

Diocese of Leicester

PRAYER DIARY

September - December
2026



Welcome to the new edition of the Diocese of Leicester Prayer Diary for September to December 2026.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Philippians 4:6-7

Key:

Italics: Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

‘EPC’: Ecumenical Prayer Cycle from the World Council of Churches (each Monday).

Bold Type: Principal Feasts, Holy Days, Festivals, Lesser Festivals and Commemorations from the Common Worship Lectionary.

Parish ministers are identified as follows:

C = Clergy, GFM = Growing Faith Minister, R = Reader, PA = Pastoral Assistant, Pio = Pioneer Minister, AM = Associate Minister, Evng = Evangelist, PTO = Permission to Officiate.

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September

Tues 1 Sept	Giles, hermit, c.710	
	Deanery of North West Leicestershire Area Dean: Darren Walker Lay Chair: Noreen Mewies.	
		<i>Belize (West Indies)</i>
Weds 2 Sept	Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942	
	PTOs Deanery of North West Leicestershire: David Adams, Richard Andrews, Lesley Birthwhistle, Chris Boulton, Stephen Brook, Brenda Campbell, Julie-Ann Heath, Peggy Ludlow, Brian Ludlow, Trevor Parkerson, Terri Skinner & Edwina Wallace.	
		<i>Bendigo (Australia)</i>
Thurs 3 Sept	Gregory the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 604	
	<i>O good Jesus, Word of the Father and brightness of his glory, Whom angels desire to behold: teach me to do your will That, guided by your Spirit, I may come to that blessed city of Everlasting day, where all are one in heart and mind, Where there is safety and eternal peace, happiness and delight, Where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.</i>	
		<i>Beni (Congo)</i>
Fri 4 Sept	Birinus, bishop, 650	
		<i>Benin (Nigeria)</i>
Sat 5 Sept		
		<i>Bentiu (South Sudan)</i>
Sun 6 Sept	Creation in Christ (Festival) 14th Sunday after Trinity	
	<i>Holy and eternal God, You are the Maker of heaven and earth, You are the Word through whom all things were made, and you are the Spirit, the giver of life: draw us into the mystery of your love, That with all creation we may proclaim your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</i>	
		<i>The Episcopal Province of Alexandria</i>

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Mon 7 Sept	Diocese of Wyoming Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese. EPC: Benin, Ivory Coast, Togo	
		<i>Bermuda (Extra Provincial)</i>
Tues 8 Sept	Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary Accession of King Charles III, 2022 Broom Leys St David Steve O'Rourke (C) Please pray for us as we discern the way Jesus is leading to bless and serve our parish, and our part in the newly established Beacon in the Forest Minster Community.	
		<i>Bethlehem (Episcopal Church)</i>
Weds 9 Sept	Charles Fuge Lowder, priest, 1880	
		<i>Bhopal (North India)</i>
Thurs 10 Sept	Coalville with Bardon Hill & Ravenstone Rhianne O'Rourke (C GFM) - Licensed 6 th September 2026 All Saints CE Primary School, Coalville This term our benefice has enjoyed many wonderful outreach opportunities such as family open days, summer fairs and coffee mornings. This autumn we are delighted to welcome Revd Rhianne O'Rourke as our Associate Priest and Growing Faith minister of the Beacon in the Forest Minster Community.	
		<i>Bida (Nigeria)</i>
Fri 11 Sept	Visit of The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally to the Diocese of Leicester.	
		<i>Biharamulo (Tanzania)</i>
Sat 12 Sept	Visit of The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally to the Diocese of Leicester including Evensong at Leicester Cathedral.	
		<i>Birmingham (England)</i>

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Sun 13 Sept 15th Sunday after Trinity

Visit of The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Dame Sarah Mullally to the Diocese of Leicester including Diocesan Centenary Worship Gathering at Athena.



