



Diocese of Leeds



PRAYING TOGETHER

January 2026

Bishop of Leeds

Vacant	-	Bishop of Leeds
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Bradford Episcopal Area/Bradford Archdeaconry

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

Huddersfield Episcopal Area/Halifax Archdeaconry

Smitha Prasadham	-	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

Vacant	-	Bradford
John Dobson	-	Ripon
Philip Hobday	-	Wakefield

Thursday 1st January

The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Cumberworth, Denby, Denby Dale and Shepley (Huddersfield Episcopal Area)

Cumberworth St Nicholas, Denby St John the Evangelist

Shepley St Paul Cumberworth CE (VA) First School, Denby CE (VA) First School

Revd Lindsey Barber (Priest in Charge), Revd Katrina Robinson-Brown (Priest in Charge & Assistant Curate)

Fiona Caxton (Headteacher), Lynsey Wagstaff (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Seychelles – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Friday 2nd January

Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops, Teachers of the Faith, 379 and 389; Seraphim, Monk of Sarov, Spiritual Guide, 1833; Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, Bishop in South India, Evangelist, 1945

Dacre with Hartwith and Darley with Thornthwaite (Ripon)

Dacre Holy Trinity, Darley Christ Church, Hartwith St Jude, Thornthwaite St Saviour

Dacre Braithwaite CofE VA Primary School

Revd Alastair Ferneley (Incumbent), Revd Tony Collins (Associate Priest), Michael Fordham (Reader)

Jo Dobbs (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Sheffield – The Church of England

Saturday 3rd January

Darton with Staincross and Mapplewell (Wakefield)

Darton All Saints, Staincross St John the Evangelist

Revd Paul Mellars (Incumbent)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Shinyanga – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Sunday 4th January

Creator God, we pray for the United Nations, for all international, national and local leaders
Plant your hope deep within us and open our eyes to fresh visions of the future.

Anglican Communion: 2nd Sunday of Christmas; The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Monday 5th January

Dewsbury (Huddersfield)

Batley Carr Holy Trinity, Dewsbury All Saints (Minster)

Dewsbury Moor St John the Evangelist St Johns CE (C) Infant School

Revd Caroline Greenwood (Team Rector), Revd Neil Walpole (Associate Priest), Anne Robinson (Reader)

Aidan Blackburn (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Upper Shire – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Tuesday 6th January

The Epiphany

Drighlington and Gildersome (Leeds)

Drighlington St Paul, Gildersome St Peter

Revd Patrick Senior (Priest in Charge), Revd Denise Brogden (Assistant Curate)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Shyira – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Wednesday 7th January

Earby with Kelbrook (Ripon)

Earby All Saints, Kelbrook St Mary

Revd Hugh Fielden (Incumbent)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Shyogwe – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Thursday 8th January

Easby with Skeeby and Brompton on Swale and Bolton on Swale (Ripon)

Bolton on Swale St Mary, Brompton on Swale St Paul, Easby St Agatha

Bolton on Swale St Mary's CE Primary School, Brompton on Swale C of E VC Primary School

Revd Simon Dowson (Incumbent)

Nicola Dobson (Headteacher), Michael White (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Sialkot – The Church of Pakistan (United)

Friday 9th January

East Ardsley (Leeds)

East Ardsley St Gabriel, East Ardsley St Michael

Revd Mark Watson (Priest in Charge)

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

Saturday 10th January

William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645

East Dere Street (Ripon)

Barton St Cuthbert and St Mary, Cleasby St Peter, Croft St Peter, Eryholme St Mary,

Manfield All Saints, Middleton Tyas St Michael and All Angels

Moulton Mission Church Barton CE Primary School, Croft C of E VC Primary School,

Middleton Tyas Church of England Primary School

Revd Gillian Lunn (Incumbent), Viv Waugh (Reader),

Kirstie Petch (Headteacher), Rebecca Wallace (Headteacher), Debbie McLean (Executive Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Sittwe – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Sunday 11th January

Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa, 1915

Lord, we pray for all healthcare professionals, and those who care for the sick. Give them your strength, and help them bring your healing to those who are ill.

Anglican Communion: 1st Sunday of Epiphany; Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Monday 12th January

Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167; Benedict Biscop, Abbot of Wearmouth, Scholar, 689

East Wakefield (Wakefield)

Belle Vue St Catherine, Wakefield St Andrew and St Mary, Wakefield St Swithun Community Centre

Wakefield St Mary's C of E VA Primary School

Revd Matt Brothwood (Assistant Curate), Elly McGraw (Reader), Charles Vickers (Reader),
Mark Taylor (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Sodor and Man – The Church of England

Tuesday 13th January

Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367; Kentigern (Mungo), Missionary Bishop in Strathclyde and Cumbria, 603; George Fox, Founder of the Society of Friends (the Quakers), 1691

Eccleshill (Bradford)

Eccleshill St Luke

Eccleshill St Luke's C of E VC Primary School

Gemma Ackroyd (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Sokoto – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wednesday 14th January

Elland (Huddersfield)

Elland All Saints,

Elland St Mary the Virgin Elland CE (VA) Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Lynn Lord (Reader)

Louise Hartley (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Central Solomons – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Thursday 15th January

Elmete Trinity (Leeds)

