Diocese of Armagh



Diocesan Cycle of Prayer 2024

(incorporating Anglican Cycle of Prayer)

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Ephesians 6:18)

Paul reminds the Christians in Ephesus to pray for all the Lord's people, advice which is as relevant in today's church as it was then. When we pray, use this cycle of prayer as a guide; remembering all those in each parish, and praying for God's blessing and guidance for all. The church is much bigger than the clergy and readers named in each parish, and our prayers should reflect the effort and work of all those who minister in any way in our churches.

We welcome those who have joined us as clergy and readers, and wish God's blessing to those who have retired or left for pastures new.

We have also included Holy Days on the Sunday on which they occur. Those that occur during the week are shown in brackets on the Sunday during which week they occur.

The prayers for the Anglican Communion are adapted from '*The Anglican Cycle of Prayer 2023*'. Due to the constant changes in posts held throughout the world-wide church, almost any publication can be out of date even before it is published. The posts held by individuals mentioned in this publication are correct as of published date.

Please accept my apologies for any errors or omissions. Your comments, suggestions, updates and prayers are welcomed as we seek to improve this important aspect of our Common Prayer. If your church is paired with other parishes/diocese, perhaps that could be included in our next edition so that we can properly support each other in prayer.

The rhythm of common prayer is core to our Anglican identity, and is a regular reminder of our inter-dependence as the Body of Christ, and of the primacy of love and unity. Through our prayers may we hold fast to God, one another, and the Anglican family of Churches world-wide.

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7th JANUARY — FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Archbishop John Mc Dowell

Saint Patrick's Cathedral

Dean: Shane Forster Cathedral Reader: Florence Hoey Cathedral Chapter and Staff of the Cathedral

The Diocese

Youth ministry: Armagh Youth & Children's Board; Development Officer, David Brown

The Anglican Communion

The Scottish Episcopal Church

14th JANUARY — SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Archbishop John McDowell

Acton, Drumbanagher and Loughgilly

Rector: Graham Spence Parish Reader: Kenneth Morton

The Diocese

Sunday Schools, teachers & superintendents

The Anglican Communion

Church of the Province of South East Asia

21st JANUARY — THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(25th January - Conversion of Saint Paul)

Archbishop John McDowell

Annaghmore

Rector: Dorothy Dunwoody Diocesan Reader: David Parker

The Diocese Young people's uniformed organizations

The Anglican Communion Week of Prayer for Christian Unity The Church of South India (United)

28th JANUARY — FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (1st Feb – Saint Brigid) (2nd Feb – Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

Archbishop John McDowell

Ardtrea and Desertcreat Rector: David Bell

The Diocese Church House Staff: Jane Leighton; Jennifer Kirkland; Pamela Hutton

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

4th February — SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Archbishop John McDowell

Armagh, St Mark's

Rector: Malcolm Kingston, Curate: Sarah Parkinson Diocesan Readers: Paul Turton, Bob Brown Parish Readers: Adele Geddis, Barbara Wilson

The Diocese

Diocesan Board of Mission & Outreach

Diocese of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory and the Bishop Adrian Wilkinson

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of South America

11th FEBRUARY — SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Archbishop John McDowell

Ballinderry, Tamlaght and Ardboe

Rector: Barry Paine

The Diocese

Diocesan Board of Religious Education

The Anglican Communion

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

14th FEBRUARY — ASH WEDNESDAY

Prayer for Ash Wednesday

ACCEPT our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.

Almighty and Everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

18th FEBRUARY – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Archbishop John McDowell

Ballymore & Clare

Rector: Colin Darling Diocesan Reader: Tom Gorringe Parish Readers: Walter Evans, Graham Patterson

The Diocese

Diocesan Board of Ministry; Director of Ordinands, Revd Colin Darling; Warden of Readers, Revd Gary McMurray

The Anglican Communion

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

25th FEBRUARY — SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Archbishop John McDowell

Brackaville, Donaghendry and Ballyclog

Rector: Matthew Hagan

The Diocese

Diocesan Committees: Finance; Glebes & Property

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

3rd MARCH - THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Archbishop John McDowell

Camlough, Mullaglass and Ballymoyer Union

Rector: Alan Synnott Diocesan Readers: Jill Hunter, David Hawthorne Parish Readers: Anne Synnott, Mervyn Briggs

The Diocese

Clergy with Diocesan Responsibilities: Archdeacons & Rural Deans; all who serve on Boards of Nomination

Diocese of Clogher and Bishop Ian Ellis

The Anglican Communion

The Church of the Province of Uganda

10th MARCH — FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Archbishop John McDowell

Carnteel and Crilly

Rector: Glenn West Parish Reader: Gary Lee

The Diocese

Diocesan Council; Diocesan Board of Education

The Anglican Communion

The Episcopal Church

17th MARCH — FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(17th March – St Patrick) (19th March - St Joseph of Nazareth)

Archbishop John McDowell

Clogherny, Drumnakilly and Seskinore

Rector: Vacant Diocesan Reader: Sarah Cathers Parish Reader: Hazel Giboney

The Diocese

All who serve on Select Vestries, and who work for the parish and community

The Anglican Communion

The Church in Wales

24th MARCH — PALM SUNDAY

Archbishop John McDowell

Clonfeacle, Derrygortreavy and Eglish

Rector: Vacant Parish Readers: Molly Batchelor, Alistair Mather, Emma Chambers, Margaret Knipe, Lisa Smith

The Diocese

Safeguarding: Diocesan Panel; Parish Panels; Safeguarding Officer, Derek Scott

The Anglican Communion

The Church of the Province of West Africa

28th MARCH — MAUNDY THURSDAY

When Jesus wept, the falling tear in mercy flowed beyond all bound; when Jesus groaned, a trembling fear seized all the guilty world around.

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility; Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Anglican Communion

The Diocese of North Dakota – The Episcopal Church

29th MARCH — GOOD FRIDAY

For me, kind Jesus, was thy incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation; Thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation. Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee, think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving. (J Heerman)

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly serve the through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Anglican Communion

The Diocese of South Dakota – The Episcopal Church

31st MARCH — EASTER DAY - THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

A prayer for that Easter Hope

We worship you, our living, conquering Lord, because by your death you have broken the power of death and by your glorious resurrection you have brought life and immortality to light. As those who partake of your victory we pray that we may continually rejoice in this hope, and live on earth as those whose citizenship is in heaven, where you reign in the glory of the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen

Archbishop John McDowell

The Anglican Communion

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6). The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

7th APRIL — SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(8th April - The Annunciation of our Lord (transferred))

Archbishop John McDowell

Derryloran

Rector: Norman Porteus Parish Readers: Canon Wilfred Young, Raymond Bradford, Ron Griffin, Edmund Slaine

The Diocese

Youth ministry: Armagh Youth & Children's Board; Development Officer, David Brown

The Anglican Communion

The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

14th APRIL — THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Archbishop John McDowell

Desertlyn and Ballyeglish

Rector: Adrian Stringer Diocesan Readers: Rhonda Dempsey, Jackie Carson, David Carleton

The Diocese

Sunday Schools, teachers & superintendents

Diocese of Connor and Bishop George Davison

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

21st APRIL — FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(25th April - Saint Mark the Evangelist)

Archbishop John McDowell

Donaghmore and Donaghmore Upper

Rector: Peter Thompson (Archdeacon of Armagh) Diocesan Reader: James Shiels Parish Readers: Alan Williamson, Glen Ferry, Keith Moore, Noelle Moore

The Diocese

Young people's uniformed organizations

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of Australia

28th APRIL — FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(1st May – Saint Philip and Saint James, Apostles)

Archbishop John McDowell

Drogheda Union; Ardee Union and Kilsaran Union

Rector: vacant NSM: Joyce Moore OLM: David Murphy Diocesan Reader: Lord Bellew Parish Reader: Victor Whyte

The Diocese Clergy; Clergy spouses & families

The Anglican Communion The Church of Banglasdesh

5th MAY — SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: ROGATION SUNDAY

Archbishop John McDowell

Drumcree Rector: Gary Galway Diocesan Readers: Shirley Nelson, Edwin McCambley, Valerie Newell,

General Synod, meeting in Armagh on 10th & 11th May

The Diocese Diocesan Board of Mission & Outreach

The Anglican Communion Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

9th MAY — ASCENSION DAY

A hymn of glory let us sing new songs throughout the world shall ring Christ, by a road before untrod ascendeth to the throne of God. Alleluia

The Anglican Communion

Thy Kingdon Come. The Diocese of Egypt – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria.

12th MAY — SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY

(14th May — St Matthias)

Archbishop John McDowell

Drumglass

Rector: Bryan Martin Curate: Matthew Topley Diocesan Reader: Roy Palmer

The Anglican Communion Thy Kingdom Come. The Anglican Church of Burundi.

19th MAY — THE DAY OF PENTECOST – WHIT SUNDAY

Archbishop John McDowell

Dundalk; Heynestown Union; Ballymascanlon Union; Creggan and Rathcor

Rector: Vacant NSM: Richard Moore Parish Reader: Rita Arthur

The Diocese Diocesan Diocesan Board of Religious Education

Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross and Bishop Paul Colton

The Anglican Communion The Anglican Church of Canada

26th MAY – TRINITY SUNDAY

(31st May – The Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary)

Archbishop John McDowell

Errigle Keerogue, Ballygawley and Killeshill

Rector: Vacant Parish Reader: Stephen McKeown

The Diocese Diocesan Committees: Finance; Glebes & Property

The Anglican Communion

Anglican Communion Sunday. The Church of the Province of Central Africa.