The Anglican Church in Aotearoa (New Zealand)

Mon 14 Sept Diocese of Trichy

Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

Holy Cross Day

*Almighty God, Who in the passion of your blessed Son
Made an instrument of painful death
To be for us the means of life and peace:
Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
That we may gladly suffer for his sake;
Who is alive and reigns with you, In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

EPC: Ghana, Nigeria

Blackburn (England)

Tues 15 Sept Cyprian, bishop, martyr, 258

Hugglescote with Donington, Ellistown & Snibston

Christine Hall & Rachel Elliott (AM)

We have a new associate minister Rachael Elliott and a Reader in training Hayley Fern. Christine Hall continues to minister. Our prayer is that while in vacancy our parish will continue to grow and flourish and attract people from all the new houses being built around us.

Bo (West Africa)

Weds 16 Sept Ninian, bishop, apostle of the Picts, c. 432

Ibstock with Heather

Carole Oswin (R), Judith Coleman (R)

St Denys CE Infant School, Ibstock

Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.

Boga (Congo)

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Thurs 17 Sept **Hildegard, abbess, visionary, 1179**

Whitwick, Thringstone & Swannington,

Darren Walker (C), Terri Skinner (C PTO), Brian Skinner (R), Carol Albrighton (R PTO), Barry Albrighton (R PTO), Swannington C of E Primary, St. John the Baptist C of E Primary, Thringstone County Primary, New Swannington Primary and Griffydam Primary School.

Please pray for our outreach into the villages that we strive to serve. Including our work that we do in the local schools. We give thanks to all who serve in our churches and our new Minster Community of The Beacon in the Forest.

Bolivia (South America)

Fri 18 Sept

The Woodfield Team

Rick Tett, Debbie Kent (R), Norma Morris-Chapman (R PTO), Derek Tomlin (R PTO), Elisabeth Harrison (Evng), David Harrison (Evng), Judy Selby (PA), Joan Smith (PA PTO)

St John Moore CE Primary School, Appleby Magna; Snarestone, Measham & Packington CE Primary Schools.

Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.

Bondo (Kenya)

Sat 19 Sept

Theodore, archbishop, 690

Bor (South Sudan)

Sun 20 Sept

16th Sunday after Trinity

*O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers
Of your people who call upon you;
And grant that they may both perceive and know
What things they ought to do,
And also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Anglican Church of Australia

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Mon 21 Sept	Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist EPC: Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay <i>Botswana (Central Africa)</i>
Tues 22 Sept	Ashby de la Zouch & Breedon on the Hill (known as the Flagstaff Family of Churches) Sue Field (C), Tim Phillips (C), Sue Brown (R PTO), Elizabeth Smith (R), Stephen Clowes (R), Judith Lewis (R), Andy Smith (R), Beth Lunt (AM), Graham Heath (AM) Ashby C of E Primary, Viscount Beaumont C of E Primary, Newbold C of E Primary, St Hardulph's C of E Primary Please pray for the life of all 7 churches as we seek to build greater connections with our local communities and plan for the Autumn and Winter. Please also pray for discernment as we continue with our Minster Community conversations <i>Brandon (Canada)</i>
Weds 23 Sept	Christ the Redeemer, Blackfordby & Woodville Blossom Thompson (PA) Blackfordby & Woodville CE Primary Schools Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community. <i>Brechin (Scotland)</i>
Thurs 24 Sept	Guthlaxton Deanery Area Dean: Nigel Byard (Lutterworth); Assistant Area-Deans: Sr Liz Heaton and Richard Reakes. Lay Chair: Phil Leech <i>Brisbane (Australia)</i>
Fri 25 Sept	Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer, 1626 Sergei of Radonezh, monastic reformer, teacher of the faith, 1392 PTOs Guthlaxton Deanery: Rod Allard, Terry Colling, Myrtle Cook, Mick Gillespie, Victor Goodman, David Hebblewhite, Malcolm Lambert, Ruth Lambert, Paula Oxley & Andy Rhoades. <i>Bristol (England)</i>

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Sat 26 Sept	Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army, 1942 <i>God of boundless energy and light: We thank you for the courage and passion of Wilson Carlile who, after the example of your Son, sought new ways to open your Church to diverse leaders as beacons of the Gospel of Christ. Quicken our hearts to give bold witness to Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.</i> Amen.	
		<i>Columbia (Canada)</i>
Sun 27 Sept	17th Sunday after Trinity <i>Almighty God, You have made us for yourself, And our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: Pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, And so bring us at last to your heavenly city Where we shall see you face to face; Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with you, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.</i>	
		<i>The Church of Bangladesh</i>
Mon 28 Sept	Diocese of Kiteto Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese. EPC: Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Peru	
		<i>Central Bugunda (Uganda)</i>
Tues 29 Sept	Michael and All Angels Four Saints (Countesthorpe, Foston, Willoughby Waterleys & Peatling Magna) Richard Reakes (C), Cameron Wiltshire-Plant (C), Rod Allard (C PTO), Mick Gillespie (C PTO), June Ainge (R PIO) Mike Oates (R), Lindsey Jelves (R), Helen Stokes (R), Gail Mackley (PA) Jacqui McCaughey (AM) Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.	
		<i>West Bugunda (Uganda)</i>

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Weds 30 Sept **Jerome, translator, teacher of the faith, 420**

Hexagon Benefice

Arnesby & Husbands Bosworth CE Primary Schools

Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.

Buhiga (Burundi)

October

Thurs 1 Oct **Remigius, bishop, 533**
Anthony Ashley Cooper (Earl of Shaftesbury) social reformer, 1885

Blaby

David Hebblewhite & Carol Lacey (PTO)

Please pray as we seek to develop our ministry and outreach; our Café Church; Open Church Initiative and our schools work.

We are delighted to be holding a Confirmation Service in October. Lastly pray for our journey in defining our Minster Community Grouping.

Bujumbura (Burundi)

Fri 2 Oct **Broughton Astley & Croft with Stoney Stanton**
Lester Halling (R), Peter Yates (R PTO), John Bass (PA), Victor Goodman (C PTO)
Orchard Croft School, Broughton Astley and Manorfield School, Stoney Stanton, Croft CE Primary School
Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.

Bukava (Congo)

Sat 3 Oct **George Bell, bishop, ecumenist, peacemaker, 1958**

Bukedi (Uganda)

Sun 4 Oct **18th Sunday after Trinity**

*Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith
That, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before,
We may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of
everlasting joy;*

*Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

The Anglican Church of Brasil

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Mon 5 Oct	Diocese of Wyoming Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese. EPC: Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela <i>Bukura (Nigeria)</i>
Tues 6 Oct	William Tyndale, translator, martyr, 1536 INEQE Safeguarding Audit Upper Soar Sister Liz Heaton (C) Ullesthorpe C of E Primary School Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community. <i>Bunbury (Australia)</i>
Weds 7 Oct	INEQE Safeguarding Audit Cosby & Whetstone & Narborough Martin Stevenson (R PTO), Eric Leese (R PTO), Trevor Matthews (R PTO) St Peter's C of E Primary School, Whetstone Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community. <i>Bungoma (Kenya)</i>
Thurs 8 Oct	INEQE Safeguarding Audit Enderby with Lubbesthorpe & Thurlaston Mark Brown (R), Cynthia Webb (PA), Fiona Davies, Heather Waterfield (CW) Brockington C of E College, Thurlaston CofE Primary Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community. <i>Bunyoro-Kitara (Uganda)</i>

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Fri 9 Oct

Denys, bishop and companions, martyrs, c.250
Robert Grosseteste, bishop, philosopher, scientist, 1253

INEQE Safeguarding Audit

Avon Swift

Gilmorton Chandler C of E Primary School, St Andrew's C of E Primary School, North Kilworth, South Kilworth C of E Primary School, Swinford CE Primary School
Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.

