Diocese of Hereford

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Prayer Diary

November – December 2026

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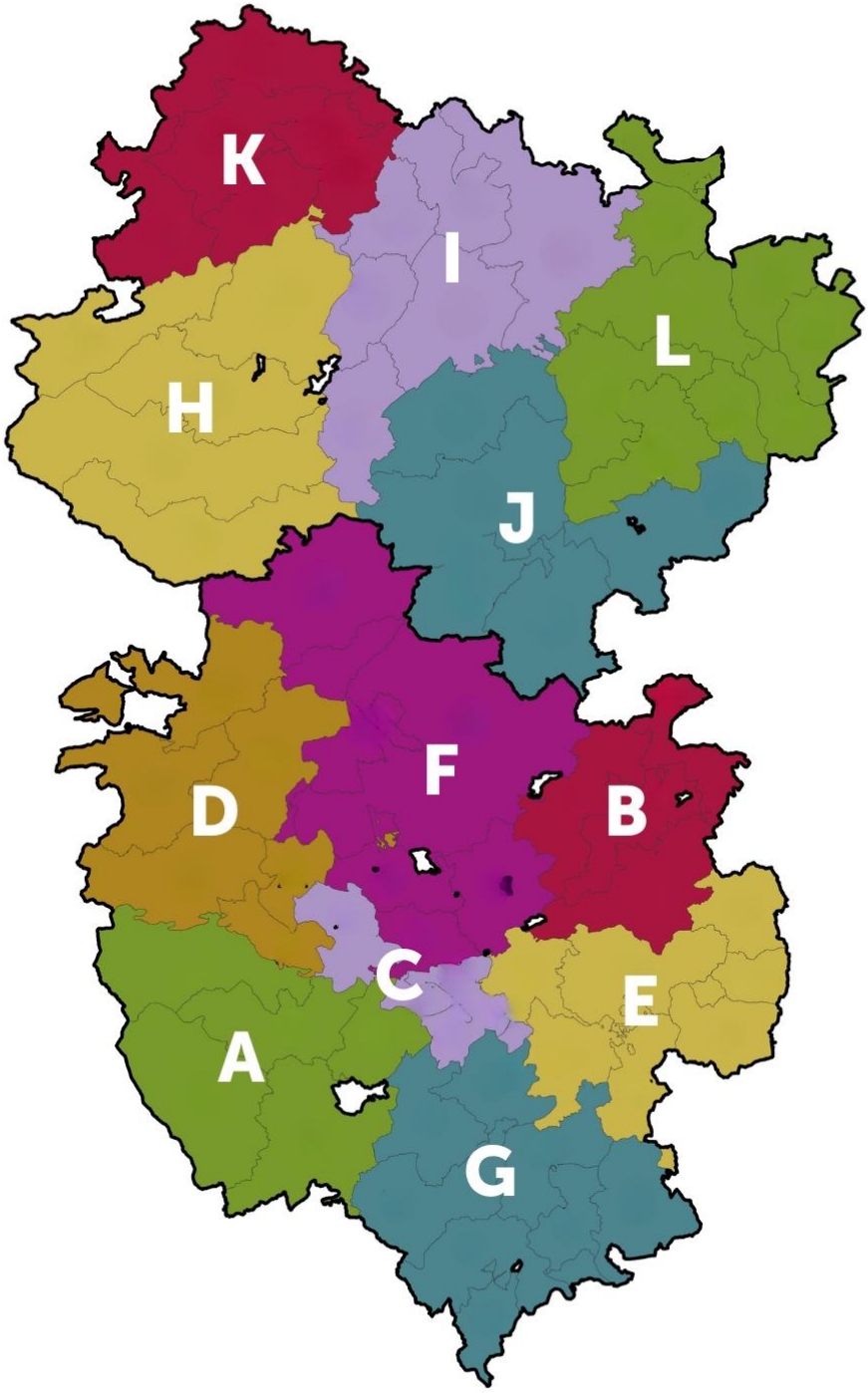

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The main part of this Prayer Diary covers the third quarter of the Church Year**,** week by week, under the following headings:

- **Anglican** - Taken from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer and updated as fully and accurately as possible, so that we can pray with confidence with and for the Anglican Communion worldwide.

- **Hereford** – Each Benefice is prayed for twice a year, our diocesan leaders and all church schools and headteachers, and youth hubs once each year, interspersed with the wider needs of the diocese.

- **Porvoo** - This weekly bidding pairs the Lutheran churches of the Nordic and Baltic areas and the Anglican churches of the British Isles and of Spain and Portugal, which have signed the Porvoo Declaration recognising each other's ministries. Also included is the Latvian Church, which has not yet taken a decision on signing the Declaration, and the Church of Denmark, which has not signed but wishes to develop links with the churches which have signed.

