

# moving up celebration

Wednesday 19th June 2024  
Wells Cathedral



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Living and telling the story of Jesus



Join us as we dedicate a week of prayer to children and young people across our diocese and beyond. Here is a guide to encourage you to pray for something different each day.

Week of Prayer  
for children  
and young  
people

WHAT MATTERS TO ME?

Love. The world  
matters to me.  
If it happens, tell me this

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7-11 July 2025

# Monday Under Fives



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- For new babies learning about the world
- For families with new additions adjusting to a new way of life
- For pregnant mums and their partners
- For toddler groups and crèches in churches across our diocese
- For volunteers who work with 0-5 yr olds
- For pre-school and nursery workers
- For young children being welcomed into the church family and beginning their faith journey
- For children starting school or pre-school in September



See what great love he has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! 1 John 3:1



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God of creation, today we pray for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. Thank you for the joy they bring as they discover and learn about the world around them. Please help those who look after them to nurture and care for them as they grow. Amen

# Tuesday

## 5-11 year olds

- For children to become a valued part of the church family as they grow in faith
- For church groups, paid workers and volunteers
- For teachers and classroom assistants in our first and primary schools
- For children preparing to start middle or secondary school in September
- For home educated children and those who educate them
- For all involved with uniformed groups
- For children around the world who cannot access free healthcare or education



Children are a heritage from the LORD, offspring a reward from him.  
Psalm 127:3



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God of wisdom, we pray for primary school aged children. Help those who look after them at home, church and school to protect, guide and teach them. We pray for children around the world in difficult situations, for their protection and care. Amen.

# Wednesday 11-16 year olds



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- For young people discovering their identity in Christ and finding their place in the church family
- For youth groups, youth workers and volunteers
- For teachers and others involved with secondary schools
- For children on the edge, who do not or cannot attend school
- For those who are preparing for their next stage of education
- For summer festivals and residentials
- For clergy teens attending Life to the Max in September



'Jesus said "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me" Mark 9:37



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Living Lord Jesus, we thank you for the individuality and creativity of young people across our diocese. Help those who work with them to encourage them and foster a sense of wonder of the world around them. We pray particularly for children who are excluded or isolated. Amen

# Thursday 16-18 year olds



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- For young people to own their faith and live it out
- For young people struggling with mental health issues
- For guidance for young people who are deciding what to do next
- For those awaiting A level results
- For young people heading to university
- For emerging young leaders and those who encourage them
- For parents and carers looking after young people in this age group
- For young people leaving the care system as they become young adults



Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck. Proverbs 1:8-9.



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Lord of life, today we pray for older teens and students. Guide and inspire them as they continue to make big decisions about their future. We pray that anyone struggling with mental health issues would know your peace. Amen

# Friday Young Adults



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- For young people to stand firm in their faith as they take their next steps
- For young people away at university
- For parents, churches and youth workers supporting uni students from a distance
- For young people taking final exams or preparing to get their first job
- For vulnerable or homeless young adults
- For young adults moving out of home for the first time
- For people considering ministry as a vocation
- For those travelling to Taize later this month with Bishop Michael



Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12



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Everlasting God, at the end of our Week of Prayer, we pray for young people who don't yet know you. We thank you for young adults in our diocese and pray for those starting out in jobs and higher education. We pray for parents and others offering support. Amen