

Intercession List for May 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.

Fri 1 **Philip and James, Apostles**

Tonge Moor, St Augustine

Rev Robert Eloff

Pray for this Benefice

ACP: The Diocese of Wusasa - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Sat 2 *Athanasius, bishop, teacher of the faith, 373*

Turton Moorland Ministry

Rev Jan Bennett; Rev Marcus Bulcock; Rev Angie Foster; Rev Ian Hepburn;

Reader: Angela Byrne

Canon Slade CE School; St Maxentius CE Primary School; Turton and Edgworth CE

Methodist Primary; Walmsley CE Primary School

Give thanks for the people in their community who have supported their four parishes this last year. Pray for both people and buildings to be beacons of the light of God's love in this place.

ACP: The Diocese of Wyoming - The Episcopal Church

Sun 3 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

ACP: The Church of North India (United)

- Mon 4 *English saints and martyrs of the Reformation Era*
 West Bolton
 Rev Fayaz Adman; Rev Stephen Hamer; Rev Margaret Irwin; Rev Canon Rodger Petch;
 Reader: Lizzie Bomber
 St Matthew's CE Primary School, Bolton; St Thomas CE Primary School, Halliwell
 Prayer for their Lay Chair, PCC and congregations as they continue in their third year of vacancy and face closure of one of their church buildings.
 Pray for our Link Diocese of Lahore
ACP: The Diocese of Yambio - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- Tue 5 University of Bolton
ACP: The Diocese of Yangon - The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)
- Wed 6 Ainsworth, Christ Church
 Rev Debra Johnstone; Rev Prof Bob May;
 Christ Church Ainsworth CE Primary School
 Giving thanks for all that is being achieved during this time of interregnum; praying for wisdom & inspiration as they explore new opportunities for mission within the parish.
ACP: The Diocese of Yei - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- Thur 7 Bircle, St John the Baptist
 Rev Janet Lyssejko
 Thankful prayers for their church, congregation, neighbours and community. May they continue to grow together in grace, love, peace and joy.
ACP: The Diocese of Yeri - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- Fri 8 *Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer, c. 1417*
 Bury, Roch Valley
 Rev Abby Latham-Holt; Rev Canon Donna Williams;
 Holy Trinity CE Primary School, Bury; St Luke's CE Primary School, Bury; St Peter's CE Primary School, Bury; St Thomas' CE Primary School, Bury
 Pray for this Benefice
ACP: The Diocese of Yewa - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
- Sat 9 Bury, St Mary the Virgin
 Rev Sheila Beattie; Rev Craig Giles; Rev Julian Heaton
 Pray for this Benefice
ACP: The Diocese of Yirrol - Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
- Sun 10 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**
ACP: The Church of Pakistan (United)
- Mon 11 Rogation Day
 Bury, St Paul
 Rev Sheila Beattie; Rev Craig Giles; Rev Julian Heaton
 St Paul's CE Primary School, Bury
 Pray for this Benefice
 Pray for our Link Diocese of Namibia
ACP: The Diocese of Yokohama - The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Tue 12 *Rogation Day; Gregory Dix, priest, monk, scholar, 1952*

Bury, Walmersley Road

Rev Harvie Nicol

Reader: Ian Banks

St John with St Mark CE Primary School, Bury

Pray that they may connect with new families moving into the community in both parishes, and for growth of Campfire Church and engagement with children.

ACP: The Diocese of Yola - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wed 13 *Rogation Day*

Bury Hospice

ACP: The Diocese of York - The Church of England

Thur 14 **Ascension Day**

Elton, St Stephen

Rev Sam Eccleston; Rev Ellise O'Hara

St Stephen's CE Primary School, Elton

Thanksgiving for their Sunday school and its leaders.

ACP: The Diocese of New York - The Episcopal Church

Fri 15 **Matthias the Apostle**

Hillock and Unsworth

Rev Jason Lawton; Rev Michele Ryan

Give thanks for the children and adults that are soon to be confirmed and pray for growth in the coming year.

