



Southwell Minster

THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Daily Intercessions

MAY 2026

Welcome to the Cathedral's intercessory prayer leaflet.

There are several cycles of prayer included here:

- a Minster cycle of prayer which helps us to focus prayer for the wider community as well as the roads and streets of the parish.
- the Diocesan cycle of prayer which includes parishes, schools, sector ministry and Diocesan staff;
- the Anglican Communion cycle of prayer helping us to pray for the worldwide Church;

Also included each Sunday is the Porvoo Communion (Anglican and Lutheran Churches in Communion) Prayer Diary.

1 FRIDAY – Philip and James, Apostles

For bishops

A453 Churches Benefice (Barton-in-Fabis, St George; Gotham, St Lawrence; Kingston-on-Soar, St Winifred; Ratcliffe-on-Soar, Holy Trinity; Thrumpton, All Saints) - Revd Richard Coleman

The Diocese of Wusasa (The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion))
Adams Row, Appletree Close, Arnold Avenue, Archers Field

2 SATURDAY – Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher, 373

For defenders of truth and justice

**Clifton, Holy Trinity & St Francis; Clifton Village, St Mary
- Revd Lydia Cartwright**

The Diocese of Wyoming (The Episcopal Church)
Archway Cottages, Asquith Mews, Avondale Lane, Bechers Court

3 SUNDAY – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

For the Minster community, and for our diocese

**East Leake, St Mary; West Leake, St Helena; Stanford-on-Soar, St John the Baptist;
Rempstone, All Saints; Costock, St Giles - Revd Tim Parker**

Church of England: Diocese of Southwark, Bishop Christopher Chessun,
Bishop Martin Gainsborough, Bishop Rosemarie Mallet, Bishop Alastair Cutting
Church of Norway: Diocese of Björgvin, Bishop Ragnhild Jepsen
The Church of North India (United)
Brackenhurst: Nottingham Trent University, Dept of Land-Based Studies

4 MONDAY – English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era

For the unity and mission of the Church in our country

Edwalton, Holy Rood - Revd Ade Perham

The Diocese of Yambio (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)

Birchwood Close, Bishop's Drive, Bramley Close, Brinkley

5 TUESDAY

For teenagers

Lady Bay, All Hallows; Holme Pierrepont with Adbolton, St Edmund

– Revd Jonathan Mole

The Diocese of Yangon (The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma))

Brook Walk, Burgage Close, Burgage Green, Burgage Lane

6 WEDNESDAY

For the Polish community in Nottinghamshire

Gamston & Bridgford, St Luke - In Vacancy

The Diocese of Yei (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)

Byron Gardens, Canons Close, Caudwell Close, Chatham Street

7 THURSDAY

For local farmers and all who tend the earth

Ruddington, St Peter - Revd Andrew Buchanan

The Diocese of Yeri (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)

Chimes Meadow, Church Street, Cottam's Close, Crafts Way

8 FRIDAY – Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c. 1417;

Hugh Heywood, second Provost of Southwell, 1987

For spiritual counsellors and visionaries

West Bridgford, St Giles - Revd Joanna Seabourne

The Diocese of Yewa (The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion))

Crew Lane (including industrial estate), Crink Lane, Diocesan offices at Jubilee House

9 SATURDAY

For students at NTU Brackenhurst

Wilford, St Wilfrid - Revd George White

The Diocese of Yirol (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)

Dornoch Avenue, Dover Street, Dudley Doy Road, Dunham Close

10 SUNDAY – The Sixth Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)

For the Minster community, and for our diocese

Wilford Hill, St Paul - Revd Tim Fox

*Church of England: Diocese of Gloucester, Bishop Rachel Treweek,
Bishop Robert Springett*

Church of Sweden: Diocese of Västerås, Bishop Mikael Mogren

The Church of Pakistan (United)

The churches: Baptist, Methodist, Riverside, Our Lady of Victories, Holy Trinity

11 MONDAY – Rogation Day

For God's blessing on the crops and animals

Sutton Bonnington, St Anne; Sutton Bonnington, St Michael;

Normanton-on-Soar, St James - In Vacancy

The Diocese of Yokohama (The Nippon Sei Ko Kai)

Easthorpe, Farthingate, Farthingate Close, Fern Close

12 TUESDAY – Rogation Day; Gregory Dix, Priest, Monk, Scholar, 1952

For God's blessing on the crops and animals

We pray for those who work in healthcare around our diocese

The Diocese of Yola (The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion))

Fiskerton Road, Galley Hill Road, Glenfields, Greet Park Close

13 WEDNESDAY – Rogation Day

For God's blessing on the crops and animals

**We pray for the refugees, we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son,
our Lord, who fled persecution at His birth**

The Diocese of York (The Church of England)

Halam Road, Harvey's Field, Heywood Close, Hillcrest

14 THURSDAY – ASCENSION DAY

Thanksgiving for God having united human nature with himself

THY KINGDOM COME DAY 1 "Our Father in Heaven"

**We begin the journey through Thy Kingdom Come by receiving God's
blessing. We also encourage you to think of five people you know who you
are praying for to come to know the love of God.**

The Diocese of New York (The Episcopal Church)

Hopkilm Lane, Hockerwood Lane, Humberstone Road, Kings Court

15 FRIDAY – Matthias the Apostle

For those taking on new responsibility

THY KINGDOM COME DAY 2 "Hallowed be your name"

Today we pray for an increasing reverence for God's name, for a recognition that God is at the heart of everything that is good in this life.

