese to be rejuvenated?
25	The Feast of St James. For all those taking a pilgrimage this year and for places that host them along key pilgrim routes	As school holidays begin, pray for those going on holiday to be refreshed and reinvigorated. Pray too for those who cannot get away, for whatever reason
26	Lambeth Conference begins: pray for our Bishops, Pete & Sophie, as they play their part in this gathering of bishops from across the world	For Christian conferences (such as New Wine): that those who gather would 'be built up in their most holy faith' (Jude v20)
27	St Timothy & the Vine: Will Briggs; Amy Hole	<b>Renewed:</b> for Laughton & Rotherham Deaneries holding a joint prayer event: that it would draw together people from many churches & provide a pattern others could use
28	Christ Church Pitsmoor: Pip Salmon; Huw Thomas, Sara Goodman	Pye Bank CE Primary School: Mo Andrews and Rhea Kurcewicz
29	St Cuthbert, Fir Vale	Pray for all those preparing for Development Day (1 Oct), taking place in-person and online. For the tech challenges and practicalities but above all for an uplifting event
30	St Peter Ellesmere LEP: Pip Salmon	For local community leaders where you live: parish councillors and those running any kind of agency that serves local people
31	St Margaret of Scotland Brightside with St Thomas Wincobank: Phil Warman and the Focal Ministry team	Those living under oppressive regimes, remembering particularly the people of Afghanistan as Taliban rule becomes ever more repressive

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1	Tankersley Deanery: Area Dean David Hopkin & Lay Chair Martin Pearson	Each time a parish comes up for prayer this month, please pray the whole congregation and those on the fringes of joining. Pray for your own congregation now.
2	For Associate Archdeacon Transition Enabler, Julie Upton, working across this large and diverse pair of deaneries	With all the economic challenges and issues relating to oil & gas supplies, we pray that countries will not give up on commitments made at COP26 to tackle the climate emergency
3	Lambeth Conference: pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury in his role as head of the Anglican Communion and for Stephen, Archbishop of York	For foodbanks serving those in need, including those for whom the holiday period actually makes this tougher
4	St Mary Worsbrough with Holy Trinity Elsecar: Stephen Chapman	Holy Trinity Elsecar CE Primary School: Stephen Silverwood
5	St Luke's Worsbrough Common with St Thomas & St James Worsbrough: Adrian Bateman	Elise Deput, Children & Families Worker (CPW) in Worsborough, hoping to develop Messy Church, a toddler group and a children's choir
6	The transfiguration: 'A voice came from the cloud: 'This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!' (Mark 9:7). How will you 'listen to Jesus' today?	We return to reflective praying of the Diocesan Vision Prayer. Today: <b>'Give us courage, wisdom and compassion ...'</b> Which one do you need most? Are they in balance in your life?
7	Lambeth Conference: that it may end well, with unity and a focus on mission and the gospel	<b>'...strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit ...'</b> Jesus' first followers prayed 'Come Holy Spirit' and Pentecost was the outcome. Ask God for more of His Spirit in your life / your church today
8	Archdeacon Javid Iqbal; for his care of churches across Doncaster Archdeaconry and his wider responsibilities	<b>'...we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield, both flourish and grow ...'</b> Numerical growth <u>is</u> important because each person matters to God. Pray for it and ask: what would my church look like if was flourishing?
9	On Mary Sumner Day, we pray for the work of the Mothers' Union across the diocese and worldwide	<b>'...through Christ our Lord. Amen'</b> Easy to gloss over this phrase, as just a way to finish a prayer! Reflect: all ministry is through Christ, by Christ and for Christ ...

10	Church House Heads of Department meet: for good cooperative working between all departments	Holiday season: For older people who can feel isolated if many of their midweek events in church and local authorities close for the summer
11	Diocesan Registrar, Rachel Baseley	Holiday season: for those for whom this is a busy period – Coastguard, Mountain Rescue, all those involved in the hospitality & holiday industry
12	St Peter, Barnburgh with St James, Melton-on-the-Hill and St John the Baptist, Adwick-upon-Dearne; Bilham: Kathryn Herrod	All Saints Hooton Pagnell CE Primary School: Laura Carr
13	St Thomas, Kilnhurst: Andy Brewerton; Ben Shires	St Thomas, Kilnhurst CE Primary School Victoria Sherwood
14	Diocesan Finance Department	Lydia Proudman, Youth Children's & Families Worker (CPW) in Kilnhurst, running a wide range of groups and activities, which includes links with the schools
15	Feast of Mary, the mother of Jesus. Pray for one of the many St Mary's churches in the diocese, perhaps the nearest one to you	Holiday season. Pray for those for whom the long school holidays are difficult in terms of childcare, lack of free school meal provision, etc.
16	St John the Baptist, Mexborough: Ed Morrison	St John the Baptist Mexborough CE Primary School Adam Minor
17	St Margaret, Swinton: Chris Barley	Kirsty Rigg, Youth, Children's and Family Worker at Mexborough and also serving other churches across the Hickleton Chapter
18	We pray for places in our Argentina link diocese over the next 5 days: Rosario, St Bartholomew: Jonathan Bertin. Give thanks for Zoom services and pray for continued protection from Covid-19	Pray also for the country of Argentina and president Alberto Fernández
19	San Marcos, Hurlingham: Fran Lutteral. For growth in discipleship, leadership, financial stability, and new believers	<b>Renewed.</b> Giving thanks for more than 1150 members, we pray for more & for good engagement in prayer, including the autumn twin deanery events
20	San Miguel y Todos los Angeles, Martinez: Jose Luis Guelli Saavedra and the congregation, especially their plans for evangelism and serving the community	<b>Released.</b> For churches exploring Focal Ministry and the individuals who will make up Focal Ministry teams
21	Bahía Blanca, St Paul: Jorge Bontempi & Andy Lenton. For the growth of this church	<b>Rejuvenated.</b> For positive encouragement for people from minority ethnic backgrounds to explore lay or ordained ministry. And for our Young Vocations Champions, Helen Terry & Ben Tanner

22	Lomas de Zamora, Holy Trinity: Mario Ágreda. Looking to reach out to a new generation of younger believers	Initiatives to reduce carbon emissions: renewable energy development, carbon capture technology, lifestyle changes, etc.
23	St Peter Tankersley; Holy Trinity Thurgoland; St Leonard Wortley: Keith Hale	St Peter Tankersley CE Primary School: Jayne Proctor-Bain Thurgoland CE Primary School: Dale Jordan
24	For Keith Hale in his role as Rural Advisor, helping churches to thrive in the changing face of rural ministry and mission	For those who work in manufacturing
25	Denise Teal, Chaplain among deaf people. For her team in their work to make events accessible to those with hearing impairment	For prison officers
26	Our Assistant Bishops: Rod Thomas and Tony Robinson, Richard Blackburn & Tim Ellis	For churches in the diocese that are Local Ecumenical Projects
27	For Pastoral Workers in parishes across the diocese and their Warden, Karen Skidmore	Retired clergy: for the valuable ministry they continue to offer in many parishes
28	Cornerstone Partnership: St John the Evangelist Deepcar with Stocksbridge & St Mary Bolsterstone: Hilda Isaacson; Keith Crookes, Stephen Pendlebury, James Grayson	Deepcar St John's CE Primary School: Louise Jones
29	Katie Bell, our Diocesan Secretary, in her many and varied responsibilities	Clergy spouses and for Partners' Together, their network for support, fellowship & fun events
30	For Alex Shilkoff and Steph Mason providing support and oversight to facilitate the significant projects funded by the Strategic Investment Board	Alan Billings, South Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner in his role to protect vulnerable people, enable fair treatment and tackle antisocial behaviour & crime
31	Elliott Hyliger, Digital Mission Enabler: for the strategic insights he brings on online culture but also his practical help for churches to think through what they offer and why	Those who are working for justice in the world

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2	For Associate Archdeacon Transition Enabler Julie Bacon, serving in these deaneries, where there are still a several key posts to be filled	<b>Released.</b> For our Church Buildings Officers (Viv Cooling leading this work) as they help churches to address a mix of issues from maintenance to development
3	Parish Support Team: facilitating the Renewed, Released, Rejuvenated agenda as well as wider mission: Mark Wigglesworth, John Hibberd, Mike North, John Marsh, Lucy Nunn, Grant Naylor	<b>Ukraine.</b> Writing this in June, the only viable approach is to say: look at the news and pray for the situation as it stands today.
4	St James Anston: Jon Hidden; Barbara Cushing	<b>Renewed.</b> For the 2025 Prayer Community steering group and for all those who contribute the weekly Bible reflections
5	St Leonard Dinnington; especially for the appointment process for a new Oversight Minister	<b>Rejuvenated.</b> For our resourcing churches, including Rotherham Minster and St John's Goole, and those involved in church grafting; that these initiatives might bring new life
6	First BSST (Bishop's Senior Staff Team) strategy meeting of the autumn: pray for wisdom, courage & compassion in all decisions today and through the autumn	Final preparations this month for Diocesan Development Day (Sat 1 Oct): for speakers, practicalities, the online aspect, for people to sign up from a wide spread of parishes
7	St Martin Firbeck, St Peter Letwell & St George Woodsetts: the Focal Ministry team in Firbeck & Letwell (Chris, Enid & Nicky)	For all those who work in schools: teachers, caretakers, caterers, crossing patrol, admin, etc. as a new term begins
8	Archdeacon Malcolm Chamberlain in his diocesan responsibilities and his support of churches in Sheffield & Rotherham	What are your hopes (personal, work, family, church) as we enter autumn 2022?
9	Training department team: Bill Goodman, Graham Sandersfield, Kelliane Montgomery & Suzanna Schofield	For homegroups and other small groups in the diocese, meeting in-person or online; that people in them will grow more like Jesus

