



Diocese in Europe

Prayer Diary December 2024

Sunday 1

Give thanks and pray for our fellowship with the German Protestant Churches (Evangelische Kirche Deutschland) (Meissen Declaration).

Diocesan Office in London: Locum Ministry Administrator: Emma Biaggi and for the Communications Team: Ruth Blanco and Susi Doherty.

Monday 2

Warsaw: (also serves Krakow, Gdansk) Chaplain: Kasta Dip. Reader: Elizabeth Turek Pray for Kasta Dip and Elizabeth Turek and their team of worship leaders as they cater to various spiritual needs of their parishioners and that the congregations will benefit from the gifts and talents of the newcomers. Pray for 15 Ukrainian refugees receiving training through Love Thy Neighbour project run by the Chaplaincy in Warsaw to support their life and livelihood in Poland. Also pray for the Stewardship Campaign.

Tuesday 3

Paris St George: Chaplain: Mark Osborne, Assistant Chaplain Jeffrey John. Assistant: Nicolas Razafindratsima. Pray for the Chaplaincy Council and Finance Committee as we must make decisions about our staffing going forward and pray for all those who lead areas of work here in the Chaplaincy. Pray too for France – giving thanks for the renewed interest in the Faith and praying that we might live out liberté, égalité et fraternité as Christians to build God's kingdom.

Paris St Michael: Chaplain Jay Colwill Readers: Andrew Wallace-Burnett, Debbie Orleach. Pray for our Alpha course, as it draws towards its close, that attendees may find a spiritual home in a small group or that we might be able to establish new ones. Pray also for our Christmas carols and other seasonal services.

Wednesday 4

Madrid: Chaplain: Sally-Anne McDougall, Assistant Curate Solomon Uche Ike, Reader: Celia Paterson. We give thanks for growing numbers at regular services. Pray for the chaplaincy as we prepare to celebrate our centenary in 2025.

Thursday 5

Haarlem: Chaplain: Bruce Elliot Rienstra. Pray for our Chaplaincy Council. Pray for those who we have welcomed in the last few months and for all of us as we continue to look for new ways to reach out to others in the next few weeks.

The Hague: Chaplain: Michael Roden, Curate: Jonathan Halliwell, Assistant Chris Nicholls. Readers: Katherine Fortier, Jan Huber. Pray for the Ministry Team, our outreach ministry to international students in universities and colleges in The Hague and Delft, that we can be a spiritual 'home away from home', our work with children and youth, that it will grow and flourish and our provision of hot meals and warm, friendly atmosphere for unhoused and vulnerable adults at the Straatpastoraat Meal for homeless.

Friday 6

Geneva: Chaplain: Daphne Green, Assistant Curate: Glen Ruffle. We give thanks for the recent licensing of our Reader, Elizabeth Brown and we pray for our Ordinand, Humberto Henderson and for Eleanor Catterall, our intern who is currently with us on the Ministry Experience Scheme. We pray for the mission and outreach of our chaplaincy and particularly that through our services and events in Advent, we may share widely the good news of Christ, the light coming into the world. We pray for our choir and our musical director, Mark Charles and also for our Community choir and its director Claire Charles during this very busy season. We give thanks and pray for all our volunteers who help so generously in many areas of our chaplaincy life and pray that through their example, they may encourage others to become involved.

La Côte: (Includes Divonne-les-Bains (France)) Chaplain: Carolyn Cooke, Assistant Chaplain: Julia Chambeyron, Assistant Curate: Betty Talbot. We give thanks for renewed direction and hope for our community. We ask for a listening spirit to discern how our founding story "Who is my neighbour?" can be embodied in our worship and service. Please pray for our children and youth, and how best we can support them in faith. Pray too for our involvement with supporting the local refugee community.

Saturday 7

Leipzig: Chaplain: Jonathan Haines. Pray for a deepening love for Jesus to overflow in all our conversations particularly with non-Christians.

Stuttgart: Chaplain: Antonio Ablon. Lord Jesus, child of an earthly home, we pray for our chaplaincy our children and all who care for them. May they know you as their holy Lord, calling out fresh forms of service; and may they know you as a precious Saviour, sheltering in safety all who come to you.

British Army Garrison Churches and their Chaplains.

Sunday 8

Pray for the Serbian Orthodox Church, for Robin Fox as Archbishop of Canterbury's Apokrisiarios to the Patriarch of Serbia. Pray for the autocephalous Orthodox churches of Eastern Europe and the Baltic.

Monday 9

Bucharest: Chaplain: Nevsky Everett. Pray for the chaplaincy's spiritual growth and community outreach; its continued work with Ukrainian refugees; and for our relationships with our ecumenical partners, especially the Romanian Orthodox Church.

Sofia: Reader: Bob Hall. Pray for our very small, faithful community, for our Reader Bob and our occasional visiting priests.

Belgrade: Chaplain: Robin Fox. Speaking God, you have told us that the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control. We thank you for those in our own chaplaincies who have shown this fruit in their lives, and we pray for our chaplaincy, asking that all those marked in baptism may show forth the same fruit in their generation.

Kyiv: Please pray for the people of Ukraine, for wisdom for political and military leaders; for people under shelling and for refugees; for the defenders of Ukraine, and for families waiting for them at home; pray for a just end to this war.

Tuesday 10

Pas de Calais: (Includes Boulogne-sur-Mer, Calais, Hesdin) Reader: Mary Wood. We ask for prayers for the growing number of sick within the 3 congregations who cannot attend our services anymore - let us pray that the Church will provide them more pastoral care. We also pray for the House of duty project.

Pau: Chaplain: David Harrison, Reader: John Errey. Pray for wisdom and encouragement for the Chaplaincy Council as they look to make decisions around the potential new Chaplain's post and tackle the reconstruction of the damaged floor of their historic building.

Wednesday 11

Malaga: (Includes: Velez-Málaga, Salinas) Chaplain: Louis Darrant, PTO: Doreen Cage, Sheila Mitchell, Philip Williamson, Hilary Oakley & Mark Pudge. Pray for Louis in his role as Area Dean. Pray for the work of the Healthy Churches process that it would help bring clarity and inspiration to our mission, for the training of the new pastoral care team in our desire to care for every person in need of support and for efforts to build a stronger relationship with the English Cemetery of Malaga Foundation.

Menorca: Chaplain: Paul Strudwick. Pray for Santa Margarita, serving the island of Menorca, and for the chaplain in his additional role as Area Dean; for a resumption of worship at the west end of the island and for a renewal of family and youth ministry.

Thursday 12

Rotterdam: Chaplain: Jenni Pridmore, Asst Chaplain: Markus Hafkenscheid. We pray for all war-torn areas in our world; The needy, the homeless and the destitute and for Refugees, risking their lives, on a dangerous journey across the Seas to Europe. Help us to improve our relationship with the Mission to Seafarers, in the Ports of Rotterdam. Pray for your infinite wisdom, to lead and guide us, as we embark on a major Fundraising to finance our planned Restoration and Refurbishing work on the Church Building. Help us to reach and encourage the younger generation, and the new incoming Expatriates to fill your Church, to promote and increase our Discipleship and proclaim the Gospel to the inhabitants of Rotterdam and the surrounding Areas.

Missions to Seafarers Rotterdam and Schiedam: Chaplain: Dennis Woodward. Pray for all those who work at sea and please protect them.

Friday 13

Lausanne: Chaplain: John Tomlinson, Reader: Angela Fall. Please pray for our new chaplain as he settles into his role, helping the church to be renewed in ministry and mission, building on over 200 years of our Anglican presence in Lausanne. Pray for our outreach to the various English-speaking communities, including the many short-term residents from across the world. At this time in particular, pray for our work with other churches in the city in preparation for Christmas, our joint ecumenical services and support for different charities. Come Lord Jesus, guide us and equip us.

Lugano: Chaplain: Pawel (Paul) Hrynczyszyn, Reader: Angela Mirani. We pray for our new Chaplain and him guiding our community in the future and give thanks for all that has been achieved in the past, giving thanks for all who care for the young in our community. We thank you for all the trees in our life, for creating the Earth and all living things and for the oxygen we breathe and the protection trees provide.

Saturday 14

Vernet-les-Bains: Chaplain: Roy Cole, PTO: Roger Smith We give thanks for the completion of the project, led by Archdeacon Peter, to recruit a chaplain for the three chaplaincies of All Saints, Hérault (based at St Pargoire), St George's, Vernet-les-Bains and St Michael's in the Gard. Please pray for his acclimatisation to both the Church of England and the South of France.

Versailles: (Also serves Gif sur Yvette (Chevry)) Chaplain: Benjamin Johnson-Frow, Reader: Sophie Manson. Pray for Wardens Geoff and Alan and Reader Sophie that ministry and mission may thrive.

Sunday 15

Pray for the Russian Orthodox Church, Pray for the head of the Orthodox Department for external church relations, Metropolitan Anthony.

Pray for the Persecuted Church worldwide and the role of Open Doors in providing information about this.

