



Prayer Guide

Week of prayer for children and young people
6-10 July 2026

Part of our Year of Prayer

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Welcome to the 2026 Prayer Guide

During the first week of July, we are inviting churches and schools, families and individuals, across our diocese to pray for children and young people.

Our Prayer Guide offers five daily themes, Monday through to Friday, with prayer prompts, a Bible passage and a written prayer to use each day. Would you commit to pray each day or to gather others in your church, family or small group to pray during the week?

We're also encouraging churches to include prayers for children and young people in services on Sunday 5 July, as the week of prayer begins, and to conclude the week by celebrating the important role of those who lead, teach and support our children and young people in a special 'Recognise Sunday' service on Sunday 12 July.

Whatever you are doing we'd love to hear how you're getting involved. Drop us an email at goteam@bathwells.anglican.org

Our Week of Prayer for Children and Young People is part of our 2026 Year of Prayer in the Diocese of Bath and Wells. More information about the Year of Prayer (including the Year of Prayer Boxes) is available here: <https://www.bathandwells.org.uk/prayer>

We have also compiled ideas and resources on praying for and with young people here: <https://linktr.ee/creativeprayerideas>

During the week of prayer, we'll be sharing daily videos on social media. Follow us @goteamadvisers on Instagram and Facebook.

Recognise Sunday is a national initiative of the Church of England. You can find out more and register for a resource pack here: <https://www.churchofengland.org/recognise>



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Monday: Praying for children and young people in our churches

“We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders. So, each generation should set its hope anew on God, not forgetting his glorious miracle and obeying his commands.” Psalm 78: 4+7

Today, we pray for...

- Children and young people who are part of churches across our diocese, worshipping and serving in different ways and belonging to congregations and youth and children’s groups.
- Our churches to be better equipped to welcome children, young people and their families and help them grow in faith.
- The youngest children being welcomed into the church family and beginning their journey of faith, through baptism, toddler groups and new initiatives like Bubble Church.
- Older young people who are finding faith outside of the church and turning up at services and events, all over the country.
- Space for younger people to find their place in local churches, using their creativity, understanding of technology and passion for justice and climate action.

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; worshipping, serving and shaping them to reflect your Kingdom here on earth. Amen.



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Tuesday: Praying for children and young people in our schools and colleges

Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and in favour with God and all the people. Luke 2: 52

Today, we pray for...

- Children and young people in schools and colleges across our diocese.
- All those who will be transitioning to new places of education this summer. Those starting school for the first time, moving to a new school or moving to college or university.
- Young people awaiting exam results and for next steps to be confirmed.
- Young people who find school particularly challenging and those not currently attending school.
- Young people being home educated.

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 summer; those starting school for the first time and those who find school particularly challenging. Amen.



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Wednesday: Praying for children and young people in our communities

“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love and in purity.” 1 Timothy 4:12

Today, we pray for...

- Children and young people you know; those in your family and those who live near you.
- Children and young people you don’t know but see around in your local community.
- Young people who work or volunteer in our local community.
- Young people involved in community youth clubs, sports clubs, Young Farmers and uniformed organisations.
- Those appearing in the local news, for positive and less positive reasons. For the children and young people behind the headlines and the statistics.
- For children and young people around the world as part of our global community, with all the joys and challenges they face in their lives.

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. Amen.



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Thursday: Praying for children and young people at home

“Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God’s love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high and how deep his love is.” Ephesians 3:17-18

Today, we pray for...

- Relationships between parents and other family members in households with young children and teenagers.
- Homes where the financial pressures are great.
- Young parents and young carers.
- Young people who are fostered or adopted, live in care or are leaving care.
- Christian parents seeking to live out their faith as part of family life; and Christian children and young people whose parents don’t yet know Jesus.
- Young people who face homelessness, sofa-surf or live on the streets.

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. Amen.



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Friday: Praying for those who lead, teach and support children and young people

“As apostles of Christ we certainly had a right to make some demands of you, but instead we were like children among you. Or we were like a mother feeding and caring for her own children. We loved you so much that we shared with you not only God’s Good News but our own lives, too.” 1 Thessalonians 2:7-8

Today, we pray for...

- All those who work with children, young people and their families through churches and youth organisations: paid workers, clergy and volunteers.
- Headteachers, teachers, support staff, governors and chaplains in our schools, colleges and universities.
- Those currently in training or considering a call to work with children and young people.
- For trainees, degree students and staff at South West Youth Ministries (SWYM) and other training institutions.
- New leaders and teams with a heart for young people to be raised up in churches and communities across our diocese.

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. Amen.



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