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**DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

 **November 2023 – December 2023**

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**1 November**

**Bradford Deanery**

Rural Dean: Jane Palmer. ARD: Allan Coutts. Lay Chair: John Joy.

*We pray for our wonderful towns and villages in Trowbridge, Melksham and Bradford on Avon, that God would bless and grow the churches of every denomination and that we would all work together for the Kingdom of God. We pray for the vacancies, and those coming up, that God would send us Priests of His heart and for our Chapter that we would continue to grow together in wisdom and Godly love, unified by Making Jesus Known across our breadth of traditions.*

**Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** Please pray for the Rt Revd Yohana Benjamin Dirar, Bishop of Wandi in South Sudan.

**2 November**

**Atworth with Shaw and Whitley, Bradford Deanery**

Clergy Jane Palmer, Liz Gifford. LLMs: Keith Hamilton, Mike Sarson Rowe.

*We give thanks for our growing church and growing vocations to lay ministry and team work in our newly formed Parish. May God bless our work and help us in this next stage of Ministry as a single Parish. We ask for vision and growth unity in a time of change and for our work with schools to encourage more families to know Jesus.*

Shaw CE VC Primary School

Churchfields The Village School

**3 November**

**Broughton Gifford, Great Chalfield and Holt St Katharine, Bradford Deanery**

Clergy: Andrew Evans, Ruth Mecredy, Katie Jackson. LLMs: Anthony Matthew, Rachel Firth.

*Please pray for Harvey Bennett our Youth and Childrens worker and for SKY which is our work with teenagers, and for us as we try to become churches who disciple our members.*

Holt CE VC Primary School

Broughton Gifford St Mary's CE VC Primary School

**4 November**

**Melksham, Bradford Deanery**

Clergy: Charlie Thomson, Francis Moloney, Annie Wintour. LLM: Celia Shill.

*Please pray for our daytime Alpha course; refurbishment of of a newly acquired building to provide offices and meeting space; upcoming Christmas services and events; home groups; Sunday Club - for us to Make Jesus Known in Melksham!*

Melksham The Manor CE VC Primary School

Forest & Sandridge CE VA Primary School

**5 November­ – All Saints Day**

**North Bradley, Southwick, Heywood and Steeple Ashton, Bradford Deanery**

Clergy: Oliver Learmont. LLM: Richard Havergal.

*Please pray for all those in our Benefice who are unwell or troubled or facing any kind of loss at this time; and that the Holy Spirit may be a powerful presence, helping us to seek healing and reconciliation where it is needed.*

Southwick CE VC Primary School

North Bradley CE VC Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**: Please pray for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

**6 November**

**Studley St John, Bradford Deanery**

Clergy: Alastair Wood. LLM: Mike Bridges.

*Please pray for our Chat Café drop in warm space every Monday and Wednesday, and for the upcoming All Souls service, we experience large numbers of folk always giving comfort and space to connect and celebrate our loved ones.*

**7 November**

**Canalside Benefice, Bradford Deanery**

Clergy: Joy Albone. LWLs: Stuart, and Shirley in training. LPAs: Jack, Bev, Elizabeth, Sandie, Sarah, Di, Marjorie, Victoria, Stuart, and Sandra in training.

*Please pray for our Wardens and PCCs in this time of vacancy as they lead the parish in preparing the profile and advertisement as we seek a new Rector. Please pray also for Joy, together with all our LPA’s and LWL’s including those in training, as they seek to lead worship in our four churches, and provide pastoral care for those in need in our communities. At this time of remembering and Remembrance pray for all in our communities who have been bereaved in the last year.*

Staverton CE VC Primary School

Semington St George's CE VC Primary School

Hilperton CE VC Primary School

**8 November**

**Trowbridge St James and Keevil, Bradford Deanery**

Clergy: Jake Eggertsen. LLM Emeritus: Doreen White.