- **The Wider View** - Biddings and promptings for prayer relating to the wider world, the economy and global politics.

- **Today** – Details on what is happening in the life of the diocese to prompt your own intercessions, such as churchwarden visitations, General Synod meetings and ordinations.

- **Prayer –** The Anglican Collect for the Sunday prior.

If you would like to submit items for inclusion, ideas, or comments, please email the Bishop's Chaplain at chaplain@hereford.anglican.org.

You can also view the Prayer Diary on our website under the section Our Faith > Spirituality and Discipleship > Prayer: https://www.hereford.anglican.org/prayer

Sunday 29th November	**Advent 1**
Anglican	**Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui : Archbishop, The Most Revd Andrew Chan**
Hereford	The Abbeydore Deanery : Rural Dean Revd Jane Rogers
Porvoo	*Scottish Episcopal Church:* Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane, Bishop Ian Paton *Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland:* Diocese of Porvoo, Bishop Bo-Göran Åstrand
The Wider View	For foreign ministers and diplomats preparing for the **Ministerial Council of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) (early December):** that dialogue would prevail over hostility, trust would be rebuilt between nations, and every opportunity for peace and reconciliation would be pursued with wisdom and courage. For volunteers, charities, churches and humanitarian organisations, as we mark the **International Day of Persons with Disabilities (3 December)**; that people living with disabilities would be fully included in the life of their communities, their gifts recognised, and barriers to participation removed. For firefighters, control room staff and all who serve with **Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Service:**; for courage in danger, wisdom in emergencies, and protection as they safeguard lives, homes and communities throughout the county. For the Church throughout the world, as we begin a **new Church year** and enter the holy season of **Advent**; that we may watch with hope, prepare with joy for the coming of Christ, and be ready to welcome him in our hearts, lives and by serving those who are most in need.
Collect	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. Amen.
Monday 30th November | Andrew the Apostle	

Anglican	**The Diocese of Colorado – The Episcopal Church: The Rt Revd Kimberly Lucas**
Hereford	Cusop with Blakemere, Bredwardine with Brobury, Clifford, Dorstone, Hardwicke, Moccas and Preston-on-Wye (Border Links Parishes'): Revd Vicki Burrows
Today	Aston Ayre church receives its dedication to St Andrew
Tuesday 1st December	
Anglican	**The Diocese of Congo Brazzaville – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo: Vacant**
Hereford	Clehonger CE Primary School - Headteacher Grace Sage
Wednesday 2nd December	
Anglican	The Diocese of Connecticut – The Episcopal Church: The Rt Revd Jeffrey Mello
Hereford	**For those struggling with shorter daylight hours, and for mental health services, and all mental health practitioners in our community.**
Thursday 3rd December	
Anglican	The Diocese of Connor – The Church of Ireland: The Right Revd George Davison
Hereford	Black Mountains Benefice (Abbeydore, Bacton, Clodock and Longtown, Craswall, Ewyas Harold and Dulas, Kentchurch with Llangua, Llanveynoe, Michaelchurch Escley, Newton, Rowlestone and Llancillo, St Margaret's, Walterstone): Revd Luci Morriss, and Training Curate Revd Geoff Holder
Friday 4th December	
Anglican	The Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross – The Church of Ireland: The Rt Revd William Paul Colton
Hereford	The Diocesan Office Staff, led by Diocesan Secretary, Sam Pratley
Today	
Saturday 5th December	
Anglican	The Diocese of Costa Rica – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America: The Right Revd Orlando Gómez
Hereford	The Twin Brooks Benefice (Allensmore, Clehonger, Eaton Bishop, Kilpeck, Kingstone, St Devereus, Thruxton, Wormbridge): Revd Cate Thomson, and Associate Minister Revd Ann Hitchiner
Today	Parish Safeguarding Officers celebration

