



Prayer Diary

February 2026

Prayer is offered daily at Derby Cathedral for Libby, Bishop of Derby; Malcolm, Bishop of Repton; for the Diocese of Derby; for the work of the Cathedral especially for those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray, and for:

SUNDAY

PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)

1 February

- those who we know and are praying for to come to follow Jesus in their lives, remembering Thy Kingdom Come and those five people who are in our prayers
- the Church of England

MONDAY

2 February

- the Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting today; the churches looking to make repairs and to enhance the fabric of their buildings
- Te Pihopatanga o Te Tairāwhiti (the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)
- Blackburn Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the children and young people
- people at work: conservation and care of the natural world

TUESDAY

3 February

Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865

- the parishes of All Saints' Aston-on-Trent, St Bartholomew's Elvaston, St Mary's Weston-on-Trent and Shardlow, St Wilfrid's Barrow-upon-Trent with Twyford and St James' Swarkestone; the ministry of Matt Green
- the Diocese of Taita-Taveta (the Anglican Church of Kenya)
- Bradford Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Dean and the Residentiary Canons
- peacekeepers; the police and the armed forces

WEDNESDAY

4 February

Gilbert, founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189

- the parishes of St Saviour Foremark and St Wystan's Repton with Newton Solney; the ministry of Stephen Short
- the Diocese of Taiwan
- Bristol Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Mothers' Union
- the Peak District National Park Authority
- people at work; the media and the arts

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THURSDAY

5 February

- the parish of St Mary and St George's Gresley and the ministry of Mike Firbank and Kara Gander; St George's CE Primary school
- the Diocese of Tamale (the Church of the Province of West Africa)
- Canterbury Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: our social outreach and volunteers
- Cathedral parish of All Saints Derby
- HM Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire, Elizabeth Fothergill

FRIDAY

6 February

Martyrs of Japan, 1597

- all the parishes of St Michael and St Mary's Melbourne, St George's Ticknall, St James' Smisby and St Michael's Stanton-by-Bridge; the ministry of Rosemary Donovan
- the Diocese of Tanga (the Anglican Church of Tanzania)
- Carlisle Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the College of Canons
- the district of South Derbyshire
- libraries, museums and galleries in Derby and Derbyshire

SATURDAY

7 February

- the Parish of St John's Newhall, the ministry of Patrick Douglas
- the Diocese of Central Tanganyika (the Anglican Church of Tanzania)
- Chelmsford Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Fabric Advisory Committee and architect
- the district of Chesterfield
- hospitals and health services in Derby and Derbyshire
- looked-after children in Derby and Derbyshire

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SUNDAY
8 February

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

- for the Mercia Deanery; the Area Dean, Stephen Short and the Lay Chair, Deanery treasurer as well as the Deanery Leadership Team
- Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

MONDAY
9 February

- the meeting of the General Synod in London; our Diocesan representatives; all the matters being discussed, and for the leadership of the Church of England
- the Diocese of South West Tanganyika (the Anglican Church of Tanzania)
- Chester Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Vergers
- people who work with animals and in animal care

TUESDAY
10 February

Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c.543

- the Parish of St Peter's Stapenhill with Caudwell; the ministry of Steve Boswell
- the Diocese of Western Tanganyika (the Anglican Church of Tanzania)
- Chichester Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Cathedral Wardens, our welcomers and stewards
- people who work for charities or in voluntary work
- all who are carers whether or family and friends or professionally

WEDNESDAY
11 February

- the parish of Stapenhill Immanuel in vacancy
- the Diocese of Tarime (the Anglican Church of Tanzania)
- Coventry Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: our neighbours in Derby Church House
- people at work; those who work in maintenance and cleaning

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THURSDAY

12 February

- the Parish of Emmanuel's Swadlincote and St Peter's Hartshorne; the ministry of Mike Firbank and Kara Gander; Hartshorne CE Primary, Netherseal, St Peter's CE Primary and Rosliston CE Primary schools
- the Diocese of Tasmania (the Anglican Church of Australia)
- Durham Cathedral
- the district of Erewash
- Derby Cathedral: the Cathedral Chapter
- people at work; those whose work in hospitality and the service industry

FRIDAY

13 February

- the Parish of St Mark's Winshill and Bretby, in vacancy; the mission to the local community
- the Diocese of Taungoo (the Church of the Province of Myanmar)
- Ely Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: our bellringers
- the district of High Peak
- prisons in Derby and Derbyshire

SATURDAY

14 February

Cyril and Methodius, missionaries, 869 and 885
Valentine, martyr at Rome, c.269

- the parish of St Laurence Seale and Lullington with Coton in the Elms; the ministry of Derek Arnold; Coton in the Elms CE Primary school
- the Diocese of Temotu (the Anglican Church of Melanesia)
- Exeter Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the choirs and musicians
- people at work; those who work in technology and development

