

Intercession List for April 2026

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 (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.

Wed 1 Stretford, St Matthew

Rev Canon Kate Burgess; Rev Simon Schofield

St Matthew's CE Primary School, Stretford

As Stretford Town Centre is redeveloped, bringing change to the community and reorganisation of shops and businesses, pray that St Matthew's may continue to bring the light of Christ to all.

ACP: The Diocese of Victoria Nyanza - The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Thur 2 **Maundy Thursday**

West Didsbury, Christ Church and Withington, St Christopher

Rev Ann Meadowcroft; Rev Tom Phipps

Pray for them as they welcome children from their local schools into their Church for Experience Easter.

ACP: The Diocese of Virgin Islands - The Episcopal Church

Fri 3 **Good Friday**

Whalley Range, St Margaret

Rev Ian Harvey; Rev Elizabeth Roney; Rev Tom Studman

St Margaret's CE Primary School, Whalley Range

Lord, bless St Margaret's—whose foundation was laid by Bishop James Prince Lee in 1848. Through arts and creativity, deepen their engagement with the local community and nurture shared life.

ACP: The Diocese of Virginia - The Episcopal Church

Sat 4 **Easter Eve**

Christie, Withington

ACP: The Diocese of Southern Virginia - The Episcopal Church

- Sun 5 **Easter Sunday**
ACP: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico
- Mon 6 Withington, St Crispin
 Rev Richard Hume
We give thanks for their small and dedicated congregation and pray for an increase in both adults and children.
 Pray for Link Diocese of Namibia
ACP: The Diocese of Southwestern Virginia - The Episcopal Church
- Tue 7 Withington, St Paul
 Rev Cate Allison; Rev Josh Gaskell;
 St Paul's CE Primary School, Withington
Pray for the continuing growth of their ministry with children and young people, especially Wiggle Worship and Choir Club.
ACP: The Diocese of West Virginia - The Episcopal Church
- Wed 8 Francis House Hospice
ACP: The Diocese of Wad Medani - Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
- Thur 9 Wythenshawe
 Rev Andy Bird; Rev Beth Bird; Rev Ian Fellows; Rev Dr Caroline Hewitt; Rev Gary Miller;
 Reader: Abby Ogier
Thank God for new disciples and new vocations at St Luke's; pray for them to proclaim the gospel boldly with the people they meet and serve across the Team.
ACP: The Diocese of Waiapu - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- Fri 10 Manchester Airport
 Rev Canon George Lane, Rev David Twomey
ACP: The Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- Sat 11 Astley Bridge, St Paul
 Vacant
 St Paul's CE Primary School, Astley Bridge
Pray for this Benefice
ACP: Te Pihopatanga o Te Waipounamu - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- Sun 12 **Second Sunday of Easter**
ACP: Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola
- Mon 13 Blackrod, Daisy Hill, Westhoughton and Wingates
 Rev Carol Pharaoh; Rev Dr Malcolm Wearing; Rev Angela Wynne;
 Reader: Alisdair Cole
 Blackrod Anglican/Methodist Primary School; St Bartholomew's CE Primary School, Westhoughton; St George's CE Primary School, Westhoughton; St James' CE Primary School, Daisy Hill; St Thomas CE Primary School, Chequerbent
Pray for their Team Youth Church 'Ignite Youth', that their young people will grow in their faith and the group will continue to flourish. Pray for their volunteers that they may be encouraged and not grow weary
 Pray for Link Diocese of Tampere
ACP: The Diocese of Wandi - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

