

Intercession List for April 2025

Please pray for:

David, Bishop of Manchester

Mark, Bishop of Middleton

Matthew, Bishop of Bolton

Archdeacon of Manchester: Karen Best

Archdeacon of Salford and Bolton; Rachel Mann

Archdeacon of Rochdale: Karen Smeeton

The Dean of Manchester: Rogers Govender

Stephen, Bishop of Beverley

Rob, Bishop of Ebbsfleet

Also:

Our companion Link Dioceses of:

Namibia, the clergy and people, together with their bishop, the Rt Revd Patrick Djuulume.

Lahore, the clergy and people, together with their bishop, the Rt Revd Nadeem Kamran.

Our partnership with the Diocese of Tampere, Finland, (Porvoo Communion) the clergy and people together with their bishop, the Rt Revd Matti Repo.

Our historic friendship with the Diocese of Melbourne, Australia, the clergy and people, together with their bishop, the Most Revd Philip Freier and the regional bishops.

Note: entries marked (Porvoo) are taken from 'The Porvoo Churches Invitation to Prayer'.

Entries marked (ACP) are taken from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

Parishes are prayed for daily in the Cathedral at Evening Prayer, and by the Bishop's Leadership Team, using this list. Clergy and parishioners are welcome to attend the cathedral on any day, and especially when their parish or benefice is remembered.

- 1 Tue *Frederick Denison Maurice, priest, teacher of the faith, 1872*
Stalybridge, St George
Rev Denise Owen
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Masasi - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- 2 Wed Belfield, St Ann
Rev Duke O'Baka-Torto; Rev Gill Barnett
Reader: Wendy Cocks
Pray for their mission and ministry to Belfield especially with Hope Community, that they will seek to reveal God's presence in their community.
ACP: The Diocese of Maseno East - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- 3 Thu Castleton, St Martin
Rev Sydwell Isaac
St Edward's CE Primary School, Castleton
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Maseno North - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- 4 Fri Dearnley, Wardle and Smallbridge
Rev Rachel Battershell
St Andrew's CE Primary School, Dearnley; St James' CE Primary School, Wardle
Pray for the families within their community, especially those attending family worship and their toddler group. Pray they head the good news, become disciples and know the unconditional love of God.
ACP: The Diocese of Maseno South - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- 5 Sat Emmanuel Theological College
Pray for tutors, staff and students.
ACP: The Diocese of Maseno West - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- 6 Sun **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Porvoo: Church of Sweden: Diocese of Uppsala, Archbishop Martin Modéus, Bishop Karin Johannesson; Church in Wales: Diocese of Llandaff, Bishop Mary Stallard
ACP: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

- 7 Mon Deeplish and Newbold
Rev Natty Gray; Rev Pamela Parr; Rev Darren Quinlan; Rev Anne Gilbert
Reader: Susan Horobin
St Peter's CE Primary School, Rochdale
Give thanks for the links already made, and pray for the growth of interfaith co-operation and understanding within their parish.
Tampere Link Diocese.
ACP: The Diocese of Masindi-Kitara - The Church of the Province of Uganda
- 8 Tue Hamer and Healey
Rev Duke O'Baka-Torto; Rev Gill Barnett
Reader: Debs Crossland
All Saints CE Primary School (Hamer)
Give thanks for the enthusiasm and energy of the congregations as they seek to worship God in serving the community, especially in schools work.
ACP: The Diocese of Massachusetts - The Episcopal Church
- 9 Wed *Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor, martyr, 1945*
Heywood, St James
Rev Sally Robinson
Holy Family RC/CE College
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Western Massachusetts - The Episcopal Church
- 10 Thu William Law, priest, spiritual writer, 1761; *William of Ockham, friar, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1347*
HMP Buckley Hall
ACP: The Diocese of Masvingo - The Church of the Province of Central Africa
- 11 Fri *George Selwyn, bishop, 1878*
Heywood, St John and St Luke
Rev Kirsten Stott; Rev Kirsty Screeton
Reader: Max Robinson
St Luke's CE Primary School, Heywood
Give thanks for the opportunities to develop fellowship times, and pray for their continued outreach work in their local community.
ACP: The Diocese of Matabeleland - The Church of the Province of Central Africa
- 12 Sat Heywood, St Margaret and Heap Bridge, St George
Rev Sally Robinson
St Margaret's CE Primary School, Heywood
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Matana - The Anglican Church of Burundi
- 13 Sun **Palm Sunday**
Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Derby, Bishop Libby Lane, Bishop Malcolm Macnaughton;
Church of Ireland: Diocese of Clogher, Bishop Ian Ellis; Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark:
Diocese of Aalborg, Bishop Thomas Reinholdt Rasmussen
ACP: The Church of England
- 14 Mon Kirkholt, St Thomas
Vacant
Pray for this benefice.
Namibia Link Diocese.
ACP: The Diocese of Matlosane - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- 15 Tue Springhill Hospice
Revd Michele Ryan
ACP: The Diocese of Mauritius - The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
- 16 Wed Langley
Rev Scott Richardson
Pray for their buildings, that they may receive vital financial and practical support to maintain them.
ACP: The Diocese of Mbaise - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