*Prayers for our ongoing LPA course (led by Rev Jake Eggertsen and Barbara King) and the Remembrance Sunday service and Remembrance Parade (12 Nov) in Trowbridge would be much appreciated.*

Keevil CE VA Primary School

**Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** Please pray for the Rt Revd John Abraham Nyari, Bishop of Yeri in South Sudan.

**9 November**

**Trowbridge St Thomas and West Ashton, Bradford Deanery**

Clergy: Allan Coutts. LLMs: Martyn Whittock, Angela Grist, Judy Wright.

*Please pray for Allan and Janet as they begin their preparations for retirement next May, and for the congregations of St Thomas’, St John’s and Kingfisher Church planning for an interregnum and praying towards the selection of their next Incumbent.*

West Ashton CE VA Primary School

Bellefield CE VC Primary and Nursery School

**10 November**

**North Bradford on Avon and Villages, Bradford Deanery**

Clergy: Tessa Mann, Paul Batson, Tim Hawkings, Bernard Hughes. Children's and Families worker: Zoe Yeomans.

*Lord, we ask for your blessing on our church communities during our current Rector vacancy.*

*Thank you for a spirit of goodwill, unity and hope at work as we look forward to a new season in our churches. We pray especially for the Discover Christ Church Project, the creative work in our wonderful schools and Forest Church. Thank you for all who use their gifts and energy in the shared ministry of our churches, especially in the vacancy. We give thanks for and pray for our Churchwardens, LPA's, LWL's, Thrive Team, Administrator and Clergy.*

*We ask for your blessing upon our LLM, Rachel Pound as she prepares to move away.*

Bradford on Avon Christ Church CE VC Primary School

Winsley CE VC Primary School

**11 November**

**Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity, Westwood and Wingfield, Bradford Deanery**

Clergy: Joanna Abecassis, Sarah Jackson.

*We remember with thanksgiving not only those who lost their lives on our behalf in the two ‘World Wars’ and in wars since, but also those who have gone before us in the faith in the benefice. Please pray as we enter a period of vacancy in the new year.*

Bradford on Avon St Laurence School

**12 November – Third Sunday before Advent**

**Calne Deanery**

Rural Dean: Jane Curtis. ARD: Vacant. Lay Chair: Mary Simpkins.

*Please remember in your prayers the ministers and congregations of this small deanery as we continue to explore how we might work better together in creative and supportive ways. Pray too for encouragement and wisdom for those who will be taking the lead in discerning what the priorities which underline* ***Making Jesus Known*** *might mean for us here.*

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**: Please pray for Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

**13 November**

**Oldbury, Calne Deanery**

Clergy: Matt Earwicker. LLM: Pam Evans.

*Please pray for us as we adjust to the retirement of Linda and to the arrival of a new Rector in our neighbouring town. Pray that we might find creative ways to work together across our benefice and in partnership with local churches.*

Cherhill CE VA Primary School

Heddington CE VA Primary School

**14 November**

**Royal Wootton Bassett, Calne Deanery**

Clergy: Jane Curtis, Katey Minshall, Alan Taylor, Michael Jones and Peter Giles. LLM: Michael Page. LLM Emeritus: Neil Harding.

*Please pray for those being confirmed at St Bartholomew’s this evening (14th November) as they take this next step in their faith journey. We pray too for all those who will be gathering to support them – and for those who may be prompted to explore their own faith as a consequence.*

Royal Wootton Bassett St Bartholomew's Primary Academy

**15 November**

**Marden Vale, Calne Deanery**

Clergy: Caspar Bush, Teresa Michaux, Jeremy Cresswell, Annie Church. LLMs: Enid Powell, Steven Colby. Church Army: Sr. Jenny Colby.

*Please pray as new team rector Caspar and the parishes get used to each other! Also for the process of recruiting a part-time team vicar for mission. Pray for wisdom for all in this new season, as we try to discern and allow God’s priorities to shape those things on which we should we expend our energies.*

Derry Hill CE VA Primary School

Marden Vale CofE Primary Academy

Calne Holy Trinity CE Academy

**Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** Please pray for the Rt Revd Joseph Nicanor Aba, Bishop of Liwolo in South Sudan.

**16 November**

**Lyneham and Woodhill, Calne Deanery**

Clergy: Rachma Abbott, Richard Holness. LLM: Mandy Cook.

*Thank you, Jesus, for: confirmation preparation; good outcomes at Broad Town School in SIAMS and OFSTED; for the ministry of Jonathan Beach, Richard Holness, Mandy Cook and all the baptised. At MoD Lyneham bless all who teach and all trainees. Help us make You known in serving and loving our communities.*

Broad Town CE VC Primary School

**17 November**

**The Rt Revds Stephen Lake (Salisbury), Karen Gorham (Sherborne), Andrew Rumsey (Ramsbury)**

*Pray for your bishops in a time of uncertainty, for the gifts of strength and steadfastness in the Gospel. For all those who work with us and for grace to fulfil our calling to serve everyone in the diocese.*

**18 November**

**Marlborough Deanery**

Rural Dean: Roger Powell. ARD: Vacant. Lay Chair: Sarah Musgrave.

*We now have a full complement of clergy in the deanery and are trying to work more collaboratively across benefice boundaries. Please pray for our new link with the Diocese of Morobo in Sudan.*

**19 November – Second Sunday before Advent**

**Ridgeway, Marlborough Deanery**

Clergy: Roger Powell, Freda Beveridge, Viv Brooks, Michael Johnson.

*We continue to pray that our involvement with schools will flourish. We have early signs that this is happening, but need prayers that we can engage more effectively with children and young people in particular.*

Ogbourne St George & St Andrew CE VC Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**: Please pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

**20 November**

**Upper Kennet, Marlborough Deanery**

Clergy: Maria Shepherdson. LLM PTO: Sibella Laing. LPA/LWL: Graham Kitchen , Claire Stiles, Alison Andre. LWLs: Anghared Hughes, Magnus Thompson. LPA: Alison Andrew, specifically for her work at a local car home with the dying and bereaved.

*For the 5 PCCs as we move to amalgamation into a single PCC and Parish imminently- for those who find this difficult and for wisdom and gentleness in forming into an effective united team.*

*For new Head Teacher Katie Mallinson at Kennet Valley VA school and for our community as we mark a year in December since the death of our former Head Emma Russell RIP.*

Broad Hinton CE VC Primary School

Kennet Valley CE VA Primary School

**21 November**

**Marlborough, Marlborough Deanery**

Clergy: Chris Smith, Pete Sainsbury, Mark Philps, Henry Pearson, Jeremy Cresswell, David Maurice. LLM: Sarah Musgrave. LLM in training: Louise Seddon.

*Please pray for St Mary’s Marlborough; St George’s, Preshute and St John the Baptist, Mildenhall. Together as a team we proclaim Christ’s love to the 10,000 residents of Marlborough.*

*Thank God for the recent ‘merger’ with the local Methodists, who now worship with St Mary’s. They bring much life and fellowship. Please pray that we can take our full part in God’s mission to this town. We are a little top heavy age wise so please pray for our small but growing children’s ministry. At Christmas we will be holding an exhibition ‘The Gift’, a community engagement outreach. Please pray for this to be planned well. Our mission statement has been ‘Making Jesus Known’ for 25+ years. We thank God for the diocese catching up!’*

Marlborough St Mary's CE Primary School

Preshute CE VC Primary School

**22 November**

**Whitton, Marlborough Deanery**

Clergy: Beth Hutton, Deb Larkey, Sue Rodd. LLMs: Tony Eyles, Jackie Hollander.

*We pray that as we journey with Jesus and one another we may make him known in our six communities, including our four primary schools and two nursing homes. May the Holy Spirit nourish us with faith, hope and love as we respond to the needs of our rural communities.*

Aldbourne St Michael's CE VA Primary School

Baydon St Nicholas CE VA Primary School

Chilton Foliat CE VA Primary School

**Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** Please pray for the Rt Revd Paul Modi Farjala, Bishop of Terekeka in South Sudan.