2nd JUNE – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Archbishop John McDowell

Keady, Armaghbreague, Derrynoose and Newtownhamilton Rector: David Moses Diocesan Reader: Wayne Hawthorne

The Anglican Communion

Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

9th JUNE — SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(9th June – Saint Columba) (11th June – Saint Barnabas)

Archbishop John McDowell

Kildress and Altedesert Rector: Vacant Parish Readers: Michelle McCaughey, Elaine Thom

The Diocese Diocesan Council; Diocesan Board of Education

Diocese of Derry and Raphoe and Bishop Andrew Forster

The Anglican Communion

Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

16th JUNE — THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Archbishop John McDowell

Killylea, Caledon and Brantry

Rector: Bill Atkins

The Diocese

Diocesan Board of Ministry; Director of Ordinands, Revd Colin Darling; Warden of Readers, Revd Gary McMurray

The Anglican Communion

Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

23rd JUNE — FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(24th June - Birth of John the Baptist) (29th June - Saint Peter)

Archbishop John McDowell

Killyman Rector: John Ewart

The Diocese

Diocesan Communications Officer, Jonathan Hull; Diocesan Architect, Stephen Leighton; Diocesan Registrar, Dean Shane Forster

The Anglican Communion

The Church of England

30th JUNE — FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (3rd July - Saint Thomas)

Archbishop John McDowell

Kilmore and Dobbin

Rector: Carlton Baxter Diocesan Reader: Martin Clayton Parish Readers: John Crealey, Emma Marshall, Sheelagh Winter, John Matchett

The Diocese

Retired clergy; clergy widows and widowers

The Anglican Communion

Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

7th JULY — SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Archbishop John McDowell

Lisnadill and Kildarton

Priest in Charge: David McComb Parish Reader: Jennifer Pillow

The Diocese

Youth ministry: Armagh Youth & Children's Board; Development Officer, David Brown; Summer Madness

The Anglican Communion

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

14th JULY — SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Archbishop John McDowell

Lissan Rector: vacant

Diocese of Down and Dromore and Bishop David McClay

Please pray for our Partner Diocese of Madi-West Nile, Church of Uganda: Bishop Charles Collins Andaku

The Anglican Communion

The Church of Ireland

21st JULY — EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(22nd July - Saint Mary Magdalene) (25th July - Saint James the Apostle)

Archbishop John McDowell

Loughgall and Grange

Rector: Revd Pete Smith

The Diocese

Church House Staff: Jane Leighton; Jennifer Kirkland; Pamela Hutton

The Anglican Communion

The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

28th JULY — NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Archbishop John McDowell

Magherafelt

Rector: vacant

The Diocese

Clergy with Diocesan Responsibilities: Archdeacons & Rural Deans; all who serve on Boards of Nomination

The Anglican Communion

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

4th AUGUST — TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (6th August - The Transfiguration of our Lord)

Archbishop John McDowell

Milltown Rector: Geoffrey Walmsley Parish Readers: Stewart Brennan, Christine Walmsley, Sam Strain

Chaplains in hospitals, hospices and prisons

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of Kenya

11th AUGUST — ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Archbishop John McDowell

Moy and Charlemont Rector: Iain Jamieson Diocesan Reader: Shirley McKay

Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough and Archbishop Michael Jackson

The Diocese Youth and children's ministry: Summer Programmes

The Anglican Communion The Anglican Church of Korea

18th AUGUST — TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(24th August – Saint Bartholomew)

Archbishop John McDowell

Mullabrack, Markethill and Kilcluney

Rector: Peter Munce Diocesan Reader: Sonya Barnes Parish Reader: Jonathan Hull

Mission Societies, at home and overseas

The Anglican Communion The Anglican Church of Melanesia

25th AUGUST — THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Archbishop John McDowell

Mullavilly

Rector: Elizabeth Cairns (Archdeacon of Ardboe) Parish Readers: Margaret Neill, Caroline Whitten

The Diocese Diocesan Committees: Finance; Glebes & Property

The Anglican Communion

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

1st SEPTEMBER — FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Archbishop John McDowell

Pomeroy (Crossdernott) Evangelist in Charge: Valerie Thom

The Diocese

All who serve on Select Vestries, and who work for the parish and community

The Anglican Communion

Season of Creation. Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola.