The Diocese of Western New York (The Episcopal Church)

King Street, Kirkby Close, Kirklington Road, Lower Kirklington Road

16 SATURDAY – Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877

For those who work to eradicate poverty

THY KINGDOM COME DAY 3 "Your kingdom come"

Today we pray 'your kingdom come' not just in our own lives, but in the lives of those we love, for the leaders of the nations, and for all those who have responsibility over others or influence and agency in the affairs of this world.

The Diocese of Ysabel (The Anglican Church of Melanesia)

Leeway Road, Lowes Wong, Leeks Close, Manor Close

17 SUNDAY – The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Sunday after Ascension Day)

For the Minster community, and for our diocese

THY KINGDOM COME DAY 4 "Your will be done"

Today we pray for ourselves and those in our lives, that today they may encounter and recognise the will of God as it is revealed in Jesus.

Church of England: Diocese of Guildford, Bishop Paul Davies (Acting Bishop of Guildford)

Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Viborg, Bishop Henrik Stubkjær

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Marrison Way, Market Place, Maythorne, Normanton, Meadow View

18 MONDAY

For Reach UK

THY KINGDOM COME DAY 5 "On earth, as it is in heaven"

Today we pray may God's kingdom be seen in us; may God's light shine though us; may our lives bear witness to an earth which is like heaven, and be living signposts to God.

The Diocese of Yukon (The Anglican Church of Canada)

Merryweather Close, Metcalfe Close, Mill Lane Industrial Estate

19 TUESDAY – Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988;
Lawrence Booth, Archbishop of York, 1480

For religious communities

THY KINGDOM COME DAY 6 *"Give us today our daily bread"*

We pray today for those who are in need, both in our lives and across the world. We pray for God's provision in their lives.

The Diocese of Zaki-Biam (The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion))
Monckton Drive Newark Road, Normanton Road, Norwood Gardens

20 WEDNESDAY – Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804

For bellringers

THY KINGDOM COME DAY 7 *"And forgive us our sins"*

Today we pray for repentant hearts; and because we know it is a stubborn lack of repentance and a hardening of heart that often get in the way of knowing and receiving Christ.

The Missionary Diocese of Zambezia (Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola)
Care Homes: Caudwell House, Southwell Court

21 THURSDAY – Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330

For the Guild of Stewards

THY KINGDOM COME DAY 8 *"As we forgive those who sin against us"*

Generous and forgiving God, cleanse our hearts and forgive our sins and make us ready to forgive others. We particularly pray that more people will come to know you and receive your gift of forgiveness.

The Diocese of Central Zambia (The Church of the Province of Central Africa)
Norwood Park, Nottingham Road, Nursery End, Orchard Close

22 FRIDAY

For civil servants

THY KINGDOM COME DAY 9 *"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"*

Steadfast God, amid all the snares and temptations of life lead me on the path of life eternal, save me from evil, and when I stray from the path, find me and lead me home. Good Shepherd, protect me. And not just me, all those I love, and those for whom I pray today.

The Diocese of Eastern Zambia (The Church of the Province of Central Africa)
Palace View, Palmers Court, Park Lane, Park Terrace, Petticoat Lane

23 SATURDAY

For growers

THY KINGDOM COME DAY 10

"For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen"

Loving God, teach me to pray. Help me to live in peace with you and with my neighbour and to know your will for my life. Open my lips that I may declare your praise. Be with those I love, especially the people I am praying for today that they may know you too.

The Diocese of Northern Zambia (The Church of the Province of Central Africa)
Pinewood Close, Pollards Lane Potwell Close, Private Road, Queen Street

24 SUNDAY – DAY OF PENTECOST (Whit Sunday)

Thanksgiving for the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the Minster community, and for our diocese

PENTECOST – Today we pray at Pentecost for the revival of our witness to Christ and our personal commitment to grow deeper in our faith:

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.*

Church of England: Diocese of Exeter, Bishop Mike Harrison, Bishop James Grier,
Bishop Moira Astin

Church of Norway: Diocese of Nord-Hålogaland, Bishop Stig Laegdene

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Racecourse Road flats, Raysmith Close, Ridgeway, Ropewalk, Ruby Court

25 MONDAY – The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735;

Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709

For the Minster's Historic Library

As today is a bank holiday and we are encouraged to take a rest day, we remember those who cannot. Those who work to care for us and respond to our emergencies. Those who serve us as we shop and enjoy our leisure time. Lord, thank you for those who serve and thank you for our Servant King, Jesus.