**23 November**

**Pewsey Deanery**

Rural Dean: Gerald Osborne. ARD: Vacant. Lay Chair: Philip Smith.

*Please pray for all who will be coming to our churches and other events and all who we meet in the run up to Christmas, and our making Jesus known to them in all we do, and for us as we discern further what Making Jesus Known means for each of us and our communities following our recent Deanery Day.*

**24 November**

**Savernake, Pewsey Deanery**

Clergy: Michael McHugh.

Collingbourne CE VC Primary School

Great Bedwyn CE VC Primary School

Savernake St Katharine's CE VC Primary School

Shalbourne CE VC Primary School

**25 November**

**Vale of Pewsey, Pewsey Deanery**

Clergy: Rhona Floate, Mark Windsor, Ann Massey, Gerald Osborne, Robert de Berry. LLMs: Anne Mantle, Libby Turner.

*Give thanks for the participants in our recent Christianity Explored course and those preparing for confirmation. Pray they will continue to grow in their love and knowledge of God. Pray also for the appointment of a Half-Time Team Vicar to focus on Community Outreach & Mission, and for the interview process later this week.*

Oare CE VC Primary School

Rushall CE VA School

Woodborough CE VA Primary School

**26 November – Christ the King**

**The Dean of Jersey**

The Very Revd Mike Keirle

*We give thanks for a full complement of Clergy in the Deanery for the first time in six years and for our new Clergy in St. Mary, St Martin and St. Peter as they settle in. Please pray for our own discernment process of "Making Jesus known" as we contextualise the wider Diocesan vision for our Island and its particular perspective in the coming months. In November we also celebrate the first anniversary of the formal welcome given to us in Salisbury Cathedral at an Evensong a year ago on the 17th and we give thanks for our ever deepening relationship with our attachment to the Diocese. Please pray especially for the wider community as we grapple with the major issue of "Assisted Dying" in the political arena, as it will come before Jerseys parliament in the new year.*

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**: Please pray for The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

**27 November**

**St Ouen, Jersey Deanery**

Clergy: Ian Pallent.

*Please pray for Revd Ian Pallent, Rector and his family, together with Sally Drayson Le Tissier, the Children's, Youth and Families Missioner in their ministry of making disciples in the Parish of St Ouën.*

**28 November**

**St Mary, Jersey Deanery**

Clergy: Kirsty Allan.

*Lord, we pray that we can be servant hearted people spreading your love and light and that in all that we do and say, our actions can be Christlike. We pray that as we bless others, they come to know more of you. May all who enter our church feel welcomed & included.*

*We ask that all parts of the community can work together so that our parish reflects a family made up of all generations. We may be the smallest parish on the island, but pray we can be known as the parish with a big heart, showering those in need of any kind with compassion and kindness. Build your kingdom here. Amen*

**29 November**

**St John, Jersey Deanery**

Clergy: Beverley Sproats.

*Please pray for us as we seek to share the love of God and serve the local community including the municipal parish and St. John’s Primary School.*

**Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** Please pray for the Rt Revd Isaac Dhieu Ater, Bishop of Akot in South Sudan.

**30 November – Andrew the Apostle**

**St Lawrence: St Matthew, Jersey Deanery**

Clergy: Phil Warren.

*We pray for all that work hard, seen or unseen, to keep everything working smoothly.*

**1 December**

**St Brelade with St Aubin, Jersey Deanery**

Clergy: Mark Bond.

*Prayers for all those beginning ministerial training, particularly for Mark Harris who is in training for LLM ministry in St Brelade. We give thanks that God calls people to serve in the church in many and various ways and particularly those who have encountered the many visitors we have here. We also give thanks for the 17 couples who have married in our church this summer and for the many people we have met from around the world. We also ask your prayers for those from Africa and the Caribbean who have worked in our hospitality industry and will return home for our winter period.*

**2 December**

**St Helier, Jersey Deanery**

Clergy: Mike Keirle, James Porter.

