



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

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Diocese of Leeds



**PRAYING TOGETHER**

December 2024

### **Bishop of Leeds**

Nick Baines - Bishop of Leeds

### **Bradford Episcopal Area/Bradford Archdeaconry**

Toby Howarth - Area Bishop of Bradford  
Andy Jolley - Archdeacon of Bradford

### **Huddersfield Episcopal Area/Halifax Archdeaconry**

Smitha Prasadam - Area Bishop of Huddersfield  
Bill Braviner - Archdeacon of Halifax

### **Leeds Episcopal Area/Leeds Archdeaconry**

Arun Arora - Bishop of Kirkstall  
Paul Ayers - Archdeacon of Leeds

### **Ripon Episcopal Area/Richmond and Craven Archdeaconry**

Anna Eltringham - Area Bishop of Ripon  
Jonathan Gough - Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven

### **Wakefield Episcopal Area/Pontefract Archdeaconry**

Vacant - Area Bishop of Wakefield  
Cat Thatcher - Archdeacon of Pontefract

### **Diocesan Office**

Jonathan Wood - Diocesan Secretary

### **Deans of the Cathedrals**

Andy Bowerman - Bradford  
John Dobson - Ripon  
Simon Cowling - Wakefield

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

*Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916*

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*Anglican Communion: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

## **Monday 2nd December**

### **Walkingham Hill (Ripon)**

**Arkendale St Bartholomew, Copgrove St Michael, Farnham St Oswald, Scotton St Thomas, Staveley All Saints**

Brain Shipman (Reader), Sarah Shipman (Reader)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kitale – The Anglican Church of Kenya*

## **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

*Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552*

### **Warley St John and Halifax St Hilda (Huddersfield)**

**Halifax St Hilda, Warley St John the Evangelist**

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kiteto – The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

## **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

*John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith, c.749, Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637*

### **Warmfield (Wakefield)**

**Warmfield St Peter**

Revd Louise Tinniswood (Incumbent)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kitgum – The Church of the Province of Uganda*

## **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Washburn and Mid-Wharfe (Ripon)**

**Blubberhouses St Andrew, Denton St Helen, Farnley All Saints, Fewston St Michael and St Lawrence, Leathley St Oswald, Weston All Saints**

Revd Teresa McLaughlin (Priest in Charge), John Charman (Reader), Paul McLaughlin (Reader), Frances Dale (Reader)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kitui – The Anglican Church of Kenya*

## **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

*Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326*

### **Went Valley (Wakefield)**

**Darrington St Luke and All Saints, Kirk Smeaton St Peter, Wentbridge St John**

**Darrington C of E Primary School, Kirk Smeaton CE (VC) Primary School**

Revd Adrian Judd (Incumbent)

Hannah Cuddy (Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kivu – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda*

## **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

*Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397*

### **West Barnsley (Wakefield)**

**Cawthorne All Saints, Dodworth St John the Baptist, Hoylandswaine St John the Evangelist, Silkstone All Saints**

**Cawthorne C of E (VC) Primary School, Dodworth St John the Baptist CE Primary Academy**  
Revd Canon Keith Farrow (Incumbent)

Adam Bramall (Headteacher), Simon Kaufman (Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of North Kivu – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*

## **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

*The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

*Anglican Communion: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan*

## **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Wetherby with Linton (Ripon)**

#### **Wetherby St James**

**Wetherby St James C of E (VC) Primary School**

Revd Canon Matthew Peat (Incumbent), Val Lumsden (Reader), Marilyn Smith (Reader), Elaine Hainsworth (Reader)

David Roundtree (Executive Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kobe – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai*

## **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Whitkirk (Leeds)**

#### **Whitkirk St Mary**

Revd Claire Honess (Incumbent), Lynne Pickersgill (Reader)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Koforidua – The Church of the Province of West Africa*

## **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Wibsey (Bradford)**

#### **Wibsey St Paul**

**St Paul C of E Primary School Wibsey**

Revd Thierry Guillemin (Incumbent)

Catherine Palmer (Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kolhapur – The Church of North India (United)*

## **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Windhill (Bradford)**

#### **Windhill Christ Church**

**Christ Church C of E academy (Windhill)**

Revd Brian Greenfield (Priest in Charge), Revd Emma Wilkinson (Assistant Curate)

Philippa Foster (Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kollam – Kottarakkara – The Church of South India (United)*

## Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

*Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304, Samuel Johnson, Moralist, 1784*

### **Woodkirk** (Leeds)

#### **Woodkirk St Mary**

Revd Sharon Wilkinson (Incumbent), Dawn Tattersfield (Reader)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kondoza – The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December

*John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591*

### **Woodside** (Leeds)

#### **Woodside St James**

Revd Jonathan Michael Field Cain (Incumbent), Cal Bailey (Reader), Pete Gillions (Reader)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kongor – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

## Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

### **Wortley with Farnley** (Leeds)

#### **Wortley St John the Evangelist**

Revd Chris Balding (Incumbent)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kongor – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

## Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

*O Sapientia, Eglantyne Jebb, Social Reformer, Founder of 'Save The Children', 1928*

### **Wrose** (Bradford)

#### **Wrose St Cuthbert**

Revd Canon Jim Taylor (Priest in Charge), Revd Laya Watters (Assistant Curate), Revd Leah Leighton (Assistant Curate), Stewart Knowles (Reader)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kontagora – The Church of Nigeria*

## Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### **Wyke** (Bradford)

#### **Wyke St Mary the Virgin**

Revd Lucy Wormsley (Incumbent), Susan Naughton (Reader), Sylvia Percival (Reader)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kootenay – The Anglican Church of Canada*

## Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

### **Yeadon** (Leeds)

#### **Yeadon St John the Evangelist**

Revd Richard Walker (Incumbent), Revd Caroline Brown (Assistant Curate), Alison Lockwood (Reader), Carolyn Warnes (Reader)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Eastern Kowloon – Hong Kong Sheng Kung H*

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### **Yoredale** (Ripon)

#### **Healey St Paul, Masham St Mary, North Stainley St Mary, Snape St Mary, Well St Michael, West Tanfield St Nicholas**

**Masham C of E VA Primary School, North Stainley CE Primary School, St Nicholas C of E VC Primary School (West Tanfield)**

Revd Jane Ball (Incumbent), Revd Simon Edens (Assistant Curate), Bob Arnold (Reader) Fiona Lawson-Ross (Headteacher), Pam Acheson (Headteacher), Sarah Taylor (Executive Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Western Kowloon – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui*

## Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December

### **Abbeylands** (Leeds)

#### **Hawksworth Wood St Mary, Horsforth St Margaret, Kirkstall St Stephen, Moor Grange St Andrew**

**Abbey Grange CE Academy, Kirkstall St Stephen's C of E (VA) Primary School, St Margaret C of E Primary School (Horsforth)**

Revd Nigel Sinclair (Team Rector), Revd Stephen Kaye (Team Vicar)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Krishna-Godavari – The Church of South India (United)*

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of Uganda*

## Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December

### **Ackworth and Badsworth** (Wakefield)

#### **Ackworth All Saints, Ackworth St Cuthbert, Badsworth St Mary**

**Ackworth Howard CE Junior and Infant School, Badsworth CE Junior and Infant School**

Revd Karen young (Incumbent), Revd Paul Fox (Associate Minister)

Michael Walker (Headteacher), Jenny Griffiths (Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kubwa – The Church of Nigeria*

## Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

*Christmas Eve*

### **Addingham** (Bradford)

#### **Addingham St Peter**

Revd Mark Cannon (Incumbent), Anne Hodgson (Reader)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kuching – Church of the Province of South East Asia*

## Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

*Christmas Day*

### **Adel (Leeds)**

#### **Adel St John the Baptist**

**Adel St John the Baptist CE Primary School**

Revd Alison Battye (Incumbent), Paul Barker (Reader)

Peter Dalrymple (Headteacher)

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

## Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December

*Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr*

### **Airedale with Fryston (Wakefield)**

#### **Airedale Holy Cross**

Revd Angela Brownridge (Assistant Curate)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kumi – The Church of the Province of Uganda*

## Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December

*John, Apostle and Evangelist*

### **Aldborough with Boroughbridge and Roecliffe (Ripon)**

**Aldborough St Andrew, Boroughbridge St James, Dunsforth St Mary, Minskip Mission Room, Roecliffe Church School**

**Roecliffe C of E VC Primary School**

Paul Bartle (Reader), John Moss (Reader)

Lesley Briggs (Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kurunegala – The Church of Ceylon (Extra Provincial)*

## Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December

*The Holy Innocents*

### **Allerton (Bradford)**

**Allerton St Francis Village Hall, Allerton St Peter**

Revd Harry Gwinnett (Priest in Charge), Revd Daniel Furlong (Assistant Curate), Revd

Philippa Slingsby-Lunn (Associate Minister)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kushtia – The Church of Bangladesh*

## Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December

*Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170*

Give thanks for our Retired Clergy and those with Permission to Officiate, for the invaluable support they give to parishes across the Diocese of Leeds.

*Anglican Communion: The Episcopal Church*

## **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December**

**Allerton Bywater, Kippax and Swillington** (Leeds)

**Allerton Bywater St Mary the Less, Kippax St Mary, Swillington St Mary**

**Great Preston C of E VC Primary School**

Revd Robert Bailey (Team Rector), Revd Sarah Harrison (Team Vicar), Revd Jo Medhurst (Assistant Curate)

Val Law (Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kutgi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

## **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

*John Wyclif, Reformer, 138*

**Almondbury with Farnley Tyas** (Huddersfield)

**Almondbury All Hallows, Almondbury St Michael and St Helen, Farnley Tyas St Lucius**

**All Hallows Church of England (Voluntary Aided) Infant & Nursery School, Farnley Tyas CE**

**First School, Farnley Tyas CE (VC) Junior Infant and Early Years School**

Victoria Wyatt (Headteacher), Lynsey Wagstaff (Headteacher), Rachel Shaw (Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Kwara – The Church of Nigeria*



## **DIOCESAN OVERSEAS LINKS**

### **SRI LANKA (The Church of Ceylon)**

Diocese of Colombo	Bishop Dushantha Rodrigo
Diocese of Kurunegala	Bishop Nishantha Fernando

### **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (The Episcopal Church)**

Diocese of Southwestern	Virginia Bishop Mark Bourlakas
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### **PAKISTAN (The Church of Pakistan)**

Diocese of Faisalabad	Bishop John Samuel
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### **SUDAN (Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan)**

Diocese of El Obeid	Bishop Ismail Gabriel Abudigin
Diocese of Kadugli	Bishop Andudu Adam Elnail
Diocese of Kadugli	Suffragan Bishop Hassan Osman
Diocese of Khartoum	Archbishop Ezekiel Kumir Kondo
Diocese of Port Sudan	Bishop Abdu Elnur Kodi
Diocese of Wad Medani	Bishop Saman Farajalla Mahdi

### **TANZANIA (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)**

Diocese of Mara	Bishop George Okoth
Diocese of Rorya	Bishop Musa Yamo
Diocese of Tarime	Bishop R Mwita Akiri

### **SWEDEN (The Church of Sweden)**

Diocese of Skara	Bishop Ake Bonnier
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### **GERMANY (The Evangelical Church of Central Germany)**

Church District of Erfurt	Senior Matthias Rein
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