

Guildford Diocesan Calendar of Prayer December 2023

If there are any errors in the calendar, we apologise. The diocesan CMS is as up-to-date as the information we receive, so please forward amendments or changes of circumstances as they arise. Please remember to include in your prayers the many people who keep our parishes going: Churchwardens, PCCs members, youth/family/children's workers, and all other volunteers. Any enquiries can be sent to: bishops.chaplain@cofeguildford.org.uk

Farnham Deanery

Friday

1st December

CofE calendar	Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916
Anglican Diocese	Bangor
Anglican Church	The Church in Wales
Parish	Badshot Lea and Hale
Incumbent	Lesley Crawley
Other clergy	Alan Crawley, David Camp, Stella Wiseman, John Evans (PTO)
LLMs	Lesley Shatwell
School	Barfield School, Badshot Lea and Hale
Prayer requests	Develop our home groups; Preparing for Lesley and Alan retiring; For those considering preparing for confirmation

Saturday

2nd December

Anglican Diocese	Banks and Torres
Anglican Church	The Anglican Church of Melanesia
Parish	Bordon
Incumbent	Iain Robertson
Prayer requests	Ongoing mental health and wellbeing support for the community; Encouraging mature discipleship; Working together as an LEP of the CofE, Methodists, and URC

Sunday

3rd December - Advent 1

CofE calendar	Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552
Anglican Diocese	The Church of North India (United)
Parish	The Bourne
Incumbent	Sandy Clarke
Other clergy	David Adams (PTO), Patrick O'Ferrall (PTO), Clive Richardson (PTO), Andrew Tuck (PTO)
LLMs	Jane Quicke, Frances Garland (PTO), Geraldine Molony (PTO), Viv Picken (PTO)
Prayer requests	Our community fridge project; Choirboy Freddie is one of the junior finalists in BBC Young Chorister of the Year tonight!; ongoing engagement with young people, through junior church and the choir

Monday

4th December

CofE calendar	John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith, c.749; Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637
Anglican Diocese	Barbados
Anglican Church	The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Parish Churt (St John's)
Incumbent Richard Bodle
Other clergy Helen Hancock, Derek Holbird (PTO)
School St John's Infant School
Prayer requests Getting volunteers for our Christmas services; a joyful nativity service; Melbreck care home for the severely disabled

Tuesday

5th December

Anglican Diocese Bari
Anglican Church The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
Parish All Saints Crondall & St Mary's Ewshot
Incumbent Tara Hellings
Other clergy Lucy Roose, James Anderson (PTO), Sue Lattey (PTO)
Prayer requests Celebrating 150th anniversary of Ewshot; Croft café community engagement; our Advent quiet morning (7th Dec)

Wednesday

6th December

CofE calendar Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326
Anglican Diocese Baringo
Anglican Church The Anglican Church of Kenya
Parish St Andrew's Farnham
Incumbent David Uffindell
Other clergy Andrew Smith (PTO)
LLMs Andrew Partridge
Schools Potters Gate CofE (Controlled) Primary School, Farnham; St Andrew's CofE (Controlled) Infant School, Farnham
Prayer requests Developing children's ministry (babies & toddlers, Kids Alive, KOSTA, and Lego Church); plan well for Lent programme; establish new 'School of Theology'

Thursday

7th December

CofE calendar Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397
Anglican Diocese Barisal
Anglican Church The Church of Bangladesh
Parish St Mary's and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Frensham
Incumbent Jane Walker
Schools Edgeborough School, Frensham; More House School, Frensham; St Mary's CofE (Aided) Infant School, Frensham
Prayer requests Enabling people to attend church with more ease and less anxiety; Develop family café church; Nourish current church members, e.g. whole church vision day

Friday

8th December

CofE calendar The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Anglican Diocese Barrackpore
Anglican Church The Church of North India (United)
Parish Grayshott
Incumbent Jeremy Haswell
Other clergy Elizabeth Knifton (PTO), Chris Oldroyd (PTO)
LLMs Chris Grocock, Susie Millard

Schools Amesbury School, Hindhead; Grayshott CofE (Controlled) Primary School; St Edmunds School, Grayshott; The Royal School, Hindhead

Prayer requests Establish Alpha; Encourage and develop home groups; Organise annual stewardship campaign

Saturday

9th December

Anglican Diocese

Bath and Wells

Anglican Church

The Church of England

Parish

Headley All Saints

Incumbent

Yann Dubreuil

Other clergy

Helen Kempster (PTO)

School

Holme (The) CofE (Controlled) Primary School, Headley

Prayer requests

Develop Messy Church and link up with readers in school; Build on Alpha to establish home groups; Encourage fellowship through parish lunches