Sunday 6th December	**Advent 2**
Anglican	**The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. Primate: The Most Revd Gilbert Rateloson**
Hereford	Parish Safeguarding Officers across the Diocese
Porvoo	*Church of England:* Diocese of Chester, Bishop Mark Tanner, Bishop Julie Conalty, Bishop Sam Corley *Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland:* Diocese of Kuopio, Bishop Jari Jolkkonen
The Wider View	God of peace, justice and reconciliation, as we mark **8 December**, the second anniversary of the fall of the Assad regime in Syria, we pray for all its people, for healing after years of suffering, and for a future of freedom, security and lasting peace. As the **Nobel Peace Prize is awarded on 10 December**, also International Human Rights Day, we give thanks for this year's laureate, Navi Pillay, and for all who work courageously for peace, justice and human dignity. Strengthen those who seek reconciliation, bring hope to those living with conflict, and guide the nations of the world in the ways of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
Collect	Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world, and will send him again to be our judge, give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Monday 7th December	
Anglican	The Diocese of Coventry – The Church of England: The Rt Revd Sophie Jelley
Hereford	For Local MPs, councillors and political decision-makers
Tuesday 8th December	
Anglican	**The Diocese of Cuba – The Episcopal Church: The Rt Revd Angel Rivera**
Hereford	Intergenerational Church Enabler - Kathy Bland
Today	Dorstone church reordering celebration

Wednesday 9th December | Ember Day	
Anglican	The Diocese of Cueibet – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan: Vacant
Hereford	**For all exploring their Christian vocation, and for Revd Dr Elizabeth Wild as she leads them as Diocesan Director of Vocations and Ordinands**
Thursday 10th December	
Anglican	The Diocese of Cuernavaca – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico: The Most Revd Enrique Treviño Cruz
Hereford	Madley with Tyberton, Peterchurch, Vowchurch and Turnastone: Vicar Revd Simon Lockett.
Today	The Bishop's Staff Meeting
Friday 11th December | Ember Day	
Anglican	The Diocese of Cuttack – The Church of North India (United): The Rt Revd Surendra Kumar Nanda
Hereford	Bredenbury Benefice (Bredenbury with Grendon Bishop, St John the Baptist, and Wacton, Collington, Edwyn Ralph, Little Cowarne, Pencombe with Marston Stannett, Thornbury & Ullingswick): Priest-in-charge, Revd Katie Smith.
Saturday 12th December | Ember Day	
Anglican	The Diocese of Cyangugu – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda: The Rt Revd Nathan Muhutu
Hereford	For our small businesses, markets and high streets

Sunday 13th December	**Advent 3**
Anglican	**The Church of Ireland: Archbishop, The Most Revd John McDowell**
Hereford	The Bromyard Deanery: Rural Dean, Revd Preb Dawn Hyett
Porvoo	*Church of England:* Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, Bishop Paul Williams, Bishop Andy Emerton *Church of Norway:* Diocese of Borg, Bishop Kari Mangrud Alfsvåg
The Wider View	God of justice, mercy and hope, as world leaders gather for the **G20 Summit in Miami on 14 and 15 December**, grant them wisdom to seek the common good and compassion for the world's most vulnerable. As we mark the **eleventh anniversary of the Paris Climate Agreement**, we lament how far we remain from its promises and pray for renewed courage to protect your creation and safeguard future generations. On **International Migrants Day, 18 December**, we remember those seeking refuge and safety. May the words of Jesus, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" inspire us to respond with compassion rather than fear. Guide us in the ways of justice, generosity and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
Collect	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. Amen.
Monday 14th December	
Anglican	**The Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf – The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East: The Rt Revd Sean Semple**
Hereford	Bromyard and Stoke Lacy: Vicar, Revd Phil Miller, Training Curate, Revd David Hall.
Tuesday 15th December	
Anglican	**The Diocese of Daejeon – The Anglican Church of Korea: The Rt Revd Titus Ho-Wook Kim**
Hereford	Bromyard Deanery – our Schools & Youth Worker and the team of partners working across Bromyard
Wednesday 16th December	

Anglican	The Diocese of North Dakota – The Episcopal Church: The Rt Revd Shay Craig
Hereford	For all schools, children and particularly those with special educational needs
Thursday 17th December	
Anglican	The Diocese of South Dakota – The Episcopal Church: The Rt Revd Jonathan Folts
Hereford	Pencombe CE Primary School – Executive Headteacher Elizabeth Orton
Friday 18th December	
Anglican	The Diocese of Dallas – The Episcopal Church: The Rt Revd Robert Price
Hereford	Burley Gate CE Primary School - Executive Headteacher Michele Lewis
Saturday 19th December	
Anglican	The Diocese of Damaturu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion): The Rt Revd Yohannah Audu
Hereford	Greater Whitbourne: Priest-in-charge, Revd Preb Dawn Hyett, Reader Chris Evans.