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SUNDAY
15 February

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

- the Diocesan Vision of Transformed Lives, we are reminded today of the Transfiguration of Christ, may we use the season of Lent to come to a new understanding of Christ & seek to follow with lives renewed as disciples of Jesus
- Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

MONDAY
16 February

- the meeting of the Bishop's Council, for the representatives and all members; Bishops Libby and Malcolm; for the leadership of the diocese
- the Diocese of Tennessee
- Gloucester Cathedral
- people at work in families and households
- Derby Cathedral: our ecumenical and inter-faith links
- the YMCA in Derby and Derbyshire including Padley@YMCA

TUESDAY
17 February

Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977

- the parish of St Laurence's Walton-on-Trent with St John the Baptist's Croxall, St Mary's Rosliston with Linton and Castle Gresley; the ministry of Derek Arnold; Walton-on-Trent CE Primary & Nursery school
- the Diocese of East Tennessee
- Guildford Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the carpark staff, the Friends of the Cathedral and fundraisers
- relief agencies

WEDNESDAY
18 February

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- a faithful keeping of the season of Lent; the special services of Ashing; this season of repentance and renewal; our Lent groups
- the Diocese of West Tennessee
- Hereford Cathedral
- the district of Bolsover
- Derby Cathedral: the safeguarding and pastoral teams

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THURSDAY

19 February

- the Diocesan Board of Education, for the members and Chair; all our Church Schools, their Governing Bodies and all who support their local schools from our churches and communities
- the Diocese of Terekeka (Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)
- Leicester 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, Andy Brown

FRIDAY

20 February

- the staff of the Diocesan Board of Education, for the Acting Director, Executive Assistant, Senior Business & Operations Manager, Associate Buildings Officer, and the SIAMS Inspectors
- the Territory of the People (The Anglican Church of Canada)
- Lichfield Cathedral
- the Mayor of Derby, Councillor Ajit Atwal; the City of Derby and the City Council
- Derby Cathedral: Chaplains and associate clergy
- agencies working to end modern slavery

SATURDAY

21 February

- all the children at our schools, that they may come to know for themselves the Christian faith and hope; the Half Term, that it might be a time of rest, relaxation and renewal; all the families that are part of our school communities
- the Missionary Diocese of Tete (Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola)
- Lincoln Cathedral
- carers in Derby and Derbyshire
- Derby Cathedral: the Bridge Chapel Trust and those who worship there
- people at work; farming and fishing

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SUNDAY
22 February

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

- a faithful heart to resist the temptations of this fleeting world. That we might know the way of faith and keep our focus on the love of God, as we seek to be Christ's disciples every day
- the Church of Ireland

MONDAY
23 February

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c.155

- the Mission, Evangelisation and Parish Revitalisation Team, the Director, DAC Security, Church Buildings Support Officer, Net Zero Carbon Programme & Projects Manager and Church Decarbonisation Officer
- the Diocese of Texas
- Liverpool Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the embroidery workshop and flower team
- Derbyshire Community Bank; financial and advice services in Derby and Derbyshire
- people at work: teaching and learning

TUESDAY
24 February

- Pioneering and for new worshipping communities, the Bishops Officer for New Worshipping Communities, and Growing Younger Communications & Resourcing Officer
- the Diocese of Northwest Texas (The Episcopal Church)
- St Paul's Cathedral, London
- Derby Cathedral: the altar servers
- the High Sheriff of Derbyshire, Sir Richard FitzHerbert; courts and mediation and reconciliation services in Derby and Derbyshire
- people at work: medicine, nursing and healing

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WEDNESDAY

25 February

Ember Day

- the Church House Staff, for the Diocesan Secretary and his Executive PA, for the Diocesan Registrar, DMPC Secretary and the Living Generously Adviser
- the Diocese of West Texas
- Isle of Man Cathedral
- Derby and Derbyshire Members of Parliament

THURSDAY

26 February

- the Diocesan Communications Team, for the Head of Communications, the Director of Strategy and Engagement and for the Communications Advisers
- the Diocese of Thika
- Manchester Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the office team
- the University of Derby and the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Kathryn Mitchell
- people at work; counselling and advice services

FRIDAY

27 February

George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633

Ember Day

- Bishop Libby and the Bishop of Derby's Office, for the Bishop's Chaplain, the Bishop's Senior Executive Assistant, Operations Coordinator and for the appointment of a new Office Administrator
- the Diocese of Thoothukudi - Nazareth
- Newcastle Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: our financial stewardship
- people in trouble; those affected by abuse and prejudice

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SATURDAY

28 February

Ember day

- Bishop Malcolm, for his office and his Personal Assistant, asking God's blessing upon his forthcoming retirement and giving thanks for his ministry
- the Diocese of Tirunelveli
- Norwich Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Cathedral Community Advisory Board
- the district of Amber Valley
- asylum seekers and refugees
- people at work; science and research