

Intercession List for December 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-elect, Rt Revd Ric Thorpe.

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 Mon **Andrew the Apostle**

Failsworth, St John

Rev Aysha St Giles

St John's CE Primary School, Failsworth

Giving thanks for their new West End Community Space and the exciting possibilities for service, mission and ministry this brings to their parish.

ACP: The Diocese of Ruaha - The Anglican Church of Tanzania

2 Tue Glodwick, St Mark with Christ Church

Vacant

Pray for this Benefice

ACP: The Diocese of Rumbek - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

3 Wed *Francis Xavier, missionary, 1552*

Haughton Green, St Mary the Virgin

Vacant

Pray for this Benefice

ACP: The Diocese of Rumonge - The Anglican Church of Burundi

4 Thu *John of Damascus, monk, teacher of faith, c.749; Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637*

Haughton, St Anne

Vacant

Pray for this Benefice

ACP: The Diocese of Rupert's Land - The Anglican Church of Canada

5 Fri Hey, St John the Baptist

Rev Kirsten Stott

Hey With Zion CE/Methodist Primary School

Pray for Laugh 'n' Learn Day care, (set within the church building), Hey with Zion Primary school, all childcare providers and Residential Care Homes. All businesses within the parish.

ACP: The Diocese of Rutana - The Anglican Church of Burundi

- 6 Sat *Nicholas, bishop, c. 326*
 Heyside and Royton
 Rev Liz Devall; Rev Cait Walker
 St Anne's CE Primary School, Royton
Pray for this Benefice
 ACP: The Diocese of Ruvuma - The Anglican Church of Tanzania
- 7 Sun **Second Sunday of Advent**
 Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Chester, Bishop Mark Tanner, Bishop Julie Conalty, Bishop Sam Corley; Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Kuopio, Bishop Jari Jolkkonen
 ACP: The Church of Bangladesh
- 8 Mon Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 High Crompton and Thornham
 Rev Matt Sanderson; Rev Dean Stott;
 St Mary's CE Primary School, High Crompton; Thornham St James' CE Primary School, Thornham
Lord, bless their Mission Community this advent. Strengthen clergy and volunteers with hope, wisdom and compassion as they serve, guide and welcome all.
 Pray for our Link Diocese - Diocese of Lahore
 ACP: The Diocese of Ruwenzori - The Church of the Province of Uganda
- 9 Tue Penniecare NHS Foundation Trust
 Rev Giselle Rusted; Rev Annie McMillen;
 ACP: The Diocese of East Ruwenzori - The Church of the Province of Uganda
- 10 Wed *Ember Day*
 Middleton and Thornham
 Rev Alison Bailie; Rev David Brooks; Rev Peter Demain; Rev Karen Hamnett
 Middleton Parish Church School; St Anne's Academy; St John's CE Primary School, Thornham
Give thanks for the completion of the new meeting-room at St John's, and ask for God's guidance as they consider reordering plans for St Leonard's.
 ACP: The Diocese of South Rwenzori - The Church of the Province of Uganda
- 11 Thu Milnrow and New Hey
 Rev Neil McClure; Rev Janet Pitman
 Milnrow Parish CE Primary School; St Thomas CE Primary School, Newhey
Pray for this Benefice
 ACP: The Diocese of Sabah - Church of the Province of South East Asia
- 12 Fri *Ember Day*
 Norden, St Paul with Ashworth, St James and Bamford, St Michael
 Rev Jason Powell; Rev Kirsten Rutherford
 St Michael's CE Primary School, Bamford
Give thanks for the new vision of hope developing in the benefice.
 ACP: The Diocese of Sabongidda-Ora - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- 13 Sat *Lucy, martyr, 304; Samuel Johnson, moralist, 1784; Ember Day*
 Rochdale, St Chad, St Mary and St Edmund
 Rev Natty Gray; Rev Pamela Parr;
Pray for this Benefice
 ACP: The Sacred Circle - The Anglican Church of Canada
- 14 Sun **Third Sunday of Advent**
 Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, Bishop Paul Williams, Bishop Andy Emerton; Church of Norway: Diocese of Borg, Bishop Kari Mangrud Alfsvåg
 ACP: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
- 15 Mon Spotland, St Clement and Oakenrod, St George
 Vacant
Pray for this Benefice
 Pray for our Link Diocese - Diocese of Namibia
 ACP: The Diocese of Saint Helena - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

