

# DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

November 2019 – December 2019



# Renewing *HOPE*

Pray • Serve • Grow

*God our Father,  
renew our hope.*

*By the Holy Spirit's power  
strengthen us to pray readily,  
serve joyfully  
and grow abundantly  
rejoicing in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

## **1 November - All Saints Day**

### **Wilton with Netherhampton and Fugglestone**

Clergy: Mark Wood, Caroline Titley.

*Please pray for the St. Peter's Group working to develop Fugglestone Church for the needs of the new community there and for the "2020 group" planning for the Parish Church's 17th anniversary celebrations next year. Also for a successful launch of "Bible Book Clubs" across the town, this Advent.*

Wilton and Barford CE VC Primary School

## **2 November - All Souls Day**

### **Chalke Valley**

Clergy: Catherine Blundell, Jennifer Taylor, Anna-Claar Thomasson-Rosingh, Roger Leake.

*Thank God for the Thrive initiative and the enthusiasm with which people are working together. We pray that God's Love will touch people in the valley. Please pray for our schools, those who were baptised and confirmed and the pupil prayer group. Pray for all those who lead services in our valley, especially for lay-led worship.*

Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary School

Broad Chalke CE VA Primary School

Longford CE VC Primary School

## **3 November - 4th Sunday before Advent**

### **Nadder Valley**

Clergy: Elaine Brightwell, Tina Fox, Mark Hayter, Juliette Hulme, Jo Naish, Graham Southgate. LLM: Judy Anderson.

*We pray for each of our fourteen parishes and the links with the four schools. We also pray for a strengthening of our vision and energy, that we might bring new life to our communities.*

Tisbury St John's CE VC Primary School

Hindon CE VA Primary School

Dinton CE VC Primary School

Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop CE VA Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Church of Bermuda (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), The Rt Revd Nicholas Dill – Bishop of Bermuda.

#### **4 November**

##### **St Bartholomew**

Clergy: Richard Warhurst, Kevin Martin.

Semley CE VA Primary School

#### **5 November**

##### **Western Downland**

Clergy: Les Player.

*Thanksgiving for generosity in financing quinquennial repairs in Damerham. Prayer for Angus, a member of our parishes, beginning training for ordained ministry. For early stage planning for developing pastoral lay ministry. For understanding and engagement with the need to develop good administrative structures to support ministry across our parishes.*

Western Downland CE VA Primary School

Sarum Academy

#### **6 November**

**Social Justice Programme: Colin Brady. Social Justice Working Group Chair: Ven Penny Sayer. Rural Officer: Richard Kirlew. Environment Group Chair: David Morgan. Rural Hope Programme Manager: Sarah Keen. Rural Field Officers: Richard Hancock, Claire Horton, Alice Farnhill, Rhona Floate. Rural Ministry Development Officer: Clare Phillips. Tutor in Rural Ministry: Jill Hopkinson**

*For our responses to climate crisis, to homelessness, and to welcoming refugees.*

**Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** For the Rt Rev Fraser Yugu Elias, Assistant Bishop of Juba.

#### **7 November**

**Ecumenical - Local Ecumenical Partnerships, Churches Together: Katja Babei (Dorset) Paul Richardson (Ramsbury Area Officer) Simon Evans (Sherborne Area Officer)**

*Please pray for the continued and renewing of partnerships.*

## **8 November**

### **Heytesbury Deanery**

Pauline Reid (Rural Dean), Robert Shuler (Lay Chair).

*Loving God, we thank and praise you for the new life in our deanery with vacancies being filled with forward looking and enthusiastic clergy. We pray for all our parishes, especially for those who give their time and energy in serving on our deanery synod, for Robert our deanery Chair and Graham as treasurer. Help us to be open to the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we try to find new ways to work together as a deanery.*

## **9 November**

### **Cley Hill Villages**

Clergy: Pauline Reid, Gay Maynard.