- 17 Thu **Maundy Thursday**
Littleborough
Vacant
Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Littleborough; Stansfield Hall CE/Free Church Primary School
Pray for the timely appointment of a new priest who can minister to their differing traditions and who can help to grow the benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Mbale - The Church of the Province of Uganda
- 18 Fri **Good Friday**
ACP: The Diocese of North Mbale - The Church of the Province of Uganda
- 19 Sat **Easter Eve**
ACP: The Diocese of Mbamili - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 20 Sun **Easter Day**
Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Blackburn, Bishop Philip North, Bishop Jill Duff, Bishop Joseph Kennedy; Scottish Episcopal Church: Diocese of Brechin, Bishop Andrew Swift; The Lutheran Church in Great Britain: Bishop Paulina Hlawiczka-Trotman
ACP: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui
- 21 Mon Middleton and Thornham
Rev David Brooks; Rev Peter Demain; Rev Karen Hamnett; Rev Alison Bailie
Middleton Parish Church School; St Anne's Academy; St John's CE Primary School, Thornham
Pray for wisdom and vision as they develop reordering plans for both of their churches.
Lahore Link Diocese: Pray for the meeting of the South Asian Forum, for all the participants, discussions and decisions that will take place.
ACP: The Diocese of Mbeere - The Anglican Church of Kenya
- 22 Tue Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust
Rev Annie McMullen; Rev Giselle Rusted
ACP: The Diocese of Mbashe - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- 23 Wed **George, martyr, patron of England, c. 304**
Milnrow and New Hey
Rev Neil McClure; Rev Janet Pitman
Milnrow Parish CE Primary School; St Thomas CE Primary School, Newhey
Pray that the reorganisation will make them better able to support the community's needs, and that their plans for Forest Church will be blessed.
ACP: The Diocese of Meath and Kildare - The Church of Ireland
- 24 Thu Norden, St Paul with Ashworth, St James and Bamford, St Michael
Rev Kirsten Rutherford; Rev Jason Powell
St Michael's CE Primary School, Bamford
Give thanks for the families who enrich their community, and for those sharing the faith through art and eco church.
ACP: The Diocese of Medak - The Church of South India (United)
- 25 Fri **Mark the Evangelist**
Rochdale, St Chad, St Mary and St Edmund
Rev Natty Gray; Rev Pamela Parr; Rev Darren Quinlan; Rev Maryam Razavi Mehr; Rev Anne Gilbert
Reader: Susan Horobin
Pray for this benefice.
ACP: The Diocese of Central Melanesia - The Anglican Church of Melanesia
- 26 Sat Nelson Street
Rev Canon Janie Cronin; Rev Georgina Sitrling
Pray for the 'Hope Has A Name' outreach initiative, involving 30+ churches from different denominations and traditions, that, through it, many people will want to learn more about Jesus.
ACP: The Diocese of Melbourne - The Anglican Church of Australia

27 Sun **Second Sunday of Easter**

Porvoo: Church of Sweden: Diocese of Gothenburg, Bishop Susanne Rappmann; Scottish Episcopal Church: Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway, vacancy
ACP: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

28 Mon **Spotland, St Clement and Oakenrod, St George**
Rev Sylvia Barron

Pray for this benefice.

ACP: The Diocese of Meridional - Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

29 Tue **Sudden, St Aidan and Heywood, All Souls**
Rev Sydwell Isaac

All Souls CE Primary School, Heywood

Pray for this benefice.

ACP: The Diocese of Meru - The Anglican Church of Kenya

30 Wed *Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator, 1922*

Tonge, Rhodes and Alkington

Rev Jane Hyde; Rev Jennifer Beaumont

Little Heaton CE Primary School; St Michael's CE Primary School, Alkington

Pray for this benefice.

ACP: The Diocese of México - La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico