

Friday, 24
April

Healing God, we thank you for the gift of immunisation, protecting lives across the world. Bless health workers, families, and our link parishes in Zambia. May vaccines bring safety, hope, and a healthier future for every child and community.

Saturday, 25
April
Mark the
Evangelist

Compassionate Lord, we ask for an outpouring of your love on those who feel lonely or broken. May we recognise them and respond with care.

Sunday, 26
April

God of The Word, today we open our ears and ask that you speak wisdom into our hearts and minds and that we may recognise your voice, wherever it speaks in our lives.

Monday, 27
April

Generous God, as our Common Fund Committee meets today, we pray for all that builds up our common life together. Inspire the committee with your wisdom as they meet, discuss and make decisions.

Tuesday, 28
April

God of all nations, we remember Kenneth Kaunda and give thanks for his leadership and dedication to Zambia's independence and unity. Help us, with the people of Zambia, to reflect on how we may play our part in unity and reconciliation.

Wednesday, 29
April

Lord of life, as clergy from across our diocese gather for the next session of the Launchpad training today, may new shoots of ministry to the younger generations begin to show themselves and be nurtured.

Thursday, 30
April

Jesus, Word of God, we pray for all those who work to translate and distribute God's Word across the world, enabling it to be read and known by so many people. As people read the Scriptures may your Word speak to their hearts so that lives can be transformed.

*Our Magnificat parishes are those which are high on the Index of Multiple Deprivation.

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Prayer Calendar

April 2026

Wednesday, 1
April

Loving God, we pray for all those clergy, Readers, Lay Worship Assistants and others who will be involved in leading and helping to lead services in Holy Week and over the Easter period. May they share your story of the Passion, Resurrection and the good news of Jesus' new life.

Thursday, 2
April
Maundy
Thursday

Loving God, on World Autism Awareness Day we give thanks for every unique and wonderful person. Teach us to celebrate difference, to listen with patience, and to build communities of understanding and welcome. May all be valued, supported, and embraced with dignity and love.

Friday, 3
April
Good Friday

Eternal God, on this Good Friday we remember all those who are in despair, believing that the light will never return. We ask you to lift them and hold them until they can see the shafts of light.

Saturday, 4
April

As we pray for our *Magnificat parishes, we pray that the overwhelming love of Jesus fills every heart and changes every life. We pray that in darkness, light is found, in sorrow there is joy, in pain there is healing, and the shining hope of Christ is seen everywhere.

Sunday, 5
April
Easter Day

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Monday, 6
April

Living Lord Jesus, as we have celebrated your Resurrection, inspire us afresh by your Holy Spirit to live and tell your story through our everyday lives. May our churches, our homes and our lives speak of you and your amazing grace.

Tuesday, 7
April

Dear Lord, we ask with all our heart, please touch the lives of young people living with cancer. Bless them with courage and hope. Heal them in body and spirit and let their lives shine a hallowed light that burns forever.

Wednesday, 8
April

Thank you God for all the faithful lay people that currently work in the benefices of Bruton and Cary Deanery. We pray for incumbents to hear your call to serve in rural Multi Parish Benefices - that they have courage and vision to come and build teams.

Thursday, 9
April

God of Justice, in a world where it can be hard to know the truth, help us to have wisdom to see it, courage to trust it, and the discernment to know when to speak and when to act.

Friday, 10
April

Loving God, we pray for all those who serve you unseen, quietly living lives of faith in action for the sake of your people and to build your kingdom. We ask your blessing on them and their quietly transformative presence.

Saturday, 11
April

Devoted Creator, we give thanks today for all those involved in Wilder Churches and Eco Church. We pray particularly for those working hard to achieve their first award. Father, nourish and bless their commitment and your creation.

Sunday, 12
April

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.

Monday, 13
April

Loving God, we ask your blessing and guidance for Tone Deanery especially during this time of discernment and change. Give strength and perseverance to clergy and laity as they cope with challenging and often increasing workloads. Please help them grow the church in this part of our diocese.

Tuesday, 14
April

Teacher God, as children, young people and staff settle back into their places of education for the summer term, we ask that they rediscover joy in learning, take courage in new challenges, and find confidence in the gifts you have placed within them.

Wednesday, 15
April

Creator God, we thank you for the gift of art, which reflects your beauty and truth. On World Art Day, bless artists everywhere, especially in our link country of Zambia. May creativity unite cultures, inspire hope, and celebrate the richness of every community.

Thursday, 16
April

God of renewal, as spring progresses, we give thanks for the incoming abundance and the surge of fresh green back into our beautiful countryside.

Friday, 17
April

Loving God, hold families of children with special educational needs in your gentle care. Give them strength for each day, patience in challenge, and joy in every small victory. Surround them with compassion, wisdom and hope, and inspire those around them with imaginative care.

Wednesday,
18 March

Creator God, we ask your blessing on chaplains across our diocese: lay and ordained, paid and unpaid, formal and informal. Be with them as they seek to reflect your loving presence in the world.

Sunday, 19
April

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Monday, 20
April

Jesus who calls us to follow, bless those taking part in the Young Leader Learning Hubs in Bath, Taunton and Weston-Super-Mare. Lead them into future ministries in the churches and communities where you would have them serve.

Tuesday, 21
April

God of growth, help us to trust you and put you at the centre of all our thinking. May we be wise householders, investing in what is good, risking where we need to, and being generous where we can.

Wednesday,
22 April

Creator God, on Earth Day we give thanks for the beauty of our planet. Bless our link with Zambia and our shared work of planting trees and protecting creation. Strengthen us to care faithfully for the earth, today and for generations to come.

Thursday, 23
April
George, Martyr,
Patron of England,
c.304

Eternal God, as Saint George bore witness to the Gospel with courage and love, help us to live in faith, to endure in hope, and to act with mercy toward all. May we be granted the grace to overcome every spiritual battle and to enter the joy of your everlasting kingdom.