

Prayer Calendar

November 2023

**Wed, 1
Nov**
All Saint's
Day

Global God, we pray for the Provincial Synod of the Church of the Province of Central Africa currently taking place in Malawi, including representatives from our link dioceses in Zambia. We pray for good health during the Synod and safe travel home.

**Wed, 8
Nov**

Creator God, we thank you for the world you have given to us. Help us to notice new ways of caring for your creation this winter.

**Thur, 2
Nov**

God of all people, we pray for Bishop's Council as it meets today. We pray that all discussions and decisions will be centred on you and will enable people across our diocese to live and tell the story of your immense love.

**Thur, 9
Nov**

Lord, as the Board of Education meets, we pray for them; and we pray for schools and colleges, for staff and pupils. We pray for their teaching, learning and living and pray that God will continue to bless them.

**Fri, 3
Nov**

Healing God, in this week of international stress awareness, we pray for all those who are experiencing stress. May they receive the understanding, care and help they need.

**Fri, 10
Nov**

Loving God, we give thanks for Bishop Ruth as she begins her ministry in the Diocese of Coventry. We ask you to bless and strengthen her, and those she will serve, in this time of new ministry together.

**Sat, 4
Nov**

Enabling God, we give thanks for all those who have responded to your call to Reader ministry. As the Readers' Council meets today give them wisdom in their decision-making so that guided by your Holy Spirit, Readers may receive support that enables their ministry.

**Sat, 11
Nov**

God, as we celebrate Martin of Tours, remembered as the first chaplain, we give thanks and pray for all chaplains, in education, health care, hedgerows, uniformed services and beyond. Help them to reflect your love and care for your world.

**Sun, 5
Nov**

As fireworks light up the sky tonight, remind us that you are the true light of the world. We also pray for those at Movement in Yeovil tonight, as they gather and worship around a firepit together.

**Sun, 12
Nov**

Father of all, on this Remembrance Sunday, we pray for those affected by conflict, past and present. May your holy spirit bring peace and healing to those who need it.

**Mon, 6
Nov**

We pray for all those volunteering to lead children's and youth ministry in parishes across our diocese. We pray that they will be inspired and encouraged in their ministry as they live and tell the story of Jesus.

**Mon, 13
Nov**

Gracious God, in this anti-bullying week, we pray for strength and protection for those facing the torment of bullying. Give us the courage and bravery to speak up against bullying. May we be people who strive for peace and unity.

**Tues, 7
Nov**

Lord, we pray for priests across the diocese as they gather for Retreat Days this week. We pray that they will find rest and refreshment, inspiration, and peace.

**Tues, 14
Nov**

Lord, we pray for all our Readers who teach the faith; those in church or in home groups and those in schools and elsewhere. Give them your inspiration and creativity as they share the word that speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze.

Wed, 15 Nov Ageless God, we pray for pupil chaplains from primary schools as they gather for an annual pilgrimage day. We pray that you will bless them, and we give thanks for all that they give to their schools.

Thur, 16 Nov Lord, we thank you for all the children and young people in our diocese. Help them to grow and be stretched in new ways so that they are better equipped for the next challenge to come their way.

Fri, 17 Nov God, we commend to your care the Diocese of Northern Zambia as they wait to go through the process of electing a new bishop. May your Holy Spirit guide them and peace and unity to prevail, in Jesus' name. We also pray for Archbishop Albert as he takes on his responsibilities as Bishop of Lusaka.

Sat, 18 Nov Gracious God, we pray for all those unseen people who enable our churches to be welcoming spaces for all your people.

Sun, 19 Nov On this Safeguarding Sunday, we come before you with grateful hearts for the precious gift of protection and care. We pray for the wisdom and strength to safeguard the vulnerable among us, especially the children and the marginalised.

Mon, 20 Nov Loving God, we pray for those who use, run and support foodbanks. We pray that there will be enough food for everyone to eat well and that the causes of food poverty may be addressed.

Tues, 21 Nov We pray for all those who lead small groups, from prayer groups to discipleship groups. Thank you for their faithfulness in leading and we pray for your guidance and inspiration in all they do.

Wed, 22 Nov We pray for the World Mission Group, meeting today, and for all international mission links across the diocese. We pray especially for the Zambian link and for our partner churches and communities in Zambia.

Thur, 23 Nov Loving God, on this Carers Rights Day, we thank you for paid and unpaid carers. We ask that they get the help and support they need.

Fri, 24 Nov We pray for the NHS and for all who work and serve within it. Thank you for the skill and dedication of so many. We pray for them as the pressures of winter increase. We pray for healing, wholeness, and peace.

Sat, 25 Nov Heavenly Father we pray for Diocesan Synod as it meets today. We ask you to bless the discussions and decisions so that we may better serve the communities of our diocese.

Sun, 26 Nov Gracious Lord, we celebrate the presence of sport chaplains in our diocese. Let them be a beacon of your love to others on the playing field so that they can share your story to those around them.

Mon, 27 Nov We pray for parents and carers seeking to share faith at home with their children. Help them to find the tools, resources and support to encourage their children in faith.

Tues, 28 Nov God of all, we pray for this evening's bishop's visit to Midsomer Norton Deanery, that it will be a time of sharing and inspiration. We pray too as Deanery leaders meet with Bishops' Staff, that they may work well together in the leadership of our diocese.

Wed, 29 Nov Wherever and whenever your people respond to the call to reach out in mission and share your message of love in the world, we give thanks for their commitment and pray you will be with them and empower them.

Thur, 30 Nov Lord, as we approach the season of Advent, may we remember the true meaning of Christmas. Fill our hearts with hope so that when Jesus arrives, we are ready to receive him in our hearts and minds.
Andrew the Apostle