10	St Alban Wickersley, St James Ravenfield, St James Braithwell & St John the Baptist Hooton Roberts: Peter Hughes	St Alban's Wickersley CE Primary School: Amy Gurner
11	St Francis Bramley & St Leonard's Thrybergh: Helen Terry (curate in charge)	Thrybergh Fullerton CE Primary School: Hannah Lambert & Becky Allard
12	Sarah Beardsmore and the central team supporting Centenary Project Workers around the diocese and continuing to develop new projects	Beth Henshaw, Children & Families Worker at St Leonard's Thrybergh (CPW) working closely with two schools. Messy Church, Muddy Church and Little Lions parent & toddler group.
13	Diocesan Advisory Committee meets	<b>Receiving the light of Christ.</b> For resources to help people deepen their spiritual life, including the Soul Spark course
14	Board of Education meets	<b>Walking in the light of Christ.</b> For Hannah Sandoval leading this work and particularly the Personal Rule of Life Workshops in churches to help people to live out their faith
15	Communications team (LJ Buxton, Ben Fearn & Elliot Hyliger): for clear and effective communication, including good news stories from around local churches	<b>Reflecting the light of Christ.</b> That we might not be afraid to share our faith. Maybe a place to start is by 'praying for five' people you know to have a life-changing encounter with Jesus
16	For Tim Fletcher and others involved in IME (initial ministerial education)	Young people and adults preparing for (baptism and) confirmation
17	St Bartholomew, Maltby; St Simon and St Jude, Thurcroft:	For Mission Areas to develop well, opening up mission opportunities and a way to offer a sustainable pattern of ministry
18	Cathy Rhodes, our environment officer, as she helps us to consider how to change to live sustainably	For those who work in infrastructure and transport, as we have seen how crucial it is for this to function well
19	All Saints, Laughton-en-le-Morthen and St John the Baptist, Throapham: Mike Rajkovic	All Saints' Laughton CE Primary School: Jenny Birks
20	For our safeguarding team, giving thanks for all the valuable training they deliver & for the past cases review	For the USA and President Joe Biden. Look up US news and pray for the issues that stand out to you
21	Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee meeting today	For our own political leaders, particularly praying for integrity, without which trust is eroded
22	Diocesan Mission & Pastoral Committee / Finance & Property Committee each meet today	Strategic Development Fund (SDF) programme board meets to review several key projects running across the diocese
23	St James Clifton & St Mary Magdalene, Whiston: Karen Skidmore, Toby Gibbons	Lucy Lucock, Children & Families Worker (CPW) in Whiston & Herringthorpe, working with uniformed organisations, toddler groups, all-age worship & a mums' group
24	St Cuthbert, Herringthorpe: Karen Skidmore, Toby Gibbons	Possible mini-mission weekend in Bentley: pray that plans fall into place and are fruitful



25	In our link with Hattingen-Witten, we pray today for the parish of Welper-Blankenstein: Uwe Crone, Annette Krueger and Birgit Crone	Human trafficking / modern-day slavery; for victims and also for those who care for them and who challenge this immoral practice
26	Hattingen-Witten. We pray for the parish of Winz-Baak: Bodo Steinhauer and Birgit Crone	For efforts to bring under control inflation and fuel costs, which seem always to impact most on the poor
27	Provisional open day for clergy to come & explore Sheffield Diocese: giving thanks that the day in May attracted ca. 20 people, we pray for God to call people to today's event	For universities & other places of higher education: for a year without interruptions. For those just starting out as students to settle well
28	Director of Vocations and Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Dan Christian: that he might guide those applying for and navigating ordination training	Theological colleges and local training schemes as they begin a new academic year
29	For all those who work as church administrators: pray especially for any known to you	For those who contribute ideas through the creative arts and for Christians among them
30	Any last-minute preparations for Development Day (tomorrow)	United Nations and Secretary General António Guterres