The Diocese of Zanzibar (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)

Schools: Minster School, Lowes Wong Infants, Lowes Wong Junior, Holy Trinity

26 TUESDAY – Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605; John Calvin,

Reformer, 1564; Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guide, 1595

For the Archbishop of Canterbury

Newark & Southwell Deanery - Deanery Administrator Paula Carlin

The Diocese of Zaria (The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion))

Sheppards Row, Silvey Avenue Springfield Road, Shady Lane, Station Road

27 WEDNESDAY

For the encouragement of the Spirit to look beyond our reach

**The Riverside Parishes (Averham, St Michael & All Angels; Kelham, St Wilfrid;
North Muskham, St Wilfrid; South Muskham, St Wilfrid) - In Vacancy**

The Diocese of Central Zimbabwe (The Church of the Province of Central Africa)

Stenton Close, Tatham's Orchard, Templemans Way, Teresa Terrace, The Combes

28 THURSDAY – Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar, 1089

For the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome

**United Benefice of Balderton, St Giles; Barnby in the Willows, All Saints;
Coddington, All Saints - Revd Louise Holliday**

The Diocese of Ziwa Rukwa (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)

The Jubilee, Town Mill Close, Upton Road, Wands Close, Westgate

29 FRIDAY

For children's work and youth work

**East Trent Benefice (Besthorpe, Holy Trinity; Girton, St Cecelia;
Collingham, All Saints; Collingham, St John the Baptist; Harby, All Saints;
Holme, St Giles; Langford, St Bartholomew;
North & South Clifton, St George the Martyr; South Scarle, St Helena;**

The Diocese of Zonkwa (The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion))

Vicars Court, Wakeling Close, Woodland Drive

30 SATURDAY – Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906; Joan of Arc, Visionary, 1431;

Apolo Kivebulaya, Evangelist in Central Africa, 1933

For justice for oppressed women

United Benefice of Fardon, St Peter with Thorpe, St Laurence;

Hawton, All Saints with Cotham, St Michael - Revd Elizabeth Murray

The Diocese of Zululand (The Anglican Church of Southern Africa)

Those living and working in Holy Trinity parish

31 SUNDAY – TRINITY SUNDAY

For the Minster community, and for our diocese

Bilsthorpe, St Margaret; Egmanton, St Mary Our Lady of Egmanton;

Kirton, Holy Trinity; Kneesall, St Bartholomew;

Laxton with Moorhouse, St Michael the Archangel; Ollerton St Giles;

Ollerton St Paulinus; Boughton, St Matthew; Walesby, St Edmund;

Wellow with Rufford, St Swithin - Revd Margaret Groves (Associate Priest

Church of England: Diocese of Hereford, Bishop Richard Jackson

The Lusitanian Church (Portugal): Bishop José Jorge Pina Cabral

The Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Worldwide: Archbishop Karlis Zols

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Those on the electoral roll who do not live in Southwell

PRAYERS

THE FOUNDATION PRAYER

Almighty God, you have made us members one of another
in the mystical body of your Son:
grant your grace to Paul, Bishop of this Diocese;
to the Cathedral Chapter; the College of Canons; the Cathedral Council;
to all members of this Foundation;
and to all who work and worship here.
Give them the spirit of wisdom and love,
that they may live to your glory,
to the furtherance of the work of the Church
in this place at this Diocese,
and in union one with another;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world with end.
Amen.

A PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

Heavenly Father,
you have called us in the body of your Son Jesus Christ
to continue his work of reconciliation
and reveal you to the world:
forgive us the sins which tear us apart;
give us the courage to overcome our fears
and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE COMPANION LINK BETWEEN THE DIOCESE OF NATAL AND
THE DIOCESE OF SOUTHWELL AND NOTTINGHAM

God of heaven and earth,
One day peoples from North and South,
From East and West
will worship and feast together in your kingdom.
Draw together with bonds of love
the Dioceses of Natal and Southwell & Nottingham.
Inspire our friendship,
Deepen our fellowship,
And help us to challenge each other afresh
To witness to your saving love for all the world,
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR LINK CATHEDRAL OF ST GEORGE'S, JERUSALEM

Gracious and loving God,
we pray for our brothers and sisters of St George's Cathedral, Jerusalem.
We thank you for all that we are able
both to receive and to give through this friendship.
Deepen the bonds between us,
and show us how best to support Archbishop Hosam and his people
in their faithful witness to you
and their tireless work for justice, peace and reconciliation
in the midst of tension and conflict.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
our Brother and our Saviour.
Amen.

LISTENING TO THE LEAVES

Gracious God, source of life,
we praise you for the wonder and diversity of the natural world,
and we thank you for the genius of the craftsmen
who carved the Chapter House leaves that speak to us still.
Open our hearts and minds to your guiding Spirit,
that we may discern together
how best to cherish this good earth
and safeguard its resources.
As we listen to the leaves,
show us how to share in creation's song
and rediscover our harmony in you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.