*Give thanks for the recent 'LIFE exhibition' where 1600 Yr5&6 children from the island visited Town Church to explore Jesus.*

*Pray for:*

*-those who have just completed the ’Growing on the Frontline’ course - to grow like Jesus in their everyday contexts.*

*-our Warm Welcome initiative due to start this week for our community.*

**3 December – First Sunday of Advent**

**St Andrew, Jersey Deanery**

Clergy: Mark Barrett.

*Please could you pray for our church re-ordering work. The builders have now started on site and will be there over the Christmas period. Everything is very expensive but God's provision to us has been a real inspiration. We will be meeting in our hall for the next 5 months. Please pray for patience, unity and the fruit of the Spirit.*

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**: Please pray for The Church of North India (United)

**4 December**

**St Mark, Jersey Deanery**

Clergy: Vacant. LLM: Peter Clayton.

*We pray for all that are working hard to keep everything going during the vacancy.*

**5 December**

**All Saints: St Simon, Jersey Deanery**

Clergy: David Grantham.

*Please pray for All Saints to grow deeper in faith and to grow in giftings, especially healing, to meet the needs of a community with many needs.*

*For All Saints to be a light in the park and a place where people feel safe to come and join and encounter Jesus.*

*For All Saints to hear and obey Gods plans for this church family*

**6 December**

**St Paul, Jersey Deanery**

Clergy: Paul Brooks.

*The prayer requests from St. Paul’s Church, Jersey:*

*1. Please pray for our seasonal ministry, including several schools using our building and our services for all that the light of Christ would be shone as we "Journey to Bethlehem” this Christmas.*

*2. We are seeking a new lay Pastoral minister to join our staff team.*

**Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** Please pray for the Rt Revd Joseph Yoal Yol, Bishop of Akobo in South Sudan.

**7 December**

**St Clement, Jersey Deanery**

Clergy: David Shaw, Tracy Bromley, Martin Dryden.

*Prayers and thanks for the regular congregation at all churches who are asked to help with services at this busy time of year. May the wider parish respond to the invitations and feel part of the celebrations.*

**8 December**

**St Martin de Grouville, Jersey Deanery**

Clergy: Helen Gunton, Robin Dupre. LLMs: Terry Noel, Linda Bois.

*Please pray for our witness over the Christmas period and for our ever growing ministry with children and families to bear fruit.*

**9 December**

**St Martin Le Vieux, Jersey Deanery**

Clergy: Pete Stone.

*Please pray for our Christmas events and services that Christ's light may shine in our community and that our welcome will help people feel intrigued to find out more about Jesus.*

**10 December – Second Sunday of Advent**

**St Martin (Gouray), Jersey Deanery**

Clergy: Jeff Wattley, Geraldine Baudains, Mike Lange-Smith. LLM: Mrs Wendy Lange-Smith: Lay Pastoral Assistant Mrs Katie Dunn.

*We will be having a new system of Heated Pew Cushions installed this winter to make our church both greener and more comfortable by heating the people instead of empty space. Gorey Little Fishes Toddler Group going well. Pray for Sunday Children's groups to return to strength following the pandemic.*

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**: Please pray for The Church of Pakistan (United)

**11 December**

**Holy Trinity, Jersey Deanery**

Clergy: Geoff Houghton.

*We give thanks for the Licensed Lay Ministry of Angela Le Sueur, Fleur Benest and Helen Hamilton, and ask God’s continued blessing upon the work of our Children and Families worker, Sarah Prosser at the local school and amongst the church family. We give thanks too for the strengthening of our link with Bishop Martin Gordon of the Goma Diocese in the DRC.*

**12 December**

**St Saviour, Jersey Deanery**

Clergy: Martin Evans.

*We pray for all at St Saviour that keep everything running smoothly, and that we will always offer a warm welcome to those visiting.*

**13 December**

**St Luke with St James, Jersey Deanery**

Clergy: Nick Barry.

*Give thanks with us for the blessing of growing numbers of young families and children in the congregation and pray for our team who work with the children. Pray also for God’s blessing and guidance as we embark on a significant church restoration project in the New Year.*

**Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** Please pray for the Rt Revd Gabriel Kuol Garang, Bishop of Wernyol in South Sudan.

**14 December**

**St Peter, Jersey Deanery**

Clergy: Robert Harris.

*We give thanks for all those who have visited St. Peter’s Christmas Tree Festival and for those who made it possible. May Jesus, the true light and love of Christmas, fill all their hearts and minds with peace and joy.*

**15 December**

**Pray for all staff, in all the various offices and departments, including all those in the Channel Islands.**

*We pray that although we may be geographically challenged at times with all the different locations, that our work together will achieve great unity and cohesion. We pray too for the development of the vision and strategy team as it formulates, and for all the work to Make Jesus Known.*

**16 December**

**The Archdeacon of Sherborne**

The Ven Penny Sayer

*Please pray for all those who are busy leading Christmas services in churches, schools and communities throughout the diocese, that in the midst of the busyness they will also find joy in the coming of the Christ Child.*

**17 December – Third Sunday of Advent**

**Lyme Bay Deanery**

Rural Dean: David Baldwin. ARD: vacant. Lay Chair: Janet Jackson.

*We pray for all in the deanery, lay and clergy, that work hard to keep everything running as smoothly as possible.*

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**: Please pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

**18 December**

**Eggardon and Colmers, Lyme Bay Deanery**

Clergy: Chris Grasske, Carol Peters.

Loders CE VC Primary School - part of Acorn Academy

Powerstock CE VA Primary School

Symondsbury CE VA Primary School

**19 December**

**Beaminster Area, Lyme Bay Deanery**

Clergy: David Baldwin, Jo Neary. LLM PtOs: Neville Adams, Maurice Yarham.

Salway Ash CE VA Primary School

Mosterton Parrett & Axe CE VA Primary School

Beaminster St Mary's Academy

Broadwindsor CE VC Primary School

Beaminster CE VC Secondary School

**20 December**

**Bride Valley, Lyme Bay Deanery**

*Please pray for the Bride Valley during our current vacancy, that we will continue to grow in faith and develop in our existing ministries while we await a new Rector. We thank God for our relationship with our schools at Burton Bradstock and Litton Cheney and we are extremely grateful to those who are able to help us out at this time. We pray especially for our ministry team, the Rev'd Liz Howlett, Rev'd Ryder Rogers, LLM James Webster and our Lay Worship Leaders Vicky Thomas, Paul Cheater and Heather Goffee.*

Litton Cheney Thorner's CE VA Primary School

Burton Bradstock CE VC School

**Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** Please pray for the Most Revd Joseph Atem, Archbishop & Diocesan Bishop of Malakal.

**21 December**

**Bridport, Lyme Bay Deanery**

Clergy: Deb Smith, Lorna Johnson. LLM: Graham Purse. LLM PtOs: Coral Hatton, Peter Wright. LLM Emeritus: Valerie Payne.

*In the Parish of Bridport we pray for the life of our town and especially for those struggling with the cost of living crisis. We pray too for the process to appoint a new Pioneer Team Vicar to work with us to make Jesus known in this place.*

Bridport St Mary's CE VC Primary School

**22 December**

**Golden Cap Team, Lyme Bay Deanery**

Clergy: Sarah Godfrey, Virginia Luckett, Sarah Keen, Lucyann Ashdown. LLM: James Ashdown. LLM PtO: James Pettifer. LLM Emeritus: Winifred Maynard.

*Please pray for the Benefice during this time of vacancy, for the Acting Team Rector Sarah Godfrey, the Clergy Team and Licensed Lay Ministers, together with the Lay Worship Leaders. We pray for wisdom and discernment during this time, and for God's call to be heard by whomever may be sent to lead here.*

Lyme Regis St Michael's CE VA Primary School

Marshwood C of E Primary Academy

Hawkchurch CE VC Primary School

**23 December**

**Dorchester Deanery**

Rural Dean: Sarah Hillman. ARD: Jonathan Still. Lay Chair: Roger Holehouse.

*Give thanks for all who contribute to the life and mission of our churches and communities.*

**24 December – Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Buckland Newton, Cerne Abbas, Godmanstone and Minterne Magna, Dorchester Deanery**

Clergy: Jonathan Still.

Buckland Newton CE VC Primary School

Cerne Abbas CE VC First School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**: Please pray for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

**25 December – Christmas Day**

**Charminster, Stinsford and the Chalk Stream villages, Dorchester Deanery**

Clergy: Leila Mather, Hugh Willis, Dick Luther, Liz Cross, Bruce Dixon, Rob van der Hart.

*Pray for our continued unity as a benefice, for all those exploring and embracing vocations, and for our work amongst local families and schools, with the elderly, and with isolated members of our parishes, as we seek to share the good news of God’s unconditional love with our whole community.*

Charminster St Mary's CE VC First School

**26 December – Stephen, deacon, first martyr**

**Moreton, Woodsford and Crossways with Tincleton, Dorchester Deanery**

Clergy: Gemma Donnell, Peter Stevens. LLM: Will Spackman.

*Please pray for us as we begin to plan an Alpha course locally and seek to engage the younger families in Crossways. We would also appreciate prayer for our historic buildings all of which need maintenance or repair work.*

Frome Valley CE VA First School

**27 December – John, Apostle and Evangelist**

**Piddle Valley, Hilton and Ansty, Cheselbourne and Melcombe Horsey, Dorchester Deanery**

Clergy: Stephen Waine, Helier Exon, Jacquie Shaw.

*Please pray for the 6 parishes of the benefice as they seek to serve their villages. Pray for Piddle Valley First School and Cheselbourne School.*

Piddle Valley CE VA First School

**Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** Please pray for the Rt Revd Richard Aquilla, Bishop of Nzara in South Sudan.

**28 December – The Holy Innocents**

**Puddletown, Tolpuddle and Milborne with Dewlish, Dorchester Deanery**

Clergy: Sarah Hillman.

*Please pray for the launch of our Bubble Church and links with baptism families.*

Puddletown St Mary's CE Middle School

Puddletown CE First School

**29 December**

**Watercombe, Dorchester Deanery**

Clergy: David Johnson, Anthony Bush. LLM: Jenny Bagnall. Methodist Minister: Brenda Stephenson.

*Please pray for Jenny, Brenda, Anthony and David and the ministry we share with all those who support - and worship in - the six churches of the Watercombe Benefice. Especially pray for those who find the peace of the presence of God in our open churches and that we may continue to offer warmth and welcome in our little part of Dorset.*

**30 December**

**Dorchester and the Winterbournes, Dorchester Deanery**

Clergy: Keith Magee, Cora Yarrien, Jimmy Holden, Jo Lacy Smith, Heidi Merrett, John Wood, Richard Franklin, Michael Insley, Eileen McLean, Rosemary Bassett, Jane Culliford. LLM: Caroline McMeiken. LLM PtOs: Esther Bird, David Bowen, Allen Knott, Robert Potter.

*Please pray for the ministry of our churches in our town and villages. We particularly pray for the Winterbourne villages and Compton Valence who are presently in vacancy. We seek God’s guidance and support as as look to appoint a new Team Vicar.*

Winterbourne Valley CE VA First School

Dorchester Manor Park CE VC First School

Dorchester St Osmund's CE Middle School

**31 December – First Sunday of Christmas**

**Dorchester Area Hospitals and Weldmar Hospice Trust**

*Sadly, one of our Team, Father Barry Hallett (RC), died in September. He was a much-loved parish priest and hospital chaplain and is sorely missed. As we move into a New Year, we remember all those known to us who have died in the past year and pray for those who grieve. We give thanks for the skills of the staff who look after those being cared for in Dorset County Hospital, Weldmar Hospice and our care homes. We pray for courage for the chaplains in their daily work.*

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer**: Please pray for Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.