

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 5

Theme for the week: vocations

Vocation is where our God-given gifts and passions meet the needs of the world. It is about who God is calling you to be and what God is calling you to do. For some, this is a specific calling to ministry. For others, it could mean serving God through faithful discipleship in everyday life. Everyone has a vocation. Our churches, schools and local communities are full of people who faithfully respond to God's call and who share in ministry alongside others. Our parishes and communities are blessed by many people serving as Churchwardens, PCC and Deanery officers, Licensed Lay Ministers, Pastoral Assistants, Spiritual Directors, Authorised Local Preachers, Funeral Ministers and School Governors. We long for all people to have the space and

resources to explore their calling and find fulfilment and purpose in loving and serving God.

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12: 2)

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

- for the call that God has placed upon each of us: who God calls us to be and what God calls us to do
- all of those who serve in a variety of lay ministries across our diocese
- our Diocesan Vocations Team and our area vocations advisors

We **pray** that...

- we may encourage others to explore their calling
- our churches and worshipping communities would be spaces and places where all people can respond to God's call on their lives
- more people would be called into all forms of lay ministry across our diocese

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.