*Life giving God, we thank and praise you for the wonderful people who generously and faithfully give so much to the life of our benefice. In our scattered communities we pray for those who are lonely and isolated or brought low by illness or the difficulties and constraints of extreme old age. May we never forget those faithful people who have given so much to the life of the church in the past but who now are unable to leave their homes. Surround them with love and care.*

Crockerton CE VA Primary School

Chapmanslade CE VA Primary School

## **10 November - Remembrance Sunday**

### **Mere with West Knoyle & Maiden Bradley**

Clergy: Carol Green, Judith Thompson, Vicky Goodman, Alan Wadge. LLMs Christine Marsh, Jane Hurd.

*Pray for the resources to fund our reordering project for toilets, servery, a more welcoming entrance and the repair of pinnacles at St Michaels. Give thanks for the new possibilities to become more involved in our community. In Maiden Bradley ask God's blessing for the changes in the village and redevelopment of the Somerset Arms. In West Knoyle remember those who experience rural isolation.*

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Lusitanian Church (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), The Rt Revd Jorge Pina Cabral - Bishop of the Lusitanian Church

## **11 November**

### **Upper Stour**

*Please pray for the benefice during the interregnum, and as it waits for Ben Rundell-Evans to arrive in January.*

Bourton St Georges CE VA School

Whitesheet Church of England Primary Academy

## **12 November**

### **Upper Wylve Valley Team**

Clergy: Trudy Hobson, Clifford Stride.

*Please pray for all who serve the Upper Wylve Valley Team in Word and Sacrament, our Team Rector, Team Vicar, retired Priests, Reader, Lay Worship Leaders, Lay Pastoral Assistants, our PCC's and all who contribute to the worship and building of God's Kingdom in this part of the valley. We pray for those who are lonely and isolated, especially those who are surrounded by people and busyness, yet still feel alone. Lord, guide and help us to reach all your beloved children so that all who live, work or visit this place may grow in your love.*

St John's Hospital Heytesbury

*Please pray for the Chaplains and Community of St John's Almshouse.*

Sutton Veny CE VC Primary School

Heytesbury CE VA Primary School

Wylve Valley CE VA Primary School

## **13 November**

### **Warminster Christ Church**

Clergy: Lorraine Dobbins, Margaret Collins, Allen Edwards.

*Pray for Church Family at Christ Church as they begin to seek God's call after a time of interregnum.*

Warminster Sambourne CE VC Primary School

**Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** For the Rt Revd John Jok Chol, in the Diocese of Akobo.

## **14 November**

### **White Horse**

Clergy: Caroline Husband, Melanie Otto.

*Please give thanks for the strong team of worship leaders, lay ministers, retired clergy and LPAs within the team. We ask for prayers for the continuing outreach programme to our schools and the development of outreach teams through which children and volunteers will experience God in fresh and exciting ways, connecting church to school.*

*Please also pray for the safe arrival of Revd Rebecca Harris (and her family) as she prepares to join the White Horse Team in the New Year.*

Westbury Leigh CE VC Primary School

*Following our own service of remembrance that our military families attend, the children will be thinking deeply about what it means to be at peace both personally and on a global scale.*

Westbury CE VC Junior School

Dilton Marsh CE VC Primary School

## **15 November**

### **River Were**

Clergy: Jacques Desrosiers, Sue Hart, Gay Maynard.

*Please pray for the new head teacher at St John and recent problems with fabric in our churches.*

Warminster St John's CE VC Primary School

Warminster The Minster CE VC Primary School

## **16 November**

**Overseas Links - Sheila Trist (Sec – Sudan Committee), Mike Maclachlan (Sudan Medical Link), Sudan, Latvia & Evreux Links**

## **17 November - 2nd Sunday before Advent**

**Hospital Chaplains, Prison Chaplains, Chaplains for Salisbury Law Courts, Police Chaplains, Service Chaplains, School Chaplains, & the Chaplain to Travellers**

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), The Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano - Bishop of Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church.