Busan (Korea)

Sat 10 Oct

Paulinus, bishop, missionary, 644
Thomas Traherne, poet, spiritual writer, 1674

Busoga (Uganda)

Sun 11 Oct

19th Sunday after Trinity
*O God, forasmuch as without you
We are not able to please you;
Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit
May in all things direct and rule our hearts;
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Anglican Church of Burundi

Mon 12 Oct

Diocese of Trichy
Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

Wilfred, bishop, missionary, 709
Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, 1845
Edith Cavell, nurse, 1915

EPC: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama

Busoga (Uganda)

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Tues 13 Oct **Edward the Confessor, king, 1066**

Lutterworth with Cotesbach and Bitteswell

Nigel Byard, (C), Ruth Bilton (R PTO), Peter Kent (R), Ben Horrex (Associate & Youth)

Bitteswell CE Primary School, Sherrier CE Primary School, Lutterworth College

Services and Life Groups are looking at the principles of Minster Community and encouraging people to pray for those in new roles and new ministry. Work with the local schools continues to grow. The 'Help Hubs', on Thursdays in the Churchgate Community Centre in Lutterworth are developing a means of offering support to the local community.

Butare (Rwanda)

Weds 14 Oct **Deanery of Sparkenhoe West**

Area Dean: Kim Ford, Assistant Area Dean: Martin Castle, Lay Chair: Pat Lockwood

Butere (Kenya)

Thurs 15 Oct **Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith, 1582**

*Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you,
All things will pass away. God never changes;
Patience obtains all things, whoever has God lacks nothing.
God alone suffices. **Amen.***

Buye (Burundi)

Fri 16 Oct **Nicholas Ridley and Hugh Latimer, bishops, martyrs, 1555**

PTOs Deanery of Sparkenhoe West: John Armstrong, Nick Baker, Paul Bromiley, Sue Frost, David Jennings, John Plant, Edward Pogmore, Ben Read & Bob Stephen.

Byumba (Rwanda)

Sat 17 Oct **Ignatius, bishop, martyr, c. 107**

Calabar (Nigeria)

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Sun 18 Oct	20th Sunday after Trinity Luke the Evangelist <i>Almighty God, who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist, and Physician of the soul: May it please thee that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</i>	<i>The Anglican Church of Canada</i>
Mon 19 Oct	Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese. Henry Martyn, translator, missionary, 1812 EPC: Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico	<i>Calcutta (North India)</i>
Tues 20 Oct	Newbold de Verdun, Barlestone & Kirkby Mallory, Peckleton & Tooley Jonny Gordon (C), Alyn De Casembroot (R PTO), Roger Dunster (R PTO), Barlestone C of E Primary School Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.	<i>Caledonia (Canada)</i>
Weds 21 Oct	Barwell cum Stapleton and Potters Marston Philip Watson (C), Lynda Plumpton (R), Debra Watson (R) Barwell C of E Primary School Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.	<i>Calgary (Canada)</i>
Thurs 22 Oct	Burbage with Aston Flamville Andrew Hall (C), Mary Tynan (R), Don Peacock (Associate Minister), Frances Knight (PTO) Burbage C of E Infants School Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.	<i>The Diocese of California – The Episcopal Church</i>
Fri 23 Oct		<i>Northern California (Episcopal Church)</i>
Sat 24 Oct		<i>Cameroon (West Africa)</i>

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Sun 25 Oct **Last Sunday after Trinity**
Bible Sunday

*Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
That, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
We may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life,
Which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
Who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Mon 26 Oct **Diocese of Kiteto**
Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

Alfred, king, scholar, 899
Cedd, abbot, bishop, 664

EPC: Caribbean

El Camino Real (Episcopal Church)

Tues 27 Oct **Earl Shilton cum Elmesthorpe**
Martin Castle (C)
Townlands & St Simon and St Jude's C of E Primary Schools, Earl Shilton
We are churches which are grieving following the death of well-loved members of the churches. Give thanks for the love and care that has been shown, and ask that the Lord will continue to comfort us. Please pray for the appointment of a Children, Young People and Families Minister to be completed.

Canberra and Goulburn (Australia)

Weds 28 Oct **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Hinckley**
Ian Hill (Clergy), Bob Stephen (C PTO), Penny Stephen (ALM R), Matilde Fernandes (ALM R)
Give thanks for Matilde our recently licensed ALM and pray for her as she starts her ministry. Pray that we might continue to grow in our love, welcome and inclusion of all who we encounter, and in following Jesus' Greatest Commandments (Matthew 22:37-40).

Canterbury (England)

Thurs 29 Oct **James Hannington, bishop, martyr, 1885**

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Cape Coast (West Africa)

Fri 30 Oct **Holy Trinity Hinckley**
 Simon Wearn (C), Ben Read (C PTO),
 Battling Brook Community Primary School
 Hollycroft Community Primary School
 Thank God for our 'Heroes Academy' Holiday Bible Club and summer outreach. Please pray for fruit from these. For our church, please pray that we would grow to become more like Jesus in our character and community.

Cape Town (Southern Africa)

Sat 31 Oct **Martin Luther, reformer, 1546**
Luther's Morning Prayer
In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that
You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that
You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my
doings and life may please You.
For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things.
Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over
me. Amen.

North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba (West Indies)

November

Sun 1 Nov **All Saints' Day**
O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion
and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us
grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that
we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for
them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
The Anglican Church of Central America

Mon 2 Nov **Diocese of Wyoming**
 Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

EPC: Canada, USA

Carlisle (England)

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Tues 3 Nov **Richard Hooker, priest, teacher of the faith, 1600**
Martin of Porres, friar, 1639

St John, Hinckley

Kim Ford (C), Susan Hicklin (PA), John Armstrong (PTO).

Prayers that the Holy Spirit would guide us as we go into a new season

Having gone through various changes. Also, as we seek a new youth

leader, as we have an established group who we

Want to see flourish.

East Carolina (Episcopal Church)

Weds 4 Nov **Beacon Church - Church Plant from St John's – at the St Francis Centre, Hinckley.** Led by Kim Ford and the leadership team.
Prayers for the leadership team as we have an away day to see what our next steps are for the Beacon and how we can best serve the needs of the people in the community. There are many close to giving their lives to Christ!

North Carolina (Episcopal Church)

Thurs 5 Nov **Bosworth**
Paul Betts (C), Pat Lockwood (R PTO), Colleen Annan (R PTO), Market Bosworth St Peter's C of E Primary School
As we seek to be a people of faith and change in The Benefice of Bosworth, our prayer is that we continue to embody and share the fullness of life that God offers, intentionally and sustainably.

South Carolina (Episcopal Church)

Fri 6 Nov **Leonard, hermit, 6th cent.**
William Temple, archbishop, teacher of the faith, 1944

Sheepy

Julia Hargreaves (C), Colleen Annan (R PTO),

Sheepy C of E Primary School

We ask for prayers for our six churches working together but finding it hard living with the future minster model as a reality.

Grateful for all pastoral offices that bring new people into our rural lives.

Upper South Carolina (Episcopal Church)

Sat 7 Nov **Willibrord, bishop, 739**

Western North Carolina (Episcopal Church)

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Sun 8 Nov **3rd Sunday before Advent**

Remembrance Sunday

*Almighty Father,
Whose will is to restore all things
In your beloved Son, the King of all:
Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
And bring the families of the nations,
Divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
To be subject to his just and gentle rule;
Who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

The Anglican Church of the Congo

Mon 9 Nov **Diocese of Trichy**
Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

Margery Kempe, mystic, c. 1440

EPC: Oceania

Cashel, Ferns and Ossory (Ireland)

Tues 10 Nov **Leo the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith, 461**
Chandigarh (North India)

Weds 11 Nov **Armistice Day**
*God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for
You are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. **Amen.***

Martin; Bishop, c.397

*God all powerful, who called Martin from the armies of this world to be a faithful soldier of Christ: give us grace to follow him in his love and compassion for the needy, and enable your Church to claim for all people their inheritance as children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

Chelmsford (England)

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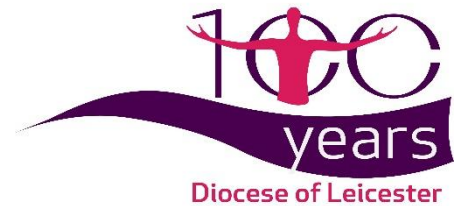
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Thurs 12 Nov **Diocese of Leicester founded on this day in 1926**

