



Daily Prayer Diary
for the
Diocese of St Albans

November – December 2022

Living God's Love

Going Deeper into God . Transforming Communities . Making New Disciples

How to read this diary - a user's guide

- Information for prayer is provided by a member of each parish/group.
- Each Parish is included, with the Deanery to which it belongs in brackets.
- Information for the Anglican Communion (ACP) is from the Anglican Communion's website. If you visit this page: <https://anglicancommunion.org/acp> you can download the cycle for the current three years (2021-2023).
 - On Sundays the autonomous Provinces of the Anglican Communion are listed.
 - On weekdays one Anglican Diocese from around the world. Each Diocese is briefly identified here either by the country, or in some cases the supranational Anglican Province to which it belongs.
 - Please note, the names of Bishops are, alas, no longer noted in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

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Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 25 December

LGL: Going deeper into God: For grace to be thankful in all circumstances

Sun 25 Christmas Day <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For the gift of the Christ-child, Emmanuel, God-with-us. <i>Prayers:</i> That all who attend Christmas Services may know the peace of Christ. <i>ACP:</i> Anglican Church of Melanesia
Mon 26 Stephen deacon, 1st martyr Harpenden, St John (Wheathampstead) Tim Vickers, (Rs) David Nye, Lauryn Awbrey, Anne Edwards <i>Thanksgiving:</i> Rise in the number of baptisms and families. <i>Prayers:</i> For spiritual and numerical growth. <i>ACP:</i> Oklahoma (USA)
Tue 27 John, apostle & evangelist Kimpton (Wheathampstead) Linda Williams, (PTO) Andrew Morton <i>Thanksgiving:</i> Tower works completed. <i>Prayers:</i> Continue to open up Slowly, Carefully, Safely in post-Covid lockdown times. <i>ACP:</i> Okria (Nigeria)
Wed 28 Holy Innocents Markyate Street, St John the Baptist (Wheathampstead) Jo Burke <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For members of the church and the local community they serve. <i>ACP:</i> OIeh (Nigeria)
Thu 29 Redbourn (Wheathampstead) In Vacancy (PTO) +Robin Smith, (R) Ailsa Hulme, Kay Vernon, (LLW) David Forbes, Sue May <i>Thanksgiving:</i> That we have enjoyed the support of our Deanery colleagues through a challenging start to our vacancy. <i>Prayers:</i> That we may be prayerful and united as we move forward towards the process of appointing a vicar. <i>ACP:</i> Olo (South Sudan)
Fri 30 Sandridge (Wheathampstead) Wendy Sellers <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For the recent Christmas services and those who attended them. <i>Prayers:</i> For the establish of a pattern of events and services aimed at children and families. <i>ACP:</i> Olympia (USA)
Sat 31 Wheathampstead (Wheathampstead) Richard Banham, (PTO) +John Gladwin, (Rs) Claire Banham, John Grace, Carol Hopper, Pippa Legg, Roger Payne, (Enabler) Linda Thomas <i>Thanksgiving:</i> Our services during Advent and Christmas which reach beyond our normal congregation. <i>Prayers:</i> For progress towards our vision priority of Being a Church for All Generations. <i>ACP:</i> Omu-Aran (Nigeria)

