

100 Days of Prayer

Travelling Well Together – Sustaining Ministry

The 100 Days of Prayer is a particular invitation to pray together across and within our diocese with shared intention and focus. Together, we can give thanks for what God has given. Together we name the reality of our present challenges honestly before God, as so many have done before us. Together, we give voice to our hope for a future held in God's care and purpose. Together, we open ourselves to listen to God and to God's wisdom through the power of the Holy Spirit as we seek God's calling for us as a diocese. After this 100 Days of Prayer we move, as a diocese, to 100 Days of Listening. Please do look out for resources for that as we would love to hear from you.

For each week of the 100 Days of Prayer there is a theme to frame our prayers and some prompts to focus our prayers.

Week 2

Theme for the week: our readiness for change

Sometimes it is hard to see the change in front of us. Taking time to see the change in front of us and around us, helps us accept that change is happening and enables us to pray and seek how God is calling us to change as people and communities. Sometimes this is hard. On the Road to Emmaus the two disciples didn't recognise the risen Jesus walking and talking with them, yet Jesus was interested in them and their experience.

Now on the same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were

talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" (Luke 24: 13-17b)

This week, we **give** thanks...

- that Jesus comes near and journeys with us through change
- that through Jesus, our eyes are opened to God's longing for change, for us and for our communities

We **pray** that...

- we may see the changes taking place around us
- that God would equip us so that we are ready for the changes that God is calling us into

*Living God,
your Son made himself known to his disciples
in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.*