Barwick in Elmet All Saints, Scholes St Philip,

Thorner St Peter Barwick in Elmet CE Primary School, Thorner CE Primary School

Revd Jonathan Brennan (Incumbent), Beckie Briggs (Reader), Sarah Meredith (Reader)

Gemma Whawell (Headteacher), Sarah Daggett (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Soroti – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Friday 16th January

Embsay with Eastby (Ripon)

Embsay St Mary the Virgin

Embsay C of E VC Primary School

Revd Canon Marion Russell (Incumbent), Revd Timothy Calow (Associate Priest), Lesley Higson (Reader)

Timothy Whithead (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Southwark – The Church of England

Saturday 17th January

Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356; Charles Gore, Bishop, Founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932

Eringden (Huddersfield)

Cragg Vale St John the Baptist in the Wilderness, Mytholmroyd St Michael

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham – The Church of England

Sunday 18th January

Amy Carmichael, Founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, spiritual writer, 1951

Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world: forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will.

Anglican Communion: Start of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; 2nd Sunday of Epiphany; Province de L'Eglise Anglicane du Congo

Monday 19th January

Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095

Fairweather Green (Bradford)

Fairweather Green St Saviour

Revd Philippa Slingsby-Lunn (Associate Minister), Revd Harry Gwinnett (Associate Minister), Revd Daniel Furlong (Assistant Curate)

Anglican Communion: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain – (Extra Provincial)

Tuesday 20th January

Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer, 1349

Farsley (Leeds)

Farsley St John the Evangelist, Rodley Ecumenical Centre

Revd Nathanael Poole (Priest in Charge), John Corbin (Reader)

Anglican Communion: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; The Diocese of Spokane – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 21st January

Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304

Featherstone (Wakefield)

Featherstone All Saints, Purston with South Featherstone St Thomas

Featherstone All Saints CE Junior, Infant and Nursery School, St Thomas CE (VC) Junior School Purston

Revd Joseph Grosu (Incumbent)

Philip Burton (Headteacher), Joanne Beetham (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; The Diocese of Springfield – The Episcopal Church

Thursday 22nd January

Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, first Martyr of Spain, 304

Fixby and Cowcliffe (Huddersfield)

Cowcliffe St Hilda, Fixby St Francis

Anglican Communion: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; The Diocese of Port Sudan – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Friday 23rd January

Forcett and Aldbrough and Melsonby (Ripon)

Aldbrough St Paul, East Layton Christ Church, Forcett St Cuthbert, Melsonby St James the Great

Eppleby Forcett Church of England Primary School

Revd Canon Caroline Pinchbeck (Incumbent)

Debbie McLean (Executive Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; The Diocese of Sul Occidental – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Saturday 24th January

Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622

Fountains (Ripon)

Aldfield St Lawrence, Dallowgill Church of the Resurrection, Grewelthorpe St James, Kirkby Malzeard St Andrew, Mickley St John the Evangelist, Sawley St Michael and All Angels, Studley Roger Village Hall, Winksley St Cuthbert and St Oswald

Fountains Primary School, Grewelthorpe C of E VC Primary School, Kirkby Malzeard C of E VC Primary School

Revd Andrew Cromarty (Associate Priest), Adrian Roberts (Reader)

Chris Parkhouse (Headteacher), Sarah Taylor (Executive Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; The Diocese of Sunyani – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Sunday 25th January

The Conversion of Paul

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: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity; 3rd Sunday of Epiphany; Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Monday 26th January

Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul

Frizinghall (Bradford)

Frizinghall St Margaret

Revd Leah Leighton (Priest in Charge)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Sur – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Tuesday 27th January

Garforth (Leeds)

Garforth St Mary

Revd Andie Shaw (Incumbent), Hazel Booth (Reader), Carole Ross (Reader)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Del Sureste – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Wednesday 28th January

Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274

Gipton and Oakwood (Leeds)

Gipton The Epiphany, Oakwood Church

Roundhay St John's C of E Primary School

Revd Gemma Fleury (Priest in Charge), Paul Spencer (Reader)

Andrew Graham (Headteacher), Barbara Ellis (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Swansea and Brecon – The Church in Wales

Thursday 29th January

Girlington, Heaton and Manningham (Bradford)

Girlington St Philip, Heaton St Barnabas, Heaton St Martin, Manningham St Paul

Heaton St Barnabas C of E Primary School, St Philip's C of E Primary School (Girlington)

Revd Chris Chorlton (Incumbent), Alastair Bavington (Reader), Angela Chorlton (Reader),

Diane Smith (Headteacher), Michelle Hargreaves (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Sydney – The Anglican Church of Australia

Friday 30th January

Charles, King and Martyr, 1649

Golcar and Longwood (Huddersfield)

Golcar St John the Evangelist, Longwood St Mark the Evangelist

Golcar St John's C of E VA Junior and Infant School

Revd Simon Crook (Incumbent)

Jennifer Grindley (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Tabora – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Saturday 31st January

John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888

Gomersal (Huddersfield)

Gomersal St Mary

Gomersal St Mary's (VC) Primary School

Revd Emily Tidball (Priest in Charge), Linda Mumford (Reader)

Jane Barker (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: Te Pihopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

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 John Msuma

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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