ACP: The Diocese of Western New York - The Episcopal Church

Sat 16 *Caroline Chisholm, social reformer, 1877*

Holcombe and Hawkshaw

Rev Vic Fletcher;

Reader: Ethel Houghton

Emmanuel Holcombe CE Primary School; St Mary's CE Primary School, Hawkshaw

Pray for this Benefice

ACP: The Diocese of Ysabel - The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Sun 17 **Seventh Sunday of Easter; Sunday after Ascension Day**

ACP: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Mon 18 Kersal Moor, St Paul

Rev Mike Dyson; Rev Hilary Shedlock; Rev Andy Smith;

St Paul's CE Primary School, Kersal

Pray for this benefice as they seek for a new Rector. Bless the one who will come to serve and grant them open hearts to receive their ministry.

Pray for our Link Diocese of Tampere

ACP: The Diocese of Yukon - The Anglican Church of Canada

Tue 19 *Dunstan, archbishop, monastic reformer, 988*

Kirklees Valley

Rev Sam Eccleston;

Pray for this Benefice

ACP: The Diocese of Zaki-Biam - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wed 20 *Alcuin, deacon, abbot, 804*

University of Salford

ACP: The Missionary Diocese of Zambezia - Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Thur 21 *Helena, protector of the Holy Places, 330*

Prestwich, St Gabriel

Rev Canon Steve Williams

Pray for this Benefice

ACP: The Diocese of Central Zambia - The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Fri 22 Prestwich, St Hilda

Revd Simon Sayer

St Hilda's CE Primary School, Prestwich

Give thanks for the appointment of a priest for the parish, and for the growing links with St Hilda's Church School and their ministry to children and families in their Family Church community.

ACP: The Diocese of Eastern Zambia - The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Sat 23 Prestwich, St Margaret

Rev Christine Hardy; Rev Helen Tyler; Rev Sue Walker; Rev Canon Steve Williams;
St Margaret's CE Primary School, Prestwich

Pray for this Benefice

ACP: The Diocese of Northern Zambia - The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Sun 24 **Pentecost; Whit Sunday**

ACP: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Mon 25 *The Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian, 735; Aldhelm, bishop, 709*

Prestwich, St Mary

Rev Carole Barnet; Rev David Cooper; Rev Paula Holmes-Patel

St Mary's CE Primary School, Prestwich

Pray for their partnership with St Mary's Primary School, for local children and families, and especially Pre-School Praise which meets every Tuesday morning.

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

Tue 26 *Augustine, archbishop, 605; John Calvin, reformer, 1564; Philip Neri, founder of the Oratorians, spiritual guide, 1595*

St John House

ACP: The Diocese of Zaria - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wed 27 Radcliffe

Rev Adele McKie; Rev Marie Pattison; Rev Irene Thirkell;

Reader: Steve Mawhinney

Radcliffe Hall CE Methodist Primary School; St John's CE Primary School, Radcliffe

Pray for this Benefice

ACP: The Diocese of Central Zimbabwe - The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Thur 28 *Lanfranc, monk, archbishop, scholar, 1089*

Radcliffe, St Andrew

Rev Steph Mawhinney

Readers: Sue Hampson; Jane Mann; Mike Vine

St Andrew's CE Primary School, Radcliffe

Pray for God's guidance as we explore ways to serve the local community.

ACP: The Diocese of Ziwa Rukwa - The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Fri 29 Ramsbottom and Edenfield
Rev Ian Fleming; Rev Lesley Stear
Edenfield CE Primary School; St Andrew's CE Primary School, Ramsbottom
Pray for this Benefice
ACP: The Diocese of Zonkwa - The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Sat 30 *Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906; Joan of Arc, visionary, 1431; Apolo
Kivebulaya, priest, evangelist, 1933*
Rossendale Hospice
ACP: The Diocese of Zululand - The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Sun 31 **Trinity Sunday**
ACP: Eglise Anglicane du RwandaRadcliffe