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 18 December

LGL: Transforming Communities: All Church Schools

<p>Sun 18 Panshanger (Welwyn Hatfield) Paul Seymour <i>Thanksgiving:</i> That we have come through the epidemic, most of our programmes have been re-established and new types of event are being planned with a lot of hope. <i>Prayers:</i> That our plans for a community living room / heat bank will come to fruition and be well used (a great form of mission to be open for light snacks – board games – company and also gives us the right to speak of our loving God to our community). ACP: Anglican Church of Korea</p>
<p>Mon 19 Tewin (Welwyn Hatfield) Susannah Underwood <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For bringing the village together at our Carol Service. <i>Prayers:</i> For helping to take forward our plans for a new meeting room. ACP: Oke-Ogun (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Tue 20 Welwyn and Woolmer Green (Welwyn Hatfield) David Munchin, Christie Gilfeather, (Rs) Catherine Jupp, Colin Hull, Usha Hull, Michael Simmons, John Burnapp <i>Thanksgiving:</i> A new musical director. <i>Prayers:</i> Children's work. ACP: Oke-Osun (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Wed 21 Welwyn Garden City (Welwyn Hatfield) Jenny Fennell, Rachel Wakefield, (R) Carolyn Annand <i>Thanksgiving:</i> Work with schools, young families, elderly and homeless. <i>Prayers:</i> For welcoming all over the Christmas period and enabling them to know God. ACP: Okigwe (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Thu 22 Ayot St Lawrence (Wheatthampstead) Linda Williams <i>Thanksgiving:</i> Commitment of the new Wardens and PCC. <i>Prayers:</i> Continuing our ministry as a festival church. ACP: Okigwe North (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Fri 23 Flamstead (Wheatthampstead) Jo Burke <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For members of the church and the local community they serve. ACP: Okigwe South (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Sat 24 Harpenden (Wheatthampstead) Dennis Stamps, Sally Goodson, James Brown, Cath Da Costa, Nick Goulding, Paul Manuel. (Rs): Pauline Gilbert, Jenny Goulding, Jacquie Hibbert, Andrew Marsh, Hilary Pask, (PtO) Brenda Marshall, Heather Richards, Gill White <i>Thanksgiving:</i> Our close connection and work with our local schools, especially St Nicholas Primary School. <i>Prayers:</i> Prayer for our growing work with children, young people, and families. ACP: Okinawa (Japan)</p>

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 30 October

LGL: Making new disciples: For courage to speak of our faith

<p>Sun 30 All Saints Sunday Frogmore, Holy Trinity (St Albans) Nick Weir, Stephen Fraser, Nigel Ward <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For our church school Park Street School and our ongoing partnership. <i>Prayers:</i> For the Light Party 2022 on 30th October: For lots of families in our parish to attend our fun party and also learn about Jesus the light of the world. ACP: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile (Anglican Church of Chile)</p>
<p>Mon 31 London Colney, St Peter (St Albans) Philip Green, (R) Rosemary Rawlinson <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For members of the church and the local community they serve. ACP: New York (USA)</p>
<p>Tue 01 (All Saints Day) Diocesan Synod Alan Smith <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For all members of Synod. ACP: Central New York (USA)</p>
<p>Wed 02 All Souls Retired Clergy in the Diocese Christopher Strong, David Lawson, Martin King <i>Thanksgiving:</i> The welcome and support by parishes and deaneries for their local retired clergy. <i>Prayers:</i> That each retired cleric may find a good balance between opportunities for service and their need for rest. ACP: Western New York (USA)</p>
<p>Thu 03 Radlett (St Albans) Oliver Blease, (R) Eileen Bigg, (LLW) Robert Attuh, Sheldon Strout <i>Thanksgiving:</i> That following our recent Parish Vision Days the Holy Spirit will continue to inspire and bless our communities through the life of the church. <i>Prayers:</i> For an ever closer working relationship as we build up the bonds between our Team of parishes. ACP: Newala (Tanzania)</p>
<p>Fri 04 Shenley (St Albans) Sarah Marshall <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For members of the church and the local community they serve. ACP: Newark, Delaware (USA)</p>
<p>Sat 05 St Albans Abbey (St Albans) Jo Kelly-Moore, Kevin Walton, Will Gibbs, Jonny Lloyd, Calum Zuckert, John Bannister <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For our new Residentiary Canon for Mission and Pastoral Care, Will Gibbs. <i>Prayers:</i> As we bear witness to the story of God's love made known in the life of St Alban, the Cathedral community is committed to growing our mission and in the reach of our pastoral care. Please pray with us for discernment, commitment and impact in these areas. ACP: Newcastle, NSW (Australia)</p>

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 6 November

LGL: Transforming Communities: All who benefit from all forms of Charitable Giving