Centenary Prayer

*Eternal and ever-living God,
Who created all things
and breathes life into all peoples,
Hold in your loving gaze this Diocese of Leicester and Cathedral Church,
With all your living stones, built on Jesus Christ the Cornerstone:
That we may stand firm on the ground of your being
And be nourished for the journey to come
With the bread of life and water of the Spirit;
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.***



Chester (England)

Fri 13 Nov **Charles Simeon, priest, evangelical divine, 1836**

*Loving God, whose unerring wisdom and unbounded love order all things:
Grant us in all things to see your hand; that, following the example and
teaching of your servant Charles Simeon, we may walk with Christ in all
simplicity and serve you with a quiet and contented mind; through Jesus
Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.***

Chhattisgarh (North India)

Sat 14 Nov **Samuel Seabury, bishop**

Chicago (Episcopal Church)

Sun 15 Nov **2nd Sunday before Advent**

*Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed
To destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and
heirs of eternal life:
Grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
We may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
Where he is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

Safeguarding Sunday

This year's theme is [Love Protects](#), helping churches explore safeguarding as an expression of care, protection and love. Safeguarding Sunday is an annual awareness campaign led by Thirtyone:eight, the UK's leading Christian, independent safeguarding charity.

The Anglican Church of Chile

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Mon 16 Nov	Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese. Margaret, queen, philanthropist, 1093 Edmund Rich, archbishop, 1240 EPC: Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia <i>Chichester (England)</i>
Tues 17 Nov	Hugh, bishop, 1200 Fenn Lanes Group Michelle Nelson (R), Jan Harding (R) Higham on the Hill School, St Margaret's School, Stoke Golding, Witherley C of E Primary School We have two licensed associate ministers in the benefice, with help from our Lay community (and visiting priests) we are keeping things going. During our interregnum we give thanks for the quiet ministry of all who work to keep mission alive in our community. We ask for prayers for our three church schools and our Open the Book Ministry in each that it may ignite a passion for Christ and His teachings in all who hear our stories. <i>Chotanagpur (North India)</i>
Weds 18 Nov	Elizabeth, princess, philanthropist, 1231 Sapcote and Sharnford cum Wigston Parva Jo Hover (C), Di Harrold (PA), Jill Matthews (PA), Gwynne Jones (R PTO) All Saints CE Primary School Sapcote, and Sharnford Primary School. Please pray for the ongoing restoration of the chancel floor in St. Helen's, Sharnford and for us as we move towards forming a Minster Community. We give thanks for our church schools and all they do to bring the gospel to the children in their care. <i>Christ the King (Mozambique)</i>
Thurs 19 Nov	Hilda, abbess, 680 Mechtild, béguine, mystic, 1280 Deanery of Sparkenhoe East Area Dean: Ed Bampton; Assistant Area Dean: Dave Hover; Lay Chair: Marian Driver. <i>Christ the King (Southern Africa)</i>

Fri 20 Nov	Edmund, king, martyr, 870 Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a restorer of the religious life in the Church of England, 1876 PTOs Deanery of Sparkenhoe East: Pauline Ashby, Pam Harvey, Susan Leighton, Tony Leighton & John Woolmer. <i>Christchurch (New Zealand)</i>
Sat 21 Nov	<i>Chubhu (Japan)</i>
Sun 22 Nov	Christ the King & Sunday next before Advent <i>Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, And bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the Unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.</i> <i>The Church of England</i>
Mon 23 Nov	Diocese of Kiteto Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese. Clement, bishop, martyr, c. 100 EPC: East Timor (Timor Leste), Indonesia, Philippines <i>Clogher (Ireland)</i>
Tues 24 Nov	Groby & Ratby Ed Bampton, Cameron Lewis (C), Joan Hawkins (AM), Ruth Scott (AM), Louise Brown (AM) We are eagerly awaiting the arrival of Cam, our new curate, please pray that he settles in easily and finds his place in the team. That both the Summer 'holiday club' and 'holiday at home' run smoothly and safely and that Rev Ed, the rector, returns refreshed from his sabbatical. <i>The Diocese on the Coast (Nigeria)</i>
Weds 25 Nov	Catherine, martyr, 4th cent. Isaac Watts, hymn writer, 1748 <i>Cochin (South India)</i>

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Thurs 26 Nov	Glenfield & Newtown Linford Brian Hughes (R PTO), Geoff Stokes (R PTO), Pam Harvey (PTO) In our Interregnum, please pray for us as we work to ensure that our services can continue as we strive to grow our numbers. Please also pray for the concert taking place at All Saints in August which we hope will bring joy to many. We would also seek your prayerful support of our work with Newtown School as we look to strengthen our relationship with them. <i>Coimbatore (South India)</i>
Fri 27 Nov	Anstey & Thurstaston with Cropston Matthew Gough (C), Ian Dutton (Associate Minister), Richard Hill CE Primary School, Thurstaston Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community. <i>Columbia (Episcopal Church)</i>
Sat 28 Nov	<i>Colombo (Ceylon)</i>
Sun 29 Nov	1st Sunday of Advent <i>Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness And to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, In which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; That on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty To judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; Through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.</i> <i>The Anglican Church in Hong Kong</i>
Mon 30 Nov	Diocese of Wyoming Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese. Andrew the Apostle Desford & Kirby Muxloe Gareth Hutchinson (C), Tony Stokes (R), Carolyn Winkless (R) Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community. EPC: Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore <i>Colorado (Episcopal Church)</i>

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December

Tues 1 Dec **Charles de Foucauld, hermit, 1916**

Congo Brazzaville (Congo)

Weds 2 Dec **Leicester Forest East & St Crispin Braunstone Town with Thorpe Astley**
David Hover (C), Rosemary Meredith (R), Alison Bates (LAM), Ian Coghill (LAM), Susan Collins (LAM), Colleen Kitchen (LAM), Peter Kitchen (LAM).
Give thanks with us that we are now a united Benefice, and for St. Andrew's, LFE celebrating their 60th anniversary. Please pray especially for our newly licensed Locally Authorised Ministers, and for David Hover in his new ministry as Rector.

Connecticut (Episcopal Church)

Thurs 3 Dec **Francis Xavier, missionary, 1552**

Connor (Church of Ireland)

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

Cork, Cloyne and Ross (Ireland)

Sat 5 Dec

Costa Rica (Central America)

Sun 6 Dec **2nd Sunday of Advent**
*O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
And come among us,
And with great might succour us;
That whereas, through our sins and wickedness
We are grievously hindered
In running the race that is set before us,
Your bountiful grace and mercy
May speedily help and deliver us;
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
To whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
Be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

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Mon 7 Dec

Diocese of Trichy

Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

Ambrose, bishop, teacher of the faith, 397

EPC: Myanmar, Thailand

Coventry (England)

Tues 8 Dec

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Cuba (Episcopal Church)

Weds 9 Dec

Markfield, Thornton, Bagworth, Stanton under Bardon & Copt Oak

Andrew Smith, Pauline Ashby (C), Peter Maynard, Delia Geary (AM), Dave Robinson, Adrian Whalley (LAM)

Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.

Cueibet (South Sudan)

Thurs 10 Dec

3 Key Questions

Our first key question as a diocese is:

How are you growing, and enabling others to grow in the depth of their discipleship?

*Loving God, I come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all I am and all that I have is gift from you. In faith and love, help me to do your will. I am listening, Lord God. Speak your words into the depth of my soul, that I may hear you clearly. I offer to you this day all the facets of my life, whether it be at home, at work, or at school, to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give me the wisdom and insight to understand your will for me and the fervour to carry out my good intentions. I offer my gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect my love for you and my neighbour. Help me to reach out to others as you my God have reached out to me. **Amen.***

Cuernavaca (Mexico)

Fri 11 Dec

3 Key Questions

Our second key question as a diocese is:

How are you enabling growth in the numbers of disciples of Jesus?

*O God, our heavenly Father, you manifested your love by sending your only-begotten Son into the world, that all might live through him: pour out your Spirit on your Church, that we may fulfil his command to preach the Gospel to all people. Send forth labourers into your harvest; defend them in all dangers and temptations; and hasten coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ
Our Lord. **Amen.***

Cuttack (North India)

Sat 12 Dec

3 Key Questions

Our third key question as a diocese is:

How are you serving your community, and enabling others to love and serve those around them?

*Grant us, Lord God, a vision of your world as your love would have it:
A world where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;
A world where everyone can enjoy the riches of creation;
A world where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.
Give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Cyangugu (Rwanda)

Sun 13 Dec

3rd Sunday of Advent

*O Lord Jesus Christ,
Who at your first coming sent your messenger
To prepare your way before you:
Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
May likewise so prepare and make ready your way
By turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
That at your second coming to judge the world
We may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
For you are alive and reign with the Father
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

The Church of Ireland

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Mon 14 Dec **Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro**
Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

John of the Cross, poet, teacher of the faith, 1591

EPC: Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam

Cyprus and the Gulf (Jerusalem and The Middle East)

Tues 15 Dec

Daejeon (Korea)

Weds 16 Dec

Dakota (Episcopal Church)

Thurs 17 Dec **O Sapientia**
Wisdom of our God Most High,
Guiding creation with power and love:
Come to teach us the path of knowledge!
Eglantyne Jebb, social reformer, founder of 'Save the Children', 1928

South Dakota (Episcopal Church)

Fri 18 Dec **O Adonai**
O Leader of the House of Israel,
Giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai:
Come to rescue us with your mighty power!

Dallas (Episcopal Church)

Sat 19 Dec **O Radix Jesse**
O Root of Jesse's stem,
Sign of God's love for all his people:
Come to save us without delay!

Damaturu (Nigeria)

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Sun 20 Dec **4th Sunday of Advent**

*God our redeemer,
Who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary
To be the mother of your Son:
Grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,
So we may be ready to greet him
When he comes again as our judge;
Who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

O Clavis David

O Key of David,
Opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom:
Come and free the prisoners of darkness!

The Anglican Church in Japan

Mon 21 Dec **Diocese of Kiteto**

Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

O Oriens

Splendour of eternal light and sun of justice:
come, shine on those sitting in darkness
and the shadow of death'.

EPC: Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and the Mainland of China

Dar-es-Salaam (Tanzania)

Tues 22 Dec **O Rex Gentium**

O King of all nations and keystone of the Church:
Come and save us, whom you formed from the dust!

Davao (Philippines)

Weds 23 Dec **O Emmanuel**

O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law:
Come to save us, Lord our God!

Saint Davids (Wales)

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Thurs 24 Dec **Christmas Eve**

*Hark, hark, the wise eternal word,
Like a weak infant cries!
In form of servant is the Lord,
And God in cradle lies.
(Thomas Pestel)*

*Eternal God, who made this most holy night
To shine with the brightness of your one true light:
Bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth,
To see the radiance of your heavenly glory;
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

Delaware (Episcopal Church)

Fri 25 Dec **Christmas Day**

*Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem
Draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:
Accept our heartfelt praise
As we worship you,
Our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen***

Delhi (North India)

Sat 26 Dec **Stephen, deacon, first martyr**

Derby (England)

Sun 27 Dec **1st Sunday of Christmas**
John, Apostle and Evangelist

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East

Mon 28 Dec **Diocese of Wyoming**

Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

The Holy Innocents

EPC: Japan, North Korea, South Korea

Derry and Raphoe (Ireland)

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Tues 29 Dec **Thomas Becket, archbishop, martyr, 1170**

Dhaka (Bangladesh)

Weds 30 Dec **John Wycliff, reformer, 1384**

*God our Father,
Who desires that all may come to know you
And Jesus Christ whom you have sent:
Grant that, like your servant John,
We may be untiring in spreading the good news of your Word made flesh;
Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
To whom with you and the Holy Spirit
Be all honour and glory,
Now and ever. Amen.*

San Diego (Episcopal Church)

Thurs 31 Dec **Happy New Year**

*God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose years never fail
And whose mercies are new each returning day:
Let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives,
Warming our hearts and giving light to our minds;
That we may pass the coming year
In joyful obedience and firm faith;
Through him who is the beginning and the end,
Your Son, Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit, Christ our Lord, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.*

Divine Hope (Mozambique)

