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Diocese of Leeds



# **PRAYING TOGETHER**

December 2025

### **Bishop of Leeds**

Vacant	-	Bishop of Leeds
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### **Bradford Episcopal Area/Bradford Archdeaconry**

Toby Howarth	-	Bishop of Bradford/Interim Bishop of Leeds
Andy Jolley	-	Archdeacon of Bradford

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

Smitha Prasadam	-	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	-	Bishop of Ripon
James Theodosius	-	Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven

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

Malcolm Chamberlain-		Bishop of Wakefield
Cat Thatcher	-	Archdeacon of Pontefract

### **Diocesan Office**

Jonathan Wood	-	Diocesan Secretary
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### **Deans of the Cathedrals**

Andy Bowerman	-	Bradford
John Dobson	-	Ripon
Vacant	-	Wakefield

## **Monday 1st December**

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

### **Bradley (Huddersfield Episcopal Area)**

**Bradley St Thomas**

**Bradley St Thomas CE Primary School**

Dave Hewitt (Reader)

Kate Meade (Headteacher)

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

## **Tuesday 2nd December**

### **Bradshaw and Holmfield (Huddersfield)**

**Bradshaw St John the Evangelist**

**Trinity Academy Halifax**

Revd Alan Maxwell (Priest in Charge)

Sarah Case (Headteacher)

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

## **Wednesday 3rd December**

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

### **Bramhope (Leeds)**

**Bramhope St Giles**

Revd Matthew Broughton (Incumbent), Jonathan Slater (Reader)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Rumonge – The Anglican Church of Burundi*

## **Thursday 4th December**

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

### **Bramley (Leeds)**

**Bramley St Margaret, Bramley St Peter**

**Bramley St Peter's Primary School**

Revd Julia Wilkins (Incumbent), Stephen Craven (Reader)

Ruth Esplin (Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Rupert's Land – The Anglican Church of Canada*

## **Friday 5th December**

### **Brighouse and Clifton (Huddersfield)**

**Brighouse St Martin, Clifton St John**

**St Andrew's C of E (VA) Infant School Brighouse, St Andrew's Church of England Voluntary**

**Aided Junior School Brighouse, St Johns CE Primary Academy (Clifton), Trinity Academy St**

**Chad's Primary School Brighouse**

Revd Paul Webb (Incumbent)

Amanda Jocelyn (Headteacher), Rebecca Townsend (Headteacher), Rachel Dawson (Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Rutana – The Anglican Church of Burundi*

## **Saturday 6th December**

*Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326*

### **Broughton, Marton and Thornton (Ripon)**

**Broughton All Saints, Marton St Peter, Thornton St Mary**

Revd Robert Findlow (Incumbent)

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

## **Sunday 7th December**

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

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: Advent 2 – The Church of Bangladesh*

## **Monday 8th December**

*The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

### **Brownhill (Huddersfield)**

**Brownhill St Saviour**

**Windmill CE (VC) Primary School**

Revd Jess Davis (Priest in Charge), Revd Vicky Angell (Assistant Curate), Andy Mattacks (Reader)

Darren Foulke (Headteacher)

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

## **Tuesday 9th December**

### **Burley (Leeds)**

**Burley St Matthias**

**Burley St Matthias C of E VC Primary School**

Revd James Barnett (Incumbent), Revd Katy Lambert (Associate Priest), Anna Vollans (Reader)

Allie Hopkinson (Headteacher)

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

## **Wednesday 10th December**

### **Burley in Wharfedale (Bradford)**

**Burley in Wharfedale St Mary the Blessed Virgin**

**Burley and Woodhead C of E VC Primary School**

Revd Phil Bishop (Incumbent), Revd Zoe Smith (Assistant Curate), Mary Brooks (Reader)

Nina Dobson (Headteacher), Andrew Wilkinson (Deputy Headteacher)

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

## **Thursday 11th December**

### **Burmantofts and Harehills (Leeds)**

**Burmantofts St Stephen and St Agnes, Harehills St Cyprian with St James**

Revd Caitlin Carmichael-Davis (Priest in Charge), Federico Vuni (Reader)

*The Diocese of Sabah – Church of the Province of South East Asia*

## **Friday 12th December**

### **Calverley (Leeds)**

#### **Calverley St Wilfrid**

#### **Calverley Primary School**

Revd Rob Denton (Incumbent), Revd Lizzie Reynolds (Assistant Curate), Kim Pollard (Reader)  
Kate Cameron (Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Sabongidda-Ora – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

## **Saturday 13th December**

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

### **Castleford (Wakefield)**

#### **Castleford All Saints**

*Anglican Communion: The Sacred Circle – The Anglican Church of Canada*

## **Sunday 14th December**

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

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: Advent 3 – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil*

## **Monday 15th December**

### **Catterick (Ripon)**

#### **Catterick St Anne, Tunstall Holy Trinity**

#### **The Michael Syddall Cof E VA Primary School**

Revd Peter King (Incumbent), Steve Jackson (Reader)

Alison McHarg (Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Saint Helena – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