Sunday

10th December - Advent 2

Anglican Diocese

The Church of Pakistan (United)

Parish

Hindhead

Incumbent

Richard Bodle

Other clergy

Helen Mitchell, Wes Sutton, Dennis Webster (PTO - Manorstead)

Prayer requests

Appoint a Children & Families Worker; Develop Lego Church; Expand engagement with local care homes (Springkell, Moorhouse, Manorstead, Crest Lodge)

Monday

11th December

Anglican Diocese

Bathurst

Anglican Church

The Anglican Church of Australia

Parish

Rowledge

Incumbent

vacancy

Other clergy

Russ Parker (PTO)

Schools

Frensham Heights School, Rowledge; Rowledge CofE (Controlled) Primary School

Prayer requests

Develop life groups; Encourage 'Thirsty' (children's group); pray for vacancies of incumbent and youth minister

Tuesday

12th December

Anglican Diocese

Bauchi

Anglican Church

The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Parish

All Saints, Tilford

Incumbent

vacancy

Schools

All Saints CofE (Aided) Infant School, Tilford; Waverley Abbey CofE (Aided) Junior School, Tilford

Prayer requests

All Age Christmas Praise service; growing disciples; engagement with local schools and families

Wednesday

13th December

CofE calendar

Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304; Samuel Johnson, Moralists, 1784

Anglican Diocese

Belize

Anglican Church

The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Parish

St Peter's, Wrecclesham

Incumbent	Jackie Drake-Smith
Other clergy	Sandy Cavalier (PTO), Rachel Sturt (PTO)
School	St Peter's CofE Primary School, Farnham
Prayer requests	Develop 'into the heart of Advent' course; Revive Mothers Union; Develop Refresh (family service)

Thursday

14th December

CofE calendar	John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591
Anglican Diocese	Bendigo
Anglican Church	The Anglican Church of Australia
Ministry	Other PTOs
Clergy	Andrew Smith (PTO - Farnham deanery); John Baxter (PTO - Godalming deanery); Peter Law (Acorn Christian Healing Trust)

Godalming Deanery

Friday

15th December

Anglican Diocese	Beni
Anglican Church	Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
Parish	Busbridge
Incumbent	Simon Taylor
Other clergy	Patrick Samuels, Simon Willetts, David Jenkins (PTO), Hilary Pettman (PTO), Andy Spencer (PTO), Margot Spencer (PTO)
LLMs	Philippa Baker, Clare Haddad, Keith Harper, Peter Shaw (PTO), Gertrude Sollars (PTO)
Schools	Busbridge CofE (Aided) Junior School; Busbridge Infant School
Prayer requests	Preparing for launch of Godalming Minster; ongoing development of Muddy Church; community engagement and service through the Yew Tree Café

Saturday

16th December

Anglican Diocese	Benin
Anglican Church	The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
Parish	St Mary's, Chiddingfold
Incumbent	Rachel Greene
Other clergy	David Neaum (PTO), Gill Welford (PTO)
School	St Mary's CofE (Aided) Primary School, Chiddingfold
Prayer requests	Engagement with children and families (e.g. Church Mice, Muddy Church, Good News Gang, All Stars Children's Church); Expand and develop small groups; Nurture a stewardship team

Sunday

17th December - Advent 3

CofE calendar	O Sapiaentia; Eglantyne Jebb, Social Reformer, Founder of 'Save The Children', 1928
Anglican Diocese	The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
Parish	St Nicholas, Compton
Incumbent	Sally Buddle
Other clergy	Jenny Lee (PTO)
School	Prior's Field School, Godalming
Prayer requests	Develop Fledglings (children's group) and Muddy Church; prepare for Lent Group; engagement with and encouragement of bellringers

Monday

18th December

Anglican Diocese Bentiu
Anglican Church Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
Parish St James, Elstead
Incumbent Hannah Moore
Other clergy Delia Orme, John Henstridge (PTO)
School St James CofE (Aided) Primary School, Elstead
Prayer requests Support for local foodbank; Encouraging the Friends of St James's; Developing the Fit for the Future reordering group to create a flexible space

Tuesday

19th December

Anglican Diocese Bermuda
Anglican Church (Extra Provincial)
Parish St John's, Farncombe
Incumbent James Rattue
Other clergy Brian Prothero (PTO)
School Farncombe CofE (Controlled) Infant & Nursery School
Prayer requests Establish a regular prayer group; Positive engagement with community choirs over Christmas; Growing the Toddler Group

Wednesday

20th December

Anglican Diocese Bethlehem
Anglican Church The Episcopal Church
Parish St Peter & St Paul's, Godalming
Incumbent John Harkin
Schools Charterhouse School, Godalming; St Hilary's School, Godalming; St Mark & All Saints CofE (Aided) Primary School, Godalming
Prayer requests The Launch of Godalming Minster; all the community groups at the Octagon

Thursday

21st December

Anglican Diocese Bhopal
Anglican Church The Church of North India (United)
Parish St Mark's, Godalming (Ockford Ridge)
Incumbent Sheila Samuels
Prayer requests The Launch of Godalming Minster; community engagement at the Hub

Friday

22nd December

Anglican Diocese Bida
Anglican Church The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
Parish Grayswood
Incumbent Fiona Gwynn
Other clergy Elaine Collins
School Grayswood CofE (Aided) Primary School
Prayer requests Develop the house group and weekly prayer group; Greater engagement with local school; Develop more intergenerational worship

Saturday

23rd December

Anglican Diocese Biharamulo
Anglican Church The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Parish St Peter & St Paul, Hambledon
Incumbent Simon Taylor
Other clergy David Jenkins (PTO), Hilary Pettman (PTO), Andy Spencer (PTO), Margot Spencer (PTO)
LLMs Dudley Hilton (PTO)
Prayer requests The launch of Godalming Minster; the work of the Bereavement Café; our various children's groups (creche, Ark & Tiny Tigers, Explorers and Youth Group)

Sunday

24th December - Advent 4 – Christmas Eve

Anglican Diocese The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
Parish Haslemere
Incumbent Chris Bessant
Other clergy Justin Manley-Cooper, Nigel Nicholson (PTO), David Wilbraham (PTO)
LLMs Peter Sellars (PTO)
Schools Haslemere Prep School, Haslemere; St Bartholomew's CofE (Aided) Primary School, Haslemere; St Ives School, Haslemere
Prayer requests Fundraising for and developing the new Community Hub; Overhaul our church comms; improve how our fellowship groups integrate with the rest of church life

Monday

25th December – CHRISTMAS DAY

Anglican Diocese Birmingham
Anglican Church The Church of England
Parish Milford
Incumbent Clive Potter
Other clergy Peter Hewson (PTO), Barbara Steele-Perkins (PTO)
Prayer requests Train up two Pastoral Assistants; develop an annual stewardship campaign; prepare for vacancy

Tuesday

26th December

CofE calendar Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr
Anglican Diocese Blackburn
Anglican Church The Church of England
Parish Seale, Puttenham & Wanborough
Incumbent Stephen Thatcher
LLMs Chris Tuckwell (PTO)
School Puttenham CofE (Aided) Infant School
Prayer requests Develop Alpha more; re-introduce all age worship; engage in outreach to the pilgrim walker visitors

Wednesday

27th December

CofE calendar John, Apostle and Evangelist
Anglican Diocese Bo
Anglican Church The Church of the Province of West Africa
Parish Shackleford & Peper Harow
Incumbent Hannah Moore
LLMs Helen Roache
Schools Aldro School, Shackleford; St Mary's CofE (Controlled) Infant School, Shackleford
Prayer requests Positive community engagement from musical events; Engagement with families through Toddler Group and Storytime; a successful Christmas Tree Festival

Thursday

CofE calendar
 Anglican Diocese
 Anglican Church
 Parish
 Incumbent
 LLMs
 Prayer requests

28th December

The Holy Innocents
 Boga
 Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
 St Stephen's, Shottermill
 Tim Radcliffe
 Louisa Mason, Alan Thaine (PTO), Sarah Weldon
 Engagement with local community through nativity services; ongoing discipleship in home groups; encouragement of Alpha course

Friday

CofE calendar
 Anglican Diocese
 Anglican Church
 Parish
 Incumbent
 Other clergy
 Prayer requests

29th December

Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170
 Bolivia
 The Anglican Church of South America
 Thursley
 Hannah Moore
 John Henstridge (PTO)
 Engagement with the community through the Carol service; Safeguarding Sunday to have had a helpful impact on people; Positive relationships to develop with baptism families

Saturday

Anglican Diocese
 Anglican Church
 Parish
 Incumbent
 Other clergy
 Schools
 Prayer requests

30th December

Bondo
 The Anglican Church of Kenya
 All Saints, Witley
 James McKeran
 Ann Fraser (PTO)
 Chandler (The) CofE (Aided) Junior School, Witley; King Edward's School, Witley;
 Witley CofE (Controlled) Infant School
 Growth and encouragement of family service; Implement vision for buildings project; Support for Godalming foodbank

Sunday

CofE calendar
 Anglican Diocese
 Ministry
 Clergy

31st December - 1st Sunday of Christmas

John Wyclif, Reformer, 1384
 Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
 School chaplains
 Charter house: Clive Case, Jonny Scott; King Edward's Witley: James Radcliffe

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