## **18 November**

### **The Archdeacon of Wilts**

The Ven Sue Groom

*Give thanks for a successful hip replacement earlier this year. Pray for stamina to complete the sponsored swim of 3 times the channel (66 miles) for Aspire (a charity working with people with spinal injuries) this autumn, alongside everything else required of the Archdeacon of Wilts!*

## **19 November**

### **Devizes Deanery**

Paul Richardson (Rural Dean), Carole Jones (Lay Chair)

*Please pray for the health and wellbeing of all clergy and lay people in the deanery.*

## **20 November**

### **Bratton, Edington & Imber, Erlestoke and Coulston**

Clergy: Andrew Sinclair.

**Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** For the Rt Revd Abraham YelNhial, Bishop of Aweil.

## **21 November**

### **Devizes St John and St Mary**

Clergy: Paul Richardson, Ben Rundell-Evans.

*Please pray for us as we say goodbye and hello to many of our clergy. For, Jacqui Clark our Associate Priest who is leaving us to become a Chaplain at HMP Erlestoke, for Ben Rundell-Evans our Assistant Curate as he leaves us to become the Priest in Charge of the Upper Stour Benefice, for our Rector Paul Richardson who has been ill for a number of months, and for Gerry Lynch as we prepare to welcome him as assistant curate in 2020.*

## **22 November**

### **Devizes St Peter**

Clergy: Vincent Perricone.



## **23 November**

### **Rowde and Bromham**

Clergy: Ruth Schofield, William Ind, Heather Smith. LLM: Caroline Culley.

*Please pray for Breakfast Church and the Youth Group at Rowde, and for our Christingle Services in Rowde and Bromham Churches. Also for the Christmas Tree festival in Bromham and Sandy Lane.*

Rowde C of E Primary Academy

Bromham St Nicholas CE VC Primary School

## **24 November - Christ the King**

### **Southbroom St James**

Clergy: Keith Brindle, Stephen Ibbetson, Richard Saint.

*The redevelopment of our new St James Centre, a community hub that will enable the church to build God's kingdom and serve the community. We are working closely with our partners in Devizes Area Health and Wellbeing Group to enable individuals, families and groups to flourish, especially those in our communities most in need. Pray that the redevelopment of the centre happens to plan, within budget, that additional funds needed are found.*

Devizes The Trinity Primary Academy

Southbroom St James Academy

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury), The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton - Bishop to the Forces and Bishop to the Falkland Islands.

## **25 November**

### **Lavingtons, Cheverells and Easterton**

Clergy: Marion Harrison.

Great Cheverell The Holy Trinity CE Primary Academy

Market Lavington St Barnabas CE VC Primary School

## **26 November**

### **Cannings & Redhorn**

Clergy: Richard Curtis, Joanna Porter, Liz Bailey, Chris Burdon, Michael Flight, Peter Goold, George Royle. LWLs: Elizabeth Greed, Tim Hutchings, Yvonne Morris, Ian Smith, Pauline Smith, Alan Stonell, Louise Woolley. LPAs: Judith Gay, Evelyn Grant. Benefice Administrator: Helen Rawlings.

*We give thanks for Joanna's ministry with us following her licensing in the summer and the opportunities that having a second stipendiary priest in the benefice brings. Please pray for us as we continue to develop our ministries.*

All Cannings CE VC Primary School – Equa MAT

Bishops Cannings CE VA Primary School – Equa MAT

Chirton CE VC Primary School – Equa MAT

Urchfont CE VC Primary School

## **27 November**

### **Wellsprings**

Clergy: Ali Bridewell, Joshva Raja John-Christopher, Jane Knowles, Renée Coulson, Maureen Allchin. LLM: Liz Starling. YFC youth worker: Steve Dewar.

*The parishes of Potterne, Worton and Marston, Seend, Bulkington and Poulshot form the Wellsprings Benefice. Our area is noted for its many springs and wells which remind us of scriptural references to the "living water" we find in Jesus Christ. Please pray for our Benefice that we would become 'living water' as we seek to serve our rural communities. Please pray that we can discern what God is calling us to do together: to pray, work in partnership, and see who is in front of us. That we will pray, serve and grow together in our ministry and that God's love would be evident in all we seek to do. In the name of Jesus. Amen*

Potterne Five Lanes CE VC Primary School

Seend CE VA Primary School

**Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** For the Rt Revd Elijah Matueny, Bishop of Cueibet.

## **28 November**

### **HMP Erlestoke**

Clergy: Steve Ibbetson (Anglican Chaplain), Shirley Daniels (LPA).

*Prayers for the new Anglican Chaplain who will be starting shortly at the prison.*

**29 November**

**The Ministry Team and its work: Jane Charman (Director), Debbie Orriss (Discipleship Co-ordinator), Tony Edmonds (LLM Training Officer), Ronnie Crossman (Vocations Co-ordinator), Heather Waldsax (Young Vocations Resource Officer), Nigel Done (IME Co-ordinator and DDO), Robin Coutts (ADO), Sue Chandler (IME and CMD Resource Officer), Steve Inglis (Ministry for Mission Resource Officer), Clare Phillips (Rural Ministry Development Officer), Louise Appleby, Andrea Dredge, Jane Murrell, Adrian Smale (Team Administrators)**

*Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people  
that, in their vocation and ministry,  
each may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

**30 November - Andrew the Apostle**

**Ministry Team portfolio holders: Bill Rogers (Associate Ministry Adviser), Judy Anderson (Co Warden of LLMs), Liz Giles, Penny Haigh and Anne Thompson (Archdeaconry LPA Officers), Roger Gingell and Elaine Deighton (LWL representatives), John Wood and Ann Philp (Clergy Retirement Officers), Jean Boulton Reynolds, Helier Exon, David Coates and Christine Garrard (Spiritual Accompaniment Advisers and Assistants), Helen Dawes (Dean of Women's Ministry)**

*Everlasting God, strengthen and sustain all those who volunteer in our churches;  
that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people;  
and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ,  
offering to you their gifts and talents;  
through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## **1 December - 1st Sunday of Advent**

### **Bradford Deanery**

Andrew Evans (Rural Dean), Allan Coutts (ARD), John Joy (Lay Chair).

*Please pray for our Deanery link with Kadugli Diocese in the Republic of Sudan. We ran a Rooted in Jesus discipleship conference there in October. Pray that the delegates are successful in starting discipleship groups in their home settings, and that this programme brings them much blessing and growth.*

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for mission agencies and their work throughout the Anglican Communion.

## **2 December**

### **Atworth with Shaw and Whitley**

Clergy: Jane Palmer. LLMs: Chris Rees, Frances O'Donohoe

*Please pray for our growing outreach to George Ward Gardens and our engagement with the local community and schools during this special season.*

Shaw CE VC Primary School

Churchfields The Village School

## **3 December**

### **Broughton Gifford, Great Chalfield and Holt St Katharine**

Clergy: Andrew Evans, Ruth Mecredy, Helen Begley. LLMs: Anthony Mathew, Rachel Firth.

*Please pray for our mission initiatives - Bacon Butty Service in St Mary's School, 'Saved by the Bell' monthly supper and discussion evening in the Bell public house, and our next Alpha Course starting after Christmas.*

Holt CE VC Primary School

Broughton Gifford St Mary's CE VC Primary School

## **4 December**

### **Melksham**

Clergy: Alison Sowton.

*Please join us in prayer as we give thanks for the ministry of Barry and Sheena Blackford as they begin retirement. We pray for God's wisdom as we seek his will for our Parish. Please pray for us and for the logistics of the vacancy.*

*We continue to give thanks for the continued growth of our ecumenical messy church. We pray for sufficient human resource, energy and inspiration to help families on the journey.*

Melksham The Manor CE VC Primary School

Forest & Sandridge CE VA Primary School

*Please pray for:*

- *Celebrations at Christmas – we pray for lots of fun whilst sharing the love of Jesus with our children and families at this special time.*
- *For our children – that we will be able to identify effectively and do everything to meet the needs of all our children, especially the most vulnerable.*
- *Ofsted – Please pray for wisdom and the ability to be able to show and articulate the great things we are doing in our school.*
- *Staff changes – Please pray that the new teachers will settle quickly and that the transition will be seamless.*

**Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** For the Rt Revd Thomas Tut Gany, Bishop of Duk.

## **5 December**

### **North Bradley, Southwick, Heywood and Steeple Ashton**

Clergy: Oliver Learmont.

Southwick CE VC Primary School

North Bradley CE VC Primary School

## **6 December**

### **Studley St John**

Clergy: Alastair Wood.

*St John's Studley is praying hard for permission to go ahead with the structural underpinning of the Chancel as it continues to cause problems due to subsidence. We also are launching a community eco project to engage with our parish.*

## 7 December

### Canalside Benefice

Clergy: John Rees, Joy Albone, Hugh Hoskins, Ray Guymer, Ivor Hughes, Tony Parfitt.  
PtO LLMs: Catherine Warr, Marilyn Stubbs. LWLs: Stuart Raymond, Anne Rees.

*Please pray:*

- *that those attending our Advent Quiet morning today will draw nearer to God.*
- *that Advent and Christmas services and school Christmas celebrations will enable people to encounter God's loving presence. Particularly pray for our new service for those who find Christmas difficult.*
- *for implementation of our 5 year Action Plan, with its focus on growth in discipleship, service and church reordering.*

Staverton CE VC Primary School

Semington St George's CE VC Primary School

Hilperton CE VC Primary School

## 8 December – 2nd Sunday of Advent

### Trowbridge St James and Keevil

Clergy: Rob Thomas, Richard East. LLM: Marilyn Thomas. Children's and Families' Worker: Tom Bullock.

*Pray for our ongoing work of building up our lay ministry teams and encouraging vocations lay and ordained.*

Keevil CE VA Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for the work of the Mothers' Union around the world  
Sheran Harper - Worldwide President, Bev Jullien - Chief Executive.

## 9 December

### Trowbridge St Thomas and West Ashton

Clergy: Allan Coutts, Colin Turner, Andy Yorke, John Self. LLMs: Martyn Whittock, Angela Grist, Graham Leeder, Judy Wright.

*Give thanks for the smoothness of the temporary transition to Holy Trinity and refreshing of our worship there during the reordering work at St Thomas'. Also for the ministry of Reuben Dunnings as he 'retires' from active ministry. Please pray for the plans for St Thomas' 150th Birthday celebrations next year.*

West Ashton CE VA Primary School

Bellefield CE VC Primary and Nursery School

## **10 December**

### **North Bradford on Avon and Villages**

Clergy: Ann Keating, Tessa Mann.

Bradford on Avon Christ Church CE VC Primary School

Winsley CE VC Primary School

## **11 December**

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

Clergy: Joanna Abecassis, Ali Green.

*We pray for God's strength and wisdom in this thriving benefice, where we yearn for more ministerial support. And for our mission and ministry in the incredibly powerful Season of Advent: from the calm of 'Soul Space' tomorrow to all the joy and celebration of Carol Services, concerts and Wingfield's 'Chuppa'.*

**Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** For the Rt Revd Wilson Kamani, Bishop of Ibba.

## **12 December**

### **Bradford on Avon St Laurence School**

Headteacher: Fergus Stewart.

## **13 December**

### **Calne Deanery**

Jane Curtis (RD) Bob Kenway (Asst), Mary Simpkins (Lay Chair).