## **Tuesday 16th December**

### **Central Barnsley (Wakefield)**

**Barnsley St Edward the Confessor, Barnsley St George, Barnsley St Mary, Barnsley St Paul, Gawber St Thomas**

#### **St Mary CE Primary School Barnsley, Trinity Academy St Edward's (Barnsley)**

Revd Phil Maries (Incumbent), Revd Miguel Sanchez-Rodriguez (Associate Priest), Revd Stephen Oakley (Assistant Curate), Marian Skiffington (Reader), Belinda Maries (Reader), Fred Thompson (Reader), Geoff Beswick (Reader)

Mark Allen (Headteacher), Lee Spencer (Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Saint Mark the Evangelist – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

## **Wednesday 17th December**

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

### **Chapel Allerton (Leeds)**

#### **Chapel Allerton St Matthew**

**St Matthew Primary Church of England (Aided) Primary School (Chapel Allerton)**

Revd Simon Jones (Incumbent), Richard Oliver (Reader), Rosemary Oliver (Reader), Sue Sanderson (Reader)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Saldanha Bay – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

## **Thursday 18th December**

### **Chapelthorpe and Woolley with West Bretton (Wakefield)**

**Chapelthorpe St James, West Bretton The Church in West Bretton, Woolley St Peter**

**Crigglestone St James CE Primary Academy**

Revd Kevin Greaves (Incumbent), John Seacome (Reader)

Beverley Minor (Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Salisbury – The Church of England*

## **Friday 19th December**

### **Clapham with Keasden and Austwick (Ripon)**

**Austwick The Epiphany, Clapham St James, Eldroth Chapel, Keasden St Matthew**

**Austwick CE Primary School and Nursery**

Revd John Davies (Incumbent)

Beth McHardy (Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of El Salvador – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America*

## **Saturday 20th December**

### **Clayton (Bradford)**

#### **Clayton St John the Baptist**

**Clayton St John Church of England Primary School**

Revd Adam Roebuck (Incumbent), Revd Daniel Furlong (Assistant Curate), Revd Philippa Slingsby-Lunn (Associate Minister), Revd Harry Gwinnett (Associate Minister), Kay Holden (Reader)

Gemma Emsley (Headteacher)

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

## **Sunday 21st 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: Advent 4 – The Anglican Church of Burundi*

## **Monday 22nd December**

### **Coley (Huddersfield)**

#### **Coley St John the Baptist**

Revd Canon James Allison (Incumbent), Julian Dowson (Reader)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Santiago (Chile) – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile*

## **Tuesday 23rd December**

### **Collingham with Harewood (Ripon)**

**Collingham St Oswald, Harewood Methodist Chapel**

**Collingham Lady Elizabeth Hastings C of E VA Primary School, Harewood C of E VC Primary School**

Revd Carolyn James (Incumbent)

Paul Cook (Headteacher), Alistair Ratcliffe (Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Santiago (Philippines) – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines*

## **Wednesday 24th December**

*Christmas Eve*

### **Cleckheaton (Leeds)**

**Cleckheaton St John the Evangelist, Cleckheaton St Luke, Cleckheaton Whitechapel**

**Whitechapel CE (VC) Primary School**

Revd Helen Chamberlain (Incumbent), Revd Cindy Sheard (Associate Priest), Adam O'Neill (Reader)

Jo Burden (Headteacher)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of São Paulo – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil*

## **Thursday 25th December**

*Christmas Day*

### **Cookridge (Leeds)**

**Cookridge Holy Trinity**

**Cookridge Holy Trinity C of E Primary School**

Fr Paul Atkinson (Incumbent)

Cath Hellings (Headteacher)

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

## **Friday 26th December**

*Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr*

### **Cottingley (Bradford)**

**Cottingley St Michael and All Angels**

Revd Lindsay Pearson (Priest in Charge), Jan Hesselwood (Reader)

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

## **Saturday 27th December**

*John, Apostle and Evangelist*

### **Crofton (Wakefield)**

**Crofton All Saints**

Revd Louise Tinniswood (Incumbent)

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

## **Sunday 28th December**

*The Holy Innocents*

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: 1st Sunday of Christmas – The Anglican Church of Canada*

## **Monday 29th December**

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

### **Crosland Moor and Linthwaite (Huddersfield)**

**Crosland Moor St Barnabas, Linthwaite Christ Church**

**Linthwaite Ardrone CE (VA) Junior and Infant School, Oak CE (VC) Primary School**

Melanie Garlick (Headteacher), Jane Travis (Headteacher)

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

## **Tuesday 30th December**

### **Cross Green and Richmond Hill (Leeds)**

**Cross Green St Hilda, Richmond Hill St Saviour**

Revd Jonathan Fleury (Priest in Charge), Lorraine Butterfield (Reader)

*The Diocese of Sekondi – The Church of the Province of West Africa*

## **Wednesday 31st December**

*John Wyclif, Reformer, 1384*

### **Cudworth and Monk Bretton (Leeds)**

**Cudworth St John the Baptist, Monk Bretton St Paul**

Revd Darren Percival BEM (Incumbent), Revd Joseph Harrison (Assistant Curate)

*Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Seoul – The Anglican Church of Korea*



## **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 Mwitwa 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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