Pray for our Diocesan Deliverance Ministry Team - pray for the members of the team; grant them your grace to bring hope, health and well-being to all whom they serve in the name of Jesus

Monday 16

Moscow: Chaplain: Arun John. We pray for our new chaplain. We pray for all projects planned in the coming months wherever they might be, that they may shine in the glory of the Lord.

St Petersburg: We thank God for good relations with the Lutherans, who are our hosts. Please pray for Maria, our church warden and for Annes who helps with services. We pray for growth in depth and numbers, and for faithful witness to the truth of Christ.

Tuesday 17

Poitou-Charentes: (Includes Champagne Mouton, Chef Boutonne, Cognac, St Jean d'Angély)

Chaplain: Heather Aston, Readers: Catherine Chambers, Geoffrey Cornwall, Richard Beech, Martin Sewell, John Matthews, Elisabeth Barnett, Carolyn Carter, Joan Mason. We pray for our new chaplain as she begins her ministry here. And we ask for God's blessing on our special services this month, some of them ecumenical, that we may welcome a wider community into our congregations and share with them the hope of Advent and the peace and joy of Christmas.

Wednesday 18

Mallorca: (includes Palma-de-Mallorca, Puerto Pollensa) Chaplain: Ishanesu Gusha (Palma) Readers: Adrian Peter Welsh, David Pattinson, Vicky Pacey, Kenneth Prudhoe. Pray for St Andrews in Pollensa as they deliberate on the appointment of the next chaplain.

Thursday 19

Twente: (Weldam, Goor) Chaplain: Jacqueline Williams, Reader: Simone Yallop. We pray for eyes to see, ears to hear and a spirit of innovation, as we continue to seek new ways of expressing ourselves, as People of the Way, in this ever growing secular society. We pray for an empowering awareness of how our personal and local context is also a global context.

Missions to Seafarers Vlissingen: Chaplain: Pascal Handschin (from the Dutch Reformed Church). Pray for the for the chaplaincy, the people and those who serve it. Grant them a sense of hope where there are challenges give a sense of vision and courage, bind them together in love and let them know laughter and moments of joy.

Voorschoten: Chaplain: Matt Thijs. We give thanks for a successful Christingle service (8th Dec) as we welcomed school children from the British School in the Netherlands. Pray for all the parents, carers, children and teachers. Pray also for the Carol service (22nd Dec) – an opportunity to reach out to our community in Voorschoten.

Friday 20

Montreux: (Also serves Villars-sur-Ollon) Give thanks that we are raising the profile of the chaplaincy in the community in various ways. Pray for Seth Barker in training for ordination. Pray for guidance as the church restoration project continues. Give thanks that we are building up the social life of the chaplaincy.

Vevey: (Also serves Château D'Oex,) Chaplain: Mark Fletcher. Many generations meet together over the Christmas season, and we pray the message of Christ's salvation reach them. We pray for the leadership of our Chaplain, Mark, and for the locum, Matt Johnson.

Saturday 21

Torre Vieja: (Includes Lago Jardín, La Siesta, Los Balcones) Chaplain: Fr. Richard Seabrook. We give thanks for the new members of our Eucharistic community who have started to come to Mass in our Chaplaincy; for the conversations and outreach through our churches being open during the week; for the increasing stabilisation of our financial situation through the generous and sacrificial giving for

the work of the church here; for the social events that build up our fellowship; for those who work so hard for the good of this Chaplaincy and who give of their time and talents so freely, willingly and generously; or our new PTO priest, Father Martin Ennis, enabling our Chaplain, Father Richard, to have assistance when he is away. We pray for the continued and strengthening witness of our Chaplaincy in the Torre Vieja area and for God's guidance and Our Lady's prayers in all things.

Sunday 22

Pray for the Church of Sweden. Pray for the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople (Turkey), for Patriarch Bartholomew and the autocephalous Orthodox Churches and their leaders.

Monday 23

Gothenburg: Chaplain: Alida Tollefsen-van der Lans. We thank God for the return of people to church post Covid. Bless us with a continuing growth and support from the people involved in order to work for your kingdom of justice and peace on earth and continue to inspire us with your love as we so often experience your presence with us.

Stockholm: Chaplain: Nicholas Howe, Reader: Pamela Henderson. Pray for Nicholas in his role as Area Dean.

Ankara: We thank God for the new members who visit us every Sunday. We pray for those who don't come regularly but always keep in touch with the parish through our mobile network.