<p>Sun 06 St Albans, Christ Church (St Albans) Jeremy Follett, (Rs) Dawn Kennedy, Dele Agbelusi, John Truscott, Iyabo Agbelusi, (Enabler) Sara Head <i>Thanksgiving:</i> Our growing work with whole Families, not just children. <i>Prayers:</i> Choosing the right proposal for a new Church Roof. ACP: The Church of England</p>
<p>Mon 07 St Albans, St Luke (St Albans) Alex Huzzey, (R) Kath Clough, (PTO) Robert Donald <i>Thanksgiving:</i> A new season with new projects, new focus and a new vicar! <i>Prayers:</i> Our new group for parents and toddlers which starts THIS MORNING (7th November). ACP: Newcastle, England</p>
<p>Tue 08 St Albans, St Mary Marshalswick (St Albans) Kate Pearson, Ruth Goaty, (R) Paul Wiggins <i>Thanksgiving:</i> Renewed all-age services and blossoming relationships with schools and uniformed groups. <i>Prayers:</i> For our fledgling youth group. ACP: Eastern Newfoundland (Canada)</p>
<p>Wed 09 St Albans, St Michael (St Albans) In Vacancy (PTO) John Bannister, (R) Mike Ford <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For the successful completion of the re-plastering work at St Michael's, which will help to maintain the stonework. <i>Prayers:</i> That God will help us find the person called to be the new Vicar of our parish of St Michael with St Mary. ACP: Central Newfoundland (Canada)</p>
<p>Thu 10 St Albans, St Paul (St Albans) Jono Tregale, Diane Tregale, Peter Crumpler, Andre Radmall (R) Michael Ford <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For members of the church and the local community they serve. ACP: Western Newfoundland (Canada)</p>
<p>Fri 11 Armistice Day St Albans, St Peter (St Albans) Mark Dearnley, Liz Guest, Em Coley, (PtO) Gill Keir, (Rs) Richard Butler, Ruth Dearnley, Margaret Tinsley, (LLM) Margaret Blake <i>Thanksgiving:</i> The varied life and activities of this church family. <i>Prayers:</i> Our initiatives in reaching out to the city centre. ACP: Ngbo (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Sat 12 St Albans, St Saviour (St Albans) Richard Watson, Corniel Quak, Tony Halton, (PTOs) Andrew Ferrar, Jonathan Smith, Ian Pidoux <i>Thanksgiving:</i> Increased engagement with the community, and a strong return from lockdown. <i>Prayers:</i> Sustaining and consolidating our growing ministry with children and families. ACP: Niagara (Canada)</p>

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 11 December

LGL: Making new disciples: For Christian Unions and other groups in schools

<p>Sun 11 Bishop's Hatfield St Michael and All Angels (Welwyn Hatfield) Kathryn Alford; (PTO) Iain Lane; (R) Dave Gunn <i>Thanksgiving:</i> That Messy Church has continued to flourish during Covid and vacancy. <i>Prayers:</i> For renewed understanding of what God is calling us to 'be' and 'do' in the next 5 years. ACP: Anglican Church of Kenya</p>
<p>Mon 12 Codicote (Welwyn Hatfield) Philip Waller, Ryan Gilfeather, (R) Catherine Jupp <i>Thanksgiving:</i> The renewal of the parish Mission Action Plan. <i>Prayers:</i> Final push in fund-raising for church improvement project. ACP: Ogori-Magongo (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Tue 13 Datchworth (Welwyn Hatfield) Susannah Underwood, (R) Cathrine Jupp <i>Thanksgiving:</i> That Covid made the congregation stronger. <i>Prayers:</i> Work with children and young people. ACP: Ohaji / Egbema (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Wed 14 Digsweil (Welwyn Hatfield) Rob Marshall, Selina Evans, (R) Rose Lloyd <i>Thanksgiving:</i> Continuing growth of our Cafe culture and development of Haidens Community Hub. <i>Prayers:</i> For our stewardship in both time talents and finance. ACP: Ohio (USA)</p>
<p>Thu 15 Hatfield Hyde, St Mary Magdalene (Welwyn Hatfield) Emma Hopegood Jones, Nicky Jackson, (R) Caroline Duke <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For our new ministry this year with those seeking asylum, and especially for the five adults who have been baptised and confirmed in recent months. <i>Prayers:</i> For healing from trauma for those of our church family who have fled their homes and communities in fear. ACP: Southern Ohio (USA)</p>
<p>Fri 16 Lemsford (Welwyn Hatfield) Kathryn Alford; (PTO) Iain Lane <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For all those who have worked so hard to serve the church and the local community during a long vacancy. <i>Prayers:</i> For us continue to grow into a community that is focussed on building loving relationships with God, each other, and the local area. ACP: Oji River (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Sat 17 North Mymms (Welwyn Hatfield) Ruth Barr; Penny Thomson <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For the success of our patronage scheme to raise funds. <i>Prayers:</i> That we can take bring to fruition the priorities identified in our latest Mission Action Plan. ACP: Okene (Nigeria)</p>