*Please pray for our four benefices, their people and clergy, as we continue to explore how we might best encourage one another's mission and ministry, and support one another wherever possible, be it practically or prayerfully.*

## **14 December**

### **Oldbury**

Clergy: Matt Earwicker, Rev Linda Dytham. LLMs: Pam Evans, Tony Milsom.

*Please pray for us as we start a coffee morning in Heddington church on Mondays after school drop off, and as we look at ways of offering more informal opportunities for people to engage with church and find out about Jesus.*

Cherhill CE VA Primary School

Heddington CE VA Primary School

## **15 December – 3rd Sunday of Advent**

### **Royal Wootton Bassett**

Clergy: Jane Curtis, Oliver Blease, Jonathan Beach, Derek Ormston, Jean Boulton-Reynolds, Alan Taylor, Michael Jones, Peter Giles. LLM: Michael Page. LLM PtO: Neil Harding.

*Please pray for the new youth club recently started up by the local Methodist youth worker Simon, with support and involvement from St Bart's; and for our developing relations with the local secondary school, RWB Academy, spearheaded by our curate Ollie.*

Royal Wootton Bassett St Bartholomew's Primary Academy

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Sokoto (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Augustin Omole, El Salvador (Central America) The Rt Revd Juan David Alvarado Melgar.

## **16 December**

### **Marden Vale**

Clergy: Bob Kenway, Linda Carter, Teresa Michaux.

*We give thanks for work with young people especially the parents and Toddlers group ('SMUFS'), the Wednesday Club for Primary age children, the Benefice Holiday clubs, Messy Church and the Open Blues bus an ecumenical venture working with children and young people in the centre of Calne. We also give thanks for Schools' work, especially 'Open the Book'.*

Derry Hill CE VA Primary School

Marden Vale CofE Primary Academy

Calne Holy Trinity CE Academy

## **17 December**

### **Lyneham and Woodhill**

Clergy: Rachma Abbott.

*Please pray for the carol services and Christmas activities around the Benefice in our schools, churches and villages. Please can we ask you to pray for: the House for Duty vacancy; the chaplains on the MOD base, especially Padre Keith, Garrison Chaplain and those exploring vocations on the base and in the parishes. Prayers also for our trainee LLM as she retires from teaching, for the LPA and LWL teams. Please pray for the ATC, for military families relocating from Germany and for all who find this Christmas season is marked with sorrow or struggle.*

Broad Town CE VC Primary School



## **18 December**

**The Rt Revds Nicholas Holtam (Salisbury), Karen Gorham (Sherborne), Andrew Rumsey (Ramsbury)**

*Please pray for the three bishops and for wisdom and good judgement in this advent season.*

**Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** For the Rt Revd Gabriel Thuch Agot, Bishop of Kongor.

## **19 December**

### **Marlborough Deanery**

Roger Powell (Rural Dean), Nicky Irwin (Lay Chair).

*The deanery is looking forward to the licensing of the new Team rector of Marlborough this autumn. We are also interviewing for a new Team Rector of Whitton. Please keep us in your prayers as our parishes welcome new clergy to the deanery.*

## **20 December**

### **Ridgeway**

Clergy: Roger Powell, Freda Beveridge, Vivian Brooks, Sue Armitage.

*Please pray for this benefice as we seek to make contact with a new primary school and with a new housing estate at one end of the benefice. Pray also for the PCCs as they endeavour to work together across parish boundaries.*

Ogbourne St George & St Andrew CE VC Primary School

*Please pray that all the children and their families have a happy love filled Christmas and to remember those who are suffering.*

## **21 December**

### **Upper Kennet**

Clergy: Maria Shepherdson. LLM (PtO): Sibella Laing. LPAs: Graham Kitchen, Claire Stiles.