Sunday 20th December	**Advent 4**
Anglican	**The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Japan): Primate. The Most Revd Renta Nishihara**
Hereford	The Diocesan Education Team – Director Gemma Martin
Porvoo	*Church of Norway:* Diocese of Oslo, Bishop Sunniva Gylver *Church of England:* Diocese of Durham, The Rt Revd Rick Simpson *Scottish Episcopal Church:* Diocese of Moray, Ross and Caithness, Bishop Mark Strange (Primus)
The Wider View	God of light, hope and peace, on this **Fourth Sunday of Advent, 20 December**, as communities across the world mark the winter solstice and celebrate the returning light, remind us that no darkness is beyond your love. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, we pray for those living through war, poverty and displacement, and for all who face this season with loneliness or fear. May the coming of Emmanuel, God with us, inspire us to bring light into darkness, welcome to the stranger, and hope to a divided world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
Collect	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. Amen.
Monday 21st December	
Anglican	**The Diocese of Dar-es-Salaam – The Anglican Church of Tanzania: The Rt Revd Jackson Sosthenes**
Hereford	For the Lord Lieutenant of Herefordshire, Edward Harley, and the Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire, Anna Turner
Today	Cathedral Carol Service
Tuesday 22nd December	
Anglican	**The Diocese of Davao – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines: The Rt Revd Ernie Moral**
Hereford	The Frome Valley Group of parishes (Acton Beauchamp, Bishop's Frome and Frome's Hill, Castle Frome, Evesbatch, Much Cowarne, Ocle Pychard, & Stanford Bishop): Vicar, Revd Steven Baggs, Assistant Minister Revd John Allaway.

Today	Cathedral Carol Service
Wednesday 23rd December	
Anglican	The Diocese of Saint David's – The Church in Wales: The Rt Revd Dorrien Davies
Hereford	**For the rivers Wye, Lugg and Teme**
Thursday 24th December | Christmas Eve	
Anglican	The Diocese of Delaware – The Episcopal Church: The Rt Revd Kevin Brown
Hereford	For all those working tonight to care for others
Friday 25th December | Christmas Day	
Anglican	The Diocese of Delhi – The Church of North India (United): The Rt Revd Paul Swarup
Hereford	For all who are alone today. For those who have lost loved ones, who are estranged, and who have nowhere to belong
Saturday 26th December | Stephen, deacon, first martyr	
Anglican	The Diocese of Derby – The Church of England: The Rt Revd Libby Lane
Hereford	Churchstoke with Hyssington and Sarn: Vicar, Vacant.

Sunday 27th December	**Christmas 1 | John, apostle & Evangelist**
Anglican	**The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East: Archbishop. The Most Revd Hosam Naoum**
Hereford	Those on Deanery and Diocesan Synods
Porvoo	*Church of England:* Diocese of Chichester, Bishop Martin Warner, Bishop Ruth Bushyager, Bishop Will Hazlewood *Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland:* Diocese of Mikkeli, Bishop Mari Parkkinen
The Wider View	God of love, compassion and hope, as we celebrate the birth of Christ and remember the **Holy Innocents on 28 December**, we pray for children whose lives are threatened by war, violence and poverty, and for families forced to flee their homes in search of safety. As we remember the cruelty of Herod and the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, open our hearts to the suffering of innocent children today, and give courage to all who work to protect them. Encourage those who use their voices to highlight the plights of young people all over the world, that their words and their platform can bring about change. As we approach the beginning of 2027, renew our hope for a world of greater justice, kindness and peace, and guide us to be bearers of Christ's light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Collect	Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
Monday 28th December | The Holy Innocents	
Anglican	**The Diocese of Derry and Raphoe – The Church of Ireland: The Rt Revd Andrew Forster**
Hereford	For the Holy Innocents. For the children in our communities who bear the scars of fleeing homes in search of safety.
Tuesday 29th December | John, Apostle and Evangelist	

Anglican	**The Diocese of Dhaka – The Church of Bangladesh: the Most Revd Samuel Sunil Mankhin**
Hereford	Bucknell St Mary's CE Primary School - Executive Headteacher Kathryn Jones
Wednesday 30th December	
Anglican	The Diocese of San Diego – The Episcopal Church: The Rt Revd Susan Bown Snook
Hereford	Bishop's Castle with Mainstone, Lydbury North and Edgton: Priest-in-charge, Revd Preb Stephanie Fountain, Assistant Minister, Revd Preb Dr John Daniels, Readers, Jenny White and Sylvia Taylor.
Thursday 31st December	
Anglican	The Diocese of Divine Hope – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola: The Rt Revd Joaquim Bondo
Hereford	St George's CofE Academy, Clun - Executive Headteacher Rebecca Manning
Friday 1st January | Naming and Circumcision of Jesus	
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Hereford	The Clun Valley Benefice (Bettws-y-Crwyn, Clun, Clunbury with Clunton, Hopesay, Newcastle : Vicar, Vacant. Reader, Sonia Phippard
Saturday 2nd January	
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Hereford	For carers, families and people with disabilities