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 4 December

LGL: Going deeper into God: *Those who participate in weeks of guided prayer*

<p>Sun 04 Watford, St John (Watford) David Stevenson <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For the strong and blessed relationship between our church and school. <i>Prayers:</i> For our first Year 6 class at school as they prepare for transition to secondary school. ACP: Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East</p>
<p>Mon 05 Watford, St Luke (Watford) Michael Norman, (Rs) Dave Clarke, Pam Norman, Wendy Somerville <i>Thanksgiving:</i> A good Summer with times of Fellowship and a positive Holiday Club. <i>Prayers:</i> A new Sunday 5.30 pm Encounter Service from October. ACP: el-Obeid (Sudan)</p>
<p>Tue 06 Watford, St Michael and All Angels (LEP) (Watford) Geoffrey Calvert, Stephen Mephum, (Rs) Bridget Russell, Martin Heath <i>Thanksgiving:</i> The people God is guiding to our fellowship. <i>Prayers:</i> Our people in poor health. ACP: Offa (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Wed 07 Watford, St Peter (Watford) Vanessa Kerswill, (Rs) Colin Heath, Vicky O'Kelly <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For members of the church and the local community they serve. ACP: Ogbaru (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Thu 08 Ayot St Peter (Welwyn Hatfield) David Munchin, Christie Gilfeather, (Rs) Catherine Jupp, Colin Hull, Usha Hull, Michael Simmons, John Burnapp <i>Thanksgiving:</i> A lavatory. <i>Prayers:</i> A kitchen. ACP: Ogbia (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Fri 09 Bishop's Hatfield St Etheldreda with St Luke (Welwyn Hatfield) Darren Collins <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For members of the church and the local community they serve. ACP: Ogbomoso (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Sat 10 Bishop's Hatfield St John (Welwyn Hatfield) Andy Gardner, Laura Collingridge, (R) Viv Marlow <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For the opportunities to reach out to the school and student communities in Hatfield. <i>Prayers:</i> For us to be able to best serve those who are struggling due to food and fuel poverty. ACP: Ogoni (Nigeria)</p>

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 13 November

LGL: Going deeper into God: *All who pray at home*

<p>Sun 13 Remembrance Sunday St Albans, St Stephen (St Albans) Becky Leach, Patrick Moriarty (R) Michael Elves <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For members of the church and the local community they serve. <i>Prayers:</i> ACP: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui</p>
<p>Mon 14 Graveley with Chivesfield (otherwise Graveley) (Stevenage) In Vacancy <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For members of the church and the local community they serve. ACP: Niassa (Mozambique)</p>
<p>Tue 15 Knebworth (Stevenage) Charles King, (PTO) Karen Turner, Jane Hatton, Richard Syms <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For new generations discovering faith. <i>Prayers:</i> For growth, and beginning the journey of discerning together God's vision for the parish. ACP: Nicaragua (Central America)</p>
<p>Wed 16 Stevenage, All Saints, Pin Green (Stevenage) Pete Orton (R) Sylvia Nott <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For members of the church and the local community they serve. ACP: Niger Delta North (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Thu 17 Stevenage, Holy Trinity (Stevenage) Ruth Carroll, Andy Thomas, (R) Clive Bell, Keith Battarbee, (LLW) Glynis Ireton <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For our weekday Morning Prayer congregation. <i>Prayers:</i> For volunteers to come forward to serve as church officers. ACP: Niger Delta (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Fri 18 Stevenage, St Andrew and St George (Stevenage) Karen Mitchell <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For members of the church and the local community they serve. ACP: Niger Delta West (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Sat 19 Stevenage, St Hugh and St John, Chells (LEP) (Stevenage) Chandrika Perera, Kate Douglas <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For our 'human resources' who help to keep the show on the road. <i>Prayers:</i> That we are seen for who we are and not as 'the building next to Tesco'. ACP: Niger (Nigeria)</p>

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 20 November

LGL: Making new disciples: For parents teaching their children to pray

<p>Sun 20 Christ the King Stevenage, St Mary, Shephall (Stevenage) Vivienne Hathaway <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For the Craft Club and the fellowship they enjoy. <i>Prayers:</i> For the plans to refurbish the parish room to come to fruition. ACP: Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean</p>
<p>Mon 21 Stevenage, St Nicholas (Stevenage) In Vacancy. <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For members of the church and the local community they serve. ACP: Niger West (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Tue 22 Stevenage, St Peter, Broadwater (Stevenage) Kate Sharples, (Rs) Obi Eneli, Gordon Baillie, Paul Evenett <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For new mission activities. <i>Prayers:</i> For the outreach to the community. ACP: Nike (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Wed 23 Abbots Langley (Watford) Peter Waddell; (PTO) Brian Hibberd; (R) Sally Sanderson <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For people finding their way back to church after the pandemic. <i>Prayers:</i> The renewal of our musical tradition. ACP: Nimule (South Sudan)</p>
<p>Thu 24 Bushey (Watford) Maxine Howarth <i>Thanksgiving:</i> The parish's support for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. <i>Prayers:</i> Advent & Christmas plans: both established plans & new & exciting initiatives. ACP: Nnewi (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Fri 25 Bushey Heath, St Peter (Watford) Andrew Burton <i>Thanksgiving:</i> A joyous and successful journey through the liturgical cycle. <i>Prayers:</i> Discernment during the renewal of the Family Service and the Mother and Toddler Group. ACP: Norwich (England)</p>
<p>Sat 26 Langleybury, St Paul (Watford) James Webster <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For members of the church and the local community they serve. ACP: Nova Scotia & PEI (Canada)</p>

Prayers for the week beginning Sunday 27 November

LGL: Transforming Communities: For those who run and attend after school clubs

<p>Sun 27 Advent Sunday Leavesden, All Saints (Watford) Edward Green, Phillipa Maddox, (Rs) Wendy Simpson, Charles Porter, Sue Oxlade, Stephen Davidson. <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For new signs of life and continuation of most activities post pandemic. <i>Prayers:</i> For our community outreach groups. Please pray that our community outreach groups (Lighthouse café, Cameo, Tots and Teddies and Little Saints), would be an effective means of sharing the love of Christ with our community. ACP: Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Japan)</p>
<p>Mon 28 Oxhey, All Saints (Watford) Deborah Snowball <i>Thanksgiving:</i> The new beginnings offered by the arrival of both the new Church Year and our new Vicar, Deborah. <i>Prayers:</i> Our prayer and preparation for welcoming people to special Services and events during Advent and Christmas. ACP: Nsukka (Nigeria)</p>
<p>Tue 29 Oxhey, St Matthew (Watford) Sam Frampton <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For members of the church and the local community they serve. ACP: Nyahuruu (Kenya)</p>
<p>Wed 30 Andrew, apostle Watford (Watford) Tony Rindl, Joshua Brocklesby <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For members of the church and the local community they serve. ACP: Nyamlei (South Sudan)</p>
<p>Thu 01 Canons of the Cathedral <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For ministries and communities represented by the College of Canons. <i>Prayers:</i> For the Cathedral's ministry in supporting the mission of the Diocese. ACP: Nyang (South Sudan)</p>
<p>Fri 02 Watford, Christ Church (Watford) In Vacancy, (LLVs) Val Bryce, Shirley Lewens, Chris Long, Caroline Penn <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For members of the church and the local community they serve. ACP: Southern Nyanza (Kenya)</p>
<p>Sat 03 Watford, St Andrew (LEP) (Watford) Jon Stevens, James Barlow <i>Thanksgiving:</i> For members of the church and the local community they serve. ACP: Nzara (South Sudan)</p>