*For the Benefice as we move towards a decision point in respect of the development of moving towards a united PCC.*

*In Thanksgiving for Vocations praying for Michael Eaton as he begins training at Durham, and 2 others training as LWLs For the second year of running confirmation classes at the school and for the emergent 'Open the Book' team of year 5 and 6 pupils and embedding of prayer as part of the daily life of our schools*

Broad Hinton CE VC Primary School

Kennet Valley CE VA Primary School

## **22 December – 4th Sunday of Advent**

### **Marlborough**

Clergy: Christopher Smith, David Maurice.

Marlborough St Mary's CE Primary School

Preshute CE VC Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement, His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome, His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch, The Revd Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council, The Reverend Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

## **23 December**

### **Whitton**

Clergy: Rhona Floate, Sue Rodd, Karen Rizzello.

Aldbourne St Michael's CE VA Primary School

Baydon St Nicholas CE VA Primary School

Chilton Foliat CE VA Primary School

## **24 December - Christmas Eve**

**The Diocesan Synod, Bishop's Council, Diocesan Chancellor (Ruth Arlow)**

## **25 December - Christmas Day**

### **Pewsey Deanery**

Gerald Osborne (Rural Dean), Rosemary Cook (Lay Chair)

*As we celebrate Emmanuel, God with us, we pray for all in our churches today that they may know more fully God's power to save and as we prepare for the third year of 'Come and See' Lenten outreach hearts may be turned to God*

**Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** For the Rt Revd Peter Joh Abraham Mayom, Bishop of Malek.

## **26 December - Stephen, deacon, first martyr**

### **Savernake**

Clergy: Michael McHugh, Joanne Reid, Robert Grist.

*We give thanks for those who have supported the team over many years and have recently left for personal reasons. We also ask that the Lord may call someone to serve as a Team Vicar filling our vacancy.*

Collingbourne CE VC Primary School

*We pray that our children stay safe over the Christmas period and they enjoy this special time of year with their loved ones. We also pray for those that are alone or lonely, and those less fortunate.*

Great Bedwyn CE VC Primary School

Savernake St Katharine's CE VC Primary School

Shalbourne CE VC Primary School

## **27 December - John, Apostle and Evangelist**

### **Vale of Pewsey**

Clergy: Deborah Larkey, Mark Windsor, Jennifer Totney, Colin Heber-Percy, Gerald Osborne. LLMs: Anne Mantle, Linda Fleming.

*Please pray for our Team Vicar colleague, Revd Jennifer Totney, on maternity leave. We continue to give thanks with Jennifer and Chris for the birth of their baby daughter and pray for God's blessings and protection for them and all families with small children at this Christmas time.*

Oare CE VC Primary School

Rushall CE VA School

Woodborough CE VA Primary School

## **28 December - The Holy Innocents**

**The Diocesan Office: David Pain (Diocesan Secretary), Stephen Dawson (Deputy Diocesan Secretary), Miriam Longfoot (Asst Diocesan Sec'y), Heather Bland, Jonathan Whiter, Adrian Smale (Safeguarding), Judith Wilson (HR), Alison Comlay (IT & Office Manager), Fiona Torrance, Alex Weedon, Sally Finn.**

*Please pray for all in the diocesan office.*

## **29 December – 1st Sunday of Christmas**

**Board of Finance: Nigel Salisbury (Chair), Liz Ashmead (Head of Finance), Angie Wheeler, Carolyn Cropp, Elizabeth Harvey**

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Gahini (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Alexis Bilindabagabo, Gahini (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Manasseh Gahima, Gambia (West Africa) The Rt Revd James Allen Yaw Odico.

## **30 December**

**The Archdeacon of Sherborne**

The Ven Penny Sayer

*Please pray for all those who have been in church over the Christmas period that by hearing the Christmas story they may draw nearer to Christ. And continue to pray for those Benefices in vacancy, and for those about to take up new appointments.*

## **31 December**

**Lyme Bay Deanery**

David Baldwin (Rural Dean), Janet Allen (Lay Chair)