

Prayer Calendar

January 2026

**Thursday, 1
January**
The Naming &
Circumcision of
Jesus

God, Alpha and Omega, at the dawning of a new calendar year, may we daily renew our hope and strengthen our faith. We ask you to inspire us as we seek to draw closer to you in prayer across our diocese.

**Friday, 2
January**

Loving God, as we remember your servant Samuel Azariah may we be strengthened by his witness to your love without concern for class or caste, that people of all languages and cultures might be drawn into your loving embrace.

**Saturday, 3
January**

Holy One, we pray for parishes in vacancy. May this be a time of fruitfulness and discovery alongside the challenges, and may their ministries and relationships thrive. We pray that those who are called will hear their prayer and come quickly.

**Sunday, 4
January**

Creator of the heavens who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Monday, 5
January**

Teacher God, as a new term begins in places of education across the diocese, be with children, young people and adults as they return to schools and colleges this week.

**Tuesday, 6
January**
The
Epiphany

Jesus, Saviour, as the Magi recognised the gift of you, may we also recognise the gifts of one another. May we travel faithfully together towards your light.

**Wednesday,
7 January**

Loving God, today when the Housing Committee meets, may we remember those who have no shelter – the homeless and the refugee. Open our eyes to their plight and help us to do what we can to relieve it.

**Thursday, 8
January**

Almighty God, we pray for everyone who lives and works within the deanery of Exmoor. We give you thanks for all who seek to reflect your love in each of their communities.

**Friday, 9
January**

Loving God, guide the ministry across Taunton deanery, and mission within the growing fringe of the town. Strengthen the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group as it discerns future needs. Hold clergy and families in your care as they prepare for moves, and bless our schools with wisdom, hope, and joy.

**Saturday, 10
January**

Most gracious Father, we pray to you for your holy Church. Where it is right, strengthen and defend it. Where it is in want, provide for it. Where it is divided, heal it and reunite it in your love; for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. – from William Laud 1573-1645AD

**Sunday, 11
January**
The Baptism of
Christ

Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**Monday, 12
January**

Beloved God, who through the Abbott Aelred, reminded us of the purity of the gift of friendship, let us bring our friends before you. We give you thanks for them and ask your blessing on them.

**Tuesday, 13
January**

God of love, we thank you for all who serve faithfully as members, trustees and governors within education. Grant them wisdom and discernment as they make decisions that shape the lives of children and young people.

**Wednesday,
14 January**

Eternal God, as our Diocesan Advisory Committee and Finance Group meet today, we ask you to give us the wisdom and courage to ground all our work in prayer so that decisions reflect your priorities for our church and world.

**Thursday,
15 January**

Beloved God, we ask for your blessing and presence with those who are sick today. May they know rest, peace and healing, and find light in the darkness. Give wisdom and gentleness to those who support them.

**Friday, 16
January**

Loving God, we give thanks for Readers in our diocese. We ask you to bless them in their ministry as they share their faith with others, through services, sermons and outreach to others in their communities and beyond.

**Saturday,
17 January**

Lord, may we, like Anthony of Egypt who we remember today, prize reverence for you. May we, like Anthony, be aware of the things that tempt us and harm us. May we, like Anthony, be mindful that silence can be wisdom.

**Sunday,
18 January**

Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Monday,
19 January**

Help us to trust you, Lord. Help us to have faith in your provision and release us from the fear that we do not have enough. May we be generous and wise in our giving.

**Tuesday,
20 January**

Gracious God, as the new cohort of the South West Growing Faith Strategic Leaders' Programme begins their year of learning in Taunton today, bless their time together. May they deepen their love for you and grow in wisdom and strength as leaders.

**Wednesday,
21 January**

Heavenly God, we thank you for those who lead our Multi Academy Trusts. As they gather with Bishop Michael in Wells today, we ask that you will continue to inspire their leadership and sustain them for their vital work.

**Thursday,
22 January**

Faithful God, we thank you for the gift of your Church, where all generations can worship and grow together. May young and old alike share wisdom, hope, and love, reflecting your kingdom here on earth.

**Friday,
23 January**

Lord of new beginnings, today we pray for those starting the journey to parenthood. We ask that you bring them the comfort of support from friends, family and community and that you bless their homes with the guiding light of your love.

**Saturday,
24 January**

Compassionate God, we lift before you all who face the painful choice between heating and eating. Surround them with your love and inspire us to act with justice and generosity, so that no one is left in hardship or fear.

**Sunday,
25 January
The Conversion
of Paul**

Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth.

**Monday,
26 January**

Creator of earth and sky, place in our hearts today the courage to speak out for your creation. Show us the words and places to speak and act, to enable positive change to protect your amazing world.

**Tuesday,
27 January**

Lord, on this Holocaust Memorial Day, may we never forget the injustice of hate towards others. May we be open to finding the places where we discriminate against one another and make a change. May we learn how to love without fear.

**Wednesday,
28 January**

Generous God, we ask your blessing on the Magnificat Group as it meets today. We give thanks for the wisdom in the group as they work with communities whose gifts are so often underestimated. Please continue to bless their fruitful ministries.

**Thursday,
29 January**

Faithful God, we pray for Ordained Self-Supporting Ministers across our diocese, giving thanks for the generosity of their ministry and the wisdom and experience that they bring. We ask you to bless them in their work.

**Friday,
30 January**

We pray for those who lead, whether in church, government or anywhere in life. May their thinking be rooted and grounded in prayer and their decisions be wise and for the flourishing of the people they serve. May the burden of leadership be light and held by you.

**Saturday,
31 January**

All seeing God, we thank you for those who serve you by cleaning and decorating our churches and church halls so that they are places of welcome for all who enter them. We give thanks for their faithful service.