8th SEPTEMBER — FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(8th September – Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Archbishop John McDowell

Saint Columba's, Portadown Rector: Bill Adair Diocesan Reader: Tom Stevenson

Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh and Bishop Ferran Glenfield

The Diocese Diocesan Council; Diocesan Board of Education

The Anglican Communion Season of Creation. The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).

15th SEPTEMBER — SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(21st September – Saint Matthew)

Archbishop John McDowell

Saint Mark's, Portadown Rector: William Orr Parish Readers: Michael Livingstone, Samuel Douglas, Harry Simpson

The Diocese Sunday Schools, teachers & superintendents

The Anglican Communion Season of Creation. The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

22nd SEPTEMBER — SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Archbishop John McDowell

Richhill

Rector: Gary McMurray Parish Readers: Mary Caldwell, Jonny Howe

The Diocese Young people's uniformed organizations

The Anglican Communion Season of Creation. The Church of North India (United).

29th SEPTEMBER — EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (29th September – Saint Michael and All Angels)

Archbishop John McDowell

Sixmilecross and Termonmaguirke Rector: Alan Barr

The Diocese Diocesan Board of Mission & Outreach

The Anglican Communion

Season of Creation. The Church of Pakistan (United).

6th OCTOBER — NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(11th October - Saint Philip the Deacon)

Archbishop John McDowell

Tartaraghan and Diamond

Rector: David Hilliard Parish Readers: Eleanor Trouton, Richard Robinson, Samuel Neill

Diocese of Tuam, Limerick, & Killaloe & Bishop Michael Burrows

The Diocese Diocesan Board of Religious Education

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

13th OCTOBER – TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(18th October – Saint Luke)

Archbishop John McDowell

Tullanisken and Clonoe Rector: Vacant

The Diocese

Diocesan Board of Ministry; Director of Ordinands, Revd Colin Darling; Warden of Readers, Revd Gary McMurray

The Anglican Communion

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

20th OCTOBER – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(23rd October – St James, the Brother of our Lord)

Archbishop John McDowell

Tynan, Aghavilly and Middletown

Rector: Derek Kerr Diocesan Reader: Maureen Reddick

The Diocese Diocesan Synod

The Anglican Communion

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

27th OCTOBER — FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

(28th October – Saint Simon and Saint Jude) (1st November – All Saints' Day)

Archbishop John McDowell

Woodschapel and Gracefield

Rector: Vacant Parish Reader: Izette Hunter

The Diocese

Youth ministry: Armagh Youth & Children's Board; Development Officer, David Brown

The Anglican Communion

The Scottish Episcopal Church

3rd NOVEMBER — FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Archbishop John McDowell

The Diocese

Safeguarding: Diocesan Panel; Parish Panels; Safeguarding Officer, Derek Scott

Diocese of Meath and Kildare and Bishop Pat Storey

The Anglican Communion Church of the Province of South East Asia

10th NOVEMBER — THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Archbishop John McDowell

The Anglican Communion

The Church of South India (United)

17th NOVEMBER — SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Archbishop John McDowell

Chaplain to Retired Clergy: Revd Canon Jim Campbell Clergy, Clergy spouses, Clergy families Retired clergy, Clergy widows and widowers

The Diocese

Diocesan Communications Officer, Jonathan Hull; Diocesan Architect, Stephen Leighton; Diocesan Registrar, Dean Shane Forster

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

24th NOVEMBER — SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT: THE KINGSHIP OF CHRIST

(30th November – Saint Andrew)

Archbishop John McDowell

The Diocese Diocesan Committees: Finance; Glebes & Property

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of South America

1st DECEMBER — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Archbishop John McDowell

The Diocese Young people's uniformed organizations; Mission Societies, at home and overseas

The Anglican Communion

Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

8th DECEMBER — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Archbishop John McDowell

The Diocese Diocesan Council; Diocesan Board of Education

The Anglican Communion

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

15th DECEMBER — THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Archbishop John McDowell

Chaplains in hospitals, hospices and prisons

The Anglican Communion

The Anglican Church of Tanzania

22nd DECEMBER — FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Archbishop John McDowell

The Diocese Sunday Schools, teachers & superintendents

The Anglican Communion

The Church of the Province of Uganda

24th DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ; Grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Diocese

Clergy, clergy spouses & families; retired clergy; clergy widows & widowers

The Anglican Communion

The Diocese of Kuching - Church of the Province of South East Asia

25th DECEMBER — CHRISTMAS DAY - THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

(26th December - Saint Stephen)

- (27th December Saint John the Evangelist)
- (28th December The Holy Innocents)

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation: Give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Anglican Communion The Diocese of Kumasi – The Church of the Province of West Africa

29th DECEMBER – FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS (1st January - THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS)

Archbishop John McDowell

The Anglican Communion The Episcopal Church