- 16 Tue Sudden, St Aidan and Heywood, All Souls
Rev Sydwel Isaac
All Souls CE Primary School, Heywood
Pray for the congregation of St Aidan's as well as the community of Sudden, that they may have a sense of God's love in the coming festive season and beyond.
ACP: The Diocese of Saint Mark the Evangelist - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- 17 Wed *Eglantyne Jebb, social reformer, founder of 'Save The Children', 1928*
Tonge, Rhodes and Alkrington
Rev Jennifer Beaumont; Rev Jane Hyde
Little Heaton CE Primary School; St Michael's CE Primary School, Alkrington
Give thanks for those who prepare the way with quiet kindness, and pray for courage for all to keep watch in the waiting.
ACP: The Diocese of Saldanha Bay - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
- 18 Thu Springhill Hospice Rochdale
Rev Michele Ryan
ACP: The Diocese of Salisbury - The Church of England
- 19 Fri Nelson Street
Rev Canon Janie Cronin; Rev Georgina Stirling
ACP: The Diocese of El Salvador - Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America
- 20 Sat Astley, Tyldesley and Mosley Common
Rev Deborah Clarke; Rev Cath Eccles;
Reader: Shane Hopkins
St George's Central CE Primary School, Tyldesley; St John's CE Primary School, Mosley Common; St Stephen's CE Primary School, Astley
Pray for this Benefice
ACP: The Diocese of Sambalpur - The Church of North India (United)
- 21 Sun **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
Porvoo: Church of Norway: Diocese of Oslo, Bishop Kari Veiteberg; Church of England: Diocese of Durham, vacancy – bishop of Durham, Bishop Sarah Clark (acting bishop); Scottish Episcopal Church: Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, Bishop Mark Strange (Primus)
ACP: The Anglican Church of Burundi
- 22 Mon Atherton and Hindsford with Howe Bridge
Rev Andrew Oatley;
Hindsford CE Primary School, Atherton; St George's CE Primary School, Atherton; St Michael's CE Primary School, Howe Bridge; St Philip's CE Primary School, Atherton
Pray for their new Incumbent arriving in January, and pray for the new families in the benefice.
Pray for our Link Diocese - Diocese of Tampere
ACP: The Diocese of Santiago (Chile) - Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
- 23 Tue Barton with Peel Green and Winton
Rev Ian Hall
Godfrey Ermen Memorial CE Primary School; Salford City Academy
Pray for this Benefice
ACP: The Diocese of Santiago (Philippines) - The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
- 24 Wed **Christmas Eve**
Bedford, St Thomas
Rev Fr Warren Mitchell;
St Thomas CE Primary School, Leigh
Pray for this Benefice
ACP: The Diocese of São Paulo - Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
- 25 Thu **Christmas Day**
ACP: The Diocese of Sapele - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

- 26 Fri ***Stephen, deacon, first martyr***
 Broughton
 Rev Christine Threlfall
Pray for this Benefice
 ACP: The Diocese of Saskatchewan - The Anglican Church of Canada
- 27 Sat ***John, Apostle and Evangelist***
 Cadishead, St Mary the Virgin
 Rev Michele Evans; Rev Rob Jackson
 St Mary's CE Primary School, Cadishead
Pray for the church as they reach out to share the love of God with families in their community through worship and social engagement.
 ACP: The Diocese of Saskatoon - The Anglican Church of Canada
- 28 Sun ***The Holy Innocents***
First Sunday of Christmas
 Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Chichester, Bishop Martin Warner, Bishop Ruth Bushyager, Bishop Will Hazlewood; Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Mikkeli, Bishop Mari Parkkinen
 ACP: The Anglican Church of Canada
- 29 Mon ***Thomas Becket, archbishop, martyr, 1170***
The Holy Innocents
 St Ann's Hospice, Little Hulton
 ACP: The Diocese of Sebei - The Church of the Province of Uganda
- 30 Tue Eccles
 Rev Susanna Hewitt; Rev Jez Wisdom
 Reader: Elaine Walton
 Christ Church Patricroft CE Primary School; St Andrew's CE Primary School, Eccles
Pray for their outreach and schools ministry throughout Advent, especially as people are invited to explore the Christian faith in the New Year.
 ACP: The Diocese of Sekondi - The Church of the Province of West Africa
- 31 Wed ***John Wyclif, reformer, 1384***
 Antioch Network
 Rev Dan Cook; Rev John Brett
 ACP: The Diocese of Seoul - The Anglican Church of Korea