Tuesday 24 Christmas Eve

Saint Pargoire (Hérault): Chaplain: Roy Cole, PTO : Roger Smith, Reader: Julie Johnson. We give thanks for the completion of the project, led by Archdeacon Peter, to recruit a chaplain for the three chaplaincies of All Saints, Hérault (based at St Pargoire), St George's, Vernet-les-Bains and St Michael's in the Gard. Please pray for their acclimatisation to both the Church of England and the South of France.

St Raphaël: Chaplain: Tom Wilson. We ask prayers for our continued growth and outreach to a wide variety of people in our area on the Cote d'Azur. We ask for prayers for a resolution to the visa 90/180 regulations that has limited so many of our congregation's attendance since Brexit. We ask that our video service ministry to our "swallows" who cannot be with us or are house-bound in France continues to flourish and provide continued stewardship of our congregation's ministry.

Wednesday 25 Christmas Day

Holy Jesus by being born one of us and lying humbly in a manger you show how much God loves the world. Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts until we reach our home in heaven and see you on your throne of glory. Amen.

Tenerife South: (Includes Playa de Las Americas, Los Gigantes, San Blas) Chaplain: John Poole, Readers: David Horton, Paul Ganney, Christine Elliott, Maryrissa Carter. Lord Jesus, child of an earthly home, we pray for the chaplaincy, our children and all who care for them. May they know you as their holy Lord, calling out fresh forms of service; and may they know you as a precious Saviour, sheltering in safety all who come to you.

Tenerife North: (includes Puerto de la Cruz, La Palma) Chaplain: Fiona Jack. Pray for the success of our new Friendship café and the continued growth of our Messy Church ministering to children and families.

Thursday 26

Amersfoort: Chaplain: Grant Crowe, Assistant Chaplain: David Phillips. Pray for Ascension Anglican Church Hilversum. All Saints is supporting. Pray for fruitful outreach in the Amersfoort (by All Saints) and Hilversum (Ascension Church) area - that more people may get to know Jesus and that we are all ready to meet Him when He returns.

Utrecht: (Also serves Groningen, Zwolle) Chaplain: Ruan Crew Assistant Chaplain (Groningen): Sam Van Leer. We continue to be blessed with newcomers most weeks, and overfull pews. As we continue to discern the best way forward, pray for spiritual and practical wisdom, and for greater resources (harvest workers) to match the need.

Friday 27

Zurich: (Also serves Turgi, Zug, St Gallen) Chaplain: Jacqueline Sellin. Pray for the reinvigoration of our work with children, youth and families, after the detrimental impact of Covid. Pray for the increasing ministry of our choir and music director. Pray for our worshipping community in seeking God's guidance during interregnum.

Swiss seasonal chaplaincies: Interlaken, Kandersteg, Mürren, St Moritz, Wengen, Zermatt. Pray for our seasonal chaplains

Saturday 28

Istanbul Christ Church: Chaplain: Ian Sherwood. Prayers for confirmands, catechumens, ordinands being raised up by God and for those that are sick in our parish

Izmir: (Also serves Bornova, Didim, Mission to Seafarers Izmir) Chaplain: James Buxton. Please pray for Fr James' ministry with pilgrimage groups

Sunday 29

Pray for Bishop Robert as he leads the diocese.

Pray for the Bishop's Office in Brussels, Evelyn Sweerts (Bishop's Chaplain), Gail Wilmet (Bishop's PA), Barbara Omoro (Appointments Secretary) and Caroline Gaumy (Administrative Assistant).

Monday 30

Archdeaconry of Germany and Northern Europe: Archdeacon: Leslie Nathaniel.

Eastern Archdeaconry: Archdeacon: Leslie Nathaniel.

Christ Church Vienna: (Also serves Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Bratislava), Chaplain: Patrick Curran Asst Chaplain, Michael Dormandy, Robert Kinney, Reader Frank Sauer. We pray for the employment of a youth worker and/or a group of volunteers to lead the youth work at Christ Church and we give thanks for the Series on St Francis of Assisi as part of our autumn Adult Education Programme and for the new heating system

City Kirche Vienna: Chaplain: Christian Hofreiter. Pray for the Chaplaincy, our people and those who serve us. Grant us a sense of hope; where there are challenges, give us a sense of vision and courage and bind us together in love

Tuesday 31

Aquitaine: (Includes Bertric Burée, Bordeaux, Condom, Doudrac, Dondas, Eymet, Limeuil, Monteton, Chancelade, Ste Nathalie, Negrondes) Readers Sheila Marshall, Anne Penfold, Nellie Salvi, Patrick Sturges, Roger Verrall. As we begin the vacancy period following our Chaplain Tony's retirement, we pray for the Lord to guard and guide us at this time of waiting. We give thanks for the team of worship leaders throughout the Chaplaincy supporting our churches.