- Tue 14 Bolton le Moors, St Bede
 Rev Sweetline Burnell; Rev Canon Vinny Whitworth
 Reader: Tony Whitehead
 St Bede's CE Primary Academy
Pray for them as they continue to work on plans for their Reordering Projectas as they seek to expand their community facilities.
ACP: The Diocese of Wangaratta - The Anglican Church of Australia
- Wed 15 Bolton le Moors, St Peter with St Philip
 Rev Canon Simon Cook; Rev Hannah Lane; Rev Canon Prof Kenneth Newport; Rev Michaila Roberts
 Bishop Bridgeman CE Primary School; Bolton Parish CE Primary School
Prayers for their renewed vision to be a gathering, growing and generous parish.
ACP: The Diocese of Wanglei - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- Thur 16 *Isabella Gilmore, deaconess, 1923*
 Clifton
 Vacant
Pray for this Benefice
ACP: The Diocese of Wanyjok - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- Fri 17 Deane
 Rev Sweetline Burnell; Rev Beccy Clark; Rev Canon Dr Terry Clark; Rev Canon Vinny Whitworth
 St Andrew's CE Primary School, Over Hulton; St Mary's CE Primary School, Deane
Pray for this Benefice
ACP: The Diocese of Warri - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- Sat 18 Bolton Hospice
ACP: The Diocese of Washington - The Episcopal Church
- Sun 19 **Third Sunday of Easter**
ACP: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)
- Mon 20 Farnworth, Kearsley and Stoneclough
 Rev Stephen Nolan
 All Saints CE Primary School, Farnworth; St John's CE Primary School, Kearsley; St Peter's CE Primary School, Farnworth; St Saviour CE Primary School, Ringley; St Stephen's CE Primary School, Kearsley
Pray for this Benefice
 Pray for Link Diocese of Lahore
ACP: The Diocese of Wau - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- Tue 21 *Anselm, abbot, archbishop, teacher of the faith, 1109*
 Halliwell, St Peter
 Rev Josh Openshaw; Rev Alan Saunders
 Readers: David Cieszynski; Nicky Manwaring
 St Peter's Smithills Dean CE Primary School
Pray for this Benefice
ACP: The Diocese of Wellington - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
- Wed 22 Harwood, Christ's Church
 Rev Adrienne Morgan;
 Bolton St Catherine's Academy
Give thanks for progress in finding a new incumbent for their Parish. Pray the one called by God answers the call.
ACP: The Diocese of Wernyol - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

- Thur 23 *George, martyr, patron of England, c. 304*
 Heaton, Christ Church with Halliwell, St Margaret
 Rev Deborah Bithell; Rev Matthew Burnell; Rev Dave Thompson
Give thanks for all the children and young people who contribute so well to the worshipping life of the Benefice and pray for those who lead, care and protect them.
ACP: The Diocese of Wiauso - The Church of the Province of West Africa
- Fri 24 *Mellitus, bishop, 624; Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 2003*
 Horwich and Rivington
 Rev Nicola Butterworth; Rev Nicola Gillard; Rev Peter Harley
 Horwich Parish CE Primary School; St Catherine's CE Primary School
Pray for their two church primary schools who are preparing for Ofsted.
ACP: The Diocese of Willochra - The Anglican Church of Australia
- Sat 25 **Mark the Evangelist**
 Leverhulme
 Rev Viv Masters
 St Stephen & All Martyrs CE Primary School
Pray for St James, Brightmet: for their building works, schools, the families they serve, their Free Fun Days, Freezer Bank, and wise signposting with their new group for neighbours for whom English is not their first language.
ACP: The Diocese of Winchester - The Church of England
- Sun 26 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**
ACP: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- Mon 27 *Christina Rossetti, poet, 1894*
 Little Lever, St Matthew
 Rev Tony Davies; Rev Robert Eloff;
 St Matthew's CE Primary School, Little Lever
We give thanks for growth in their parish, its mission, and the hundreds of children and young families who worship with them each week.
ACP: The Diocese of Windward Islands - The Church in the Province of the West Indies
- Tue 28 *Peter Chanel, missionary, martyr, 1841*
 Lostock, St Thomas and St John
 Rev Canon Dr Terry Clark
Pray for this Benefice
ACP: The Diocese of Wondurba - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- Wed 29 *Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith, 1380*
 Royal Bolton Hospital
 Rev Canon Catherine Binns, Rev Daniel Langdon-Griffiths
ACP: The Diocese of Worcester - The Church of England
- Thur 30 *Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator, 1922*
 Seven Saints, New Bury with Great Lever
 Rev Andy Jones;
 SS Simon and Jude CE Primary Academy; St James' CE Primary School, Farnworth; St Michael's CE Primary School, Great Lever
Pray for this Benefice
ACP: The Diocese of Wulu - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan