

Prayer Calendar

July 2026

Wednesday,
1 July

Bountiful God, as we remember the Venns today, and their part in reviving your church, we pray for the renewing of our churches in faith and numbers so that we can joyfully live and tell the story of Jesus in communities across our diocese.

Thursday, 2
July

Holy Spirit, enabling God, encourage and guide those who offer the ministry of Spiritual Direction across our diocese, as they meet today for their annual gathering in your holy name.

Friday, 3 July

Thomas the
Apostle

Lord, as Zambia marks Heroes Day and Unity Day next week, we honour those who built the nation with courage and sacrifice. May their legacy inspire unity, service, and hope among all people today and for generations to come.

Saturday, 4
July

Creator God, we celebrate the progress made towards Net Zero Carbon across our diocese. Inspire us to be imaginative in seeking ways to reduce any negative impact on your world so that all may thrive in a well-balanced creation.

Sunday, 5 July

Loving God, we thank you for our Zambia/Bath and Wells Sunday celebrations and the friendships between us that connect our nations. Bless our shared learning, mutual encouragement, and growing understanding. May our partnership inspire us to live and share the story of Jesus with confidence and hope.

Monday, 6
July

Jesus, who made time for children, we pray for the children and young people who are part of our church families. May they find their place in our churches: help to shape them to reflect your Kingdom here on earth as they worship and serve.

Tuesday, 7
July

Unchanging God, we pray for children and young people in our schools and colleges. We pray for those who will be moving to new places of education this autumn; those starting school for the first time and those who find school particularly challenging.

Wednesday, 8 July	Loving God, we pray for children and young people where we live. Those known to us, in our families and our communities; as well as those we don't know, often hidden behind the headlines and statistics.
Thursday, 9 July	Father God, today we pray for the homes of children and young people across our diocese. We pray for relationships between children and parents and other family members, for homes where the financial pressures are great and where disability and illness bring daily challenges.
Friday, 10 July	Creator of wild spaces, as summer begins, may we find time for quiet moments spent enjoying your creation. We give thanks for the quiet cool of the woodland glade, the evening praise of the blackbird song, the tranquil flow of the brook through the meadow and the relaxing refuge of our gardens and parks.
Saturday, 11 July	Loving God, we give thanks and pray for churchwardens across our diocese. Uphold and bless them in their ministry as they faithfully serve you, their churches and communities. May the Churchwardens Day bring them support, encouragement, hope and joy.
Sunday, 12 July	We pray for all those who work with young people through churches, youth organisations, schools and colleges. May your Holy Spirit refresh and renew them today. Lord of the Harvest, raise up a new crop of workers with a heart for young people.
Monday, 13 July	Heavenly Father, as the Common Fund Committee meets today, we ask you to raise up people to take part in this work, in the service of your mission across our diocese. Please prompt those with a call to respond to it.
Tuesday, 14 July	Lord, we pray for Zambia during their August elections. May the nation be guided by peace, wisdom, and fairness. Grant strength and clarity to voters, leaders, and communities, and may truth, unity, and mutual respect shape the days ahead.
Wednesday, 15 July	Heavenly Father, as our Magnificat* parishes meet today, may their time together be a blessing and an encouragement. May the day be filled with joy and laughter as they share their stories and praise You together.

Thursday, 16 July	Jesus, Lord of all, as we remember Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury today, we pray for our neighbouring Diocese of Salisbury, asking you to bless those who live and work there in a time of challenge and transitions.
Friday, 17 July	Loving Lord, we pray for all Readers in the diocese and Readers in training. Help them to hear your voice as they carry out their ministry, so they can help to open the hearts of people to know you more.
Saturday, 18 July	Loving God, we pray for those travelling to Taizé with Bishop Michael on a pilgrimage for young people. Keep them safe on their journey, open their hearts to meet with you, and help them grow in faith, hope, and love. May they return inspired and renewed by your Spirit.
Sunday, 19 July	Lord of all the earth, as the men's football World Cup draws to a close, we pray for Christians involved in the world of sport, both globally and locally, and the opportunity it brings to grow purpose and community.
Monday, 20 July	Eternal God, bless Revd Jess Nyander as she prepares for ministry in Hardington Vale in August. We ask your blessing, too, on those involved in Open the Book in Primary schools, and on Bubble Church launching at St Mary's Frome in September.
Tuesday, 21 July	God of mission, we pray for the plans that are being developed to enable our parishes, benefices and deaneries to grow so that they are increasingly missionally thriving and financially sustainable. We ask your blessing and guidance on this work so that we may live and tell your story.
Wednesday, 22 July Mary Magdalene	Loving God, as the Diocesan Advisory Committee meets today, we ask you to guide them in their work. We pray for all parishes involved in making changes to their church buildings as they seek to live out your mission in their communities.
Thursday, 23 July	God of wonder, you call us to be faithful in caring for small things in our lives. May we recognise the importance of those small things and what can grow from the tiniest seed of hope.

Friday, 24
July

Compassionate God, we give thanks for the work of the Samaritans. Sustain and inspire them as they listen to people in times of acute need.

Saturday, 25
July

Almighty God, who called James to leave his nets and follow your Son, and who made him a faithful witness, even to the giving of his life: strengthen your Church in this diocese, that, like James, we may be bold in mission, generous in service, and steadfast in hope.

James the Apostle

Sunday, 26
July

Father God, as we remember the parents of Mary, mother of Jesus, today, we ask your blessing on parents who are juggling work and school holidays. May they be able to find the space for time together to rest and refresh.

Monday, 27
July

Loving God, we give thanks and ask your blessing on deanery leaders across our diocese as they seek to offer pastoral care and strategic leadership to parishes and benefices across their deaneries.

Tuesday, 28
July

God of recreation, we pray for all those travelling to Shepton Mallet for the New Wine Festival, starting today. We pray that your Holy Spirit would refresh and refuel all those who are attending from churches across the country.

Wednesday, 29
July

Welcoming God, as Mary, Martha and Lazarus offered generous hospitality to Jesus, may we have gracious and welcoming hearts, and have the humility to accept hospitality from others.

Thursday, 30
July

Gracious Lord, as we celebrate World Friendship Day, we give thanks for our beautiful partnerships across the globe, especially for our friends and family in Zambia. May these friendships continue to bring peace, encouragement, and hope to communities around the world.

Friday, 31 July

As we remember St Ignatius today, Lord, grant that we may see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.

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