



Prayer Diary

December 2024

Prayer is offered daily at Derby Cathedral for Libby, Bishop of Derby; Malcolm, Bishop of Repton; for the Diocese of Derby; and for:

## **SUNDAY**

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**1 December**

- the beginning of our Church Year, for opportunities and possibilities ahead
- Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

## **MONDAY**

**2 December**

- the Area Dean, Daniel Cooke and the Assistant Area Dean, Sarah Colver as well as the Deanery Leadership Team
- the Diocese of Kitale (the Anglican Church of Kenya)
- Isle of Man Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the children and young people
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

## **TUESDAY**

**3 December**

*Francis Xavier, missionary, 1552*

- all those holding the Bishop's Licence to minister in the North East Deanery; those training for ordained and lay ministry, for their parishes supporting them
- the Diocese of Kiteto (the Anglican Church of Tanzania)
- Manchester Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Dean and the Residentiary Canons
- the district of Chesterfield
- peacekeepers; the police and the armed forces
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

## **WEDNESDAY**

**4 December**

*John of Damascus, monk, teacher of the faith, c.749  
Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637*

- the parishes of St James' Barlborough and St John the Baptist, Clowne
- the Diocese of Kitgum (the Church of the Province of Uganda)
- Newcastle Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Mothers' Union
- carers in Derby and Derbyshire
- the Peak District National Park Authority
- people at work; the media and the arts
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray
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## **THURSDAY**

**5 December**

- the parishes of St Peter's Calow and St Mary's Sutton cum Duckmanton; Calow CofE school
- the Diocese of Kitui (the Anglican Church of Kenya)
- Norwich Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: our social outreach and volunteers
- Cathedral parish of All Saints Derby
- HM Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire, Elizabeth Fothergill
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

## **FRIDAY**

**6 December**

Nicholas, bishop, c.326

- the parishes of St Peter and Paul, Eckington (inc Upper Eckington) and St John's Ridgeway; Camms church school
- the Diocese of Kivu (Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda)
- Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford
- Derby Cathedral: the College of Canons
- the district of South Derbyshire
- libraries, museums and galleries in Derby and Derbyshire
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

## **SATURDAY**

**7 December**

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, teacher of the faith, 397

- the Benefice of Elmtton with Creswell and Whitwell with Steetley; Creswell Infant church school
- the Diocese of North Kivu (Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo)
- Peterborough Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Fabric Advisory Committee and architect
- looked-after children in Derby and Derbyshire
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

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## **SUNDAY**

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **8 December**

- our schools, for the nativity plays and school services, for the opportunities to share the Christmas message with our children
- Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

## **MONDAY**

### **9 December**

- the parishes of St Giles' Killamarsh and St Matthew's Renishaw; Killamarsh church school
- the Diocese of Kobe (the Nippon Sei Ko Kai)
- Portsmouth Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Vergers
- the district of Erewash
- people who work with animals and in animal care
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

## **TUESDAY**

### **10 December**

- the Staveley Team Ministry; Staveley church school
- the Diocese of Koforidua (the Church of the Province of West Africa)
- Ripon Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Cathedral Wardens and Deputy Wardens
- people who work for charities or in voluntary work
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

## **WEDNESDAY**

### **11 December**

*Ember Day*

- the parishes of Holy Trinity and Christ Church; Christ Church school
- the Diocese of Kolhapur (the Church of North India)
- Rochester Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: our neighbours in Derby Church House
- people at work; those who work in maintenance and cleaning
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

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**THURSDAY**  
**12 December**

- the benefice of Old Brampton with Great Barlow and Loundsley Green LEP church; Barlow church school
- the Diocese of Kollam - Kottarakkara (the Church of South India)
- St Albans Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Cathedral Chapter
- people at work; those whose work in hospitality and the service industry
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

**FRIDAY**  
**13 December**

Lucy, martyr, 304  
*Samuel Johnson, moralist, 1784*  
Ember Day

- the parishes of St Thomas' Brampton and St Mark's
- the Diocese of Kondoia (the Anglican Church of Tanzania)
- St Edmundsbury Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: our bellringers
- the district of High Peak
- prisons in Derby and Derbyshire
- hospitals and health services in Derby and Derbyshire
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

**SATURDAY**  
**14 December**

John of the Cross, poet, teacher of the faith, 1591  
Ember Day

- the parish of Chesterfield, St Mary and All Saints (The Crooked Spire) and St Leonard's Spital
- the Diocese of Kongor (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)
- Salisbury Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the choirs and musicians
- people at work; those who work in technology and development
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

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**SUNDAY**  
**15 December**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
Gaudete Sunday

- our carols services over the coming two weeks, for the opportunity to hear afresh the Christmas message and through our Christmas celebrations to be a channel of God's spirit to transform lives
- the Anglican Church of Tanzania

**MONDAY**  
**16 December**

- the Dronfield Team Ministry (including St Andrew's LEP); St Andrew's Dronfield church school
- the Diocese of Kongor (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)
- Sheffield Cathedral
- people at work in families and households
- Derby Cathedral: our ecumenical and inter-faith links
- the Padley group; the YMCA in Derby and Derbyshire
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

**TUESDAY**  
**17 December**

*Eglantyne Jebb, social reformer, founder of 'Save the Children', 1928*  
*O Sapientia*

- the parishes of St Paul's Hasland and St James' Temple Normanton
- the Diocese of Kontagora (the Church of Nigeria)
- Southwark Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the carpark staff
- relief agencies
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

**WEDNESDAY**  
**18 December**

*O Adonai*

- the parish of All Saints' Wingerworth
- the Diocese of Kootenay (the Anglican Church of Canada)
- Southwell Minster
- the district of Bolsover
- Derby Cathedral: the safeguarding and pastoral team
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

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**THURSDAY**  
**19 December**

*O Radix Jesse*

- the parish of St Augustine, Chesterfield
- the Diocese of Eastern Kowloon (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui)
- Truro Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: those who care for its fabric; cleaners, menders and decorators
- schools and colleges in Derby and Derbyshire; Derby Cathedral School and the headteacher, Jenny Brown
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray.

**FRIDAY**  
**20 December**

*O Clavis David*

- the parishes of St Barnabas, New Whittington and St Bartholomew, Old Whittington
- the Diocese of Western Kowloon (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui)
- Wakefield Cathedral
- the Mayor of Derby, Councillor Ged Potter; the City of Derby and the City Council
- Derby Cathedral: Chaplains and associate clergy
- agencies working to end modern slavery
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

**SATURDAY**  
**21 December**

*O Oriens*

- charities for the elderly, for Age Concern and our local care homes; medical charities, Alzheimer's Society, and for Derbyshire's hospices Ashgate, Blythe House, Helen Trust and Treetops
- the Diocese of Krishna-Godavari (the Church of South India)
- Wells Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Bridge Chapel Trust and those who worship there
- people at work; farming and fishing
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

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**SUNDAY**  
**22 December**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
*O Rex Gentium*

- the celebration of Christmas and for those who will attend worship in their local churches, that their hearts may be touched by the message of peace and goodwill to all people
- the Church of the Province of Uganda

**MONDAY**  
**23 December**

*O Emmanuel*

- all who have fled their homes and live as refugees: for those seeking asylum in the UK and for those who advise and help them
- the Diocese of Kubwa (the Church of Nigeria)
- Winchester Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the embroidery workshop and flower team
- Derbyshire Community Bank; financial and advice services in Derby and Derbyshire
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

**TUESDAY**  
**24 December**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

- all those who are homeless, and for the charities that care for those in need
- the Diocese of Kuching (Church of the Province of South East Asia)
- Worcester Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the altar servers
- the High Sheriff of Derbyshire, Ian Morgan; courts and mediation and reconciliation services in Derby and Derbyshire
- people at work: medicine, nursing and healing
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

**WEDNESDAY**  
**25 December**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

- all children, and for children's charities including the work of the Church of England's Children Society
- the Diocese of Kumasi (the Church of the Province of West Africa)
- York Minster
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray



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## **THURSDAY**

**26 December**

**Stephen, deacon, first martyr**

- the work of the Trussell Trust, for all those families struggling to feed themselves over this Christmas, and for our local food banks and pantries
- the Diocese of Kumi (the Church of the Province of Uganda)
- Birmingham Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the office staff
- the University of Derby and the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Kathryn Mitchell
- people at work; counselling and advice services
- those in need or distress, and those who have come here to pray

## **FRIDAY**

**27 December**

**John, Apostle and Evangelist**

- the parish of St John's, Newbold with Dunston; Newbold church school
- the Diocese of Kurunegala (the Church of Ceylon)
- Blackburn Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: our financial stewardship
- people in trouble; those affected by abuse and prejudice
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

## **SATURDAY**

**28 December**

**The Holy Innocents**

- all victims of war and violence, oppression and injustice, especially children; the work of UNICEF and other aid agencies seeking to provide aid and ongoing support to children and families
- the Diocese of Kushtia (the Church of Bangladesh)
- Bradford Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: our welcomers and stewards
- the district of Amber Valley
- people at work; science and research
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

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## **SUNDAY**

## **FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS**

**29 December**

- the encouragement of our church congregations by those attending special services during the past month: that through the power of the Spirit, our churches may grow and build community
- the Episcopal Church

## **MONDAY**

**30 December**

- the parish of St John's Walton and St Peter's Holymoorside
- the Diocese of Kutgi (the Church of Nigeria)
- Bristol Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Friends of the Cathedral and fundraisers
- people at work: teaching and learning
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

## **TUESDAY**

**31 December**

- the parish of St Michael and All Angels, Brimington
- the Diocese of Kwara (the Church of Nigeria)
- Canterbury Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Community Committee
- Derby and Derbyshire Members of Parliament
- people at work: conservation and care of the natural world
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray