**Prayer Diary December 2024**

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5*

The prayers each day are for:

* the mission and ministry of a benefice
* organisations, schools, events of the diocese and the wider community
* our link Diocese Kagera and World Mission

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For details of the Church of England calendar please visit [here](https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/churchs-year/calendar).

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| **Sun**  **1 Dec 2024** | Ipswich Deanery  Westerfield & Tuddenham St Martin with Witnesham  The Revd Charlotte Cook, The Revd Simon Ramacci | All attending the Advent Service and Procession at the Cathedral today | On World Aids Day pray for the estimated 38 million people living with the HIV virus around the world. Pray for the friends and families of the 35 million people who have died of Aids over the past 40 years. Pray for the ready availability of antiretroviral drugs for all who need them |
| **Mon**  **2 Dec 2024** | Ixworth Deanery  Badwell and Walsham  The Revd Catriona Brinkley | Church Primary Schools in Ixworth Deanery: Bardwell, Barnham, Barningham, Honington, Hopton, Ixworth, and Norton | Biharamulo: The Revd Didas Kilolonga, Pastor in Nyabyando Parish and The Revd Timotheo Petro Pastor in Nyabungombe Parish |
| **Tues**  **3 Dec**  **2024** | Ixworth Deanery  Blackbourne Team  The Revd Dr Karen Burton, The Revd Lesley Norburn, The Revd Lauren Moore, The Revd Catriona Brinkley | Chaplains to the Police Force | Give thanks that the outbreak of Marburg virus in Rwanda seems to have abated with no new cases reported since 30 October. Pray for the families of the victims of the disease and pray that no new cases arise |
| **Wed**  **4 Dec 2024** | Ixworth Deanery  Pakenham with Norton, Tostock, with Great Ashfield, Hunston and Stowlangtoft  The Revd Katherine Valentine | Parent and Toddler Groups | Kagera: The Revd Gabriel Ndabisembeleze, Pastor of Chivu Parish |
| **Thurs**  **5 Dec 2024** | Ixworth Deanery  Stanton  The Revd Cathy Bladen, Hilary Wordsworth-Sewell (Childrens and Families Minister) | Sports Clubs and Gyms | Pray for ‘Peter’ Yuan Shiguo in Chengdu, and the Sichuan seminary where he teaches; for the students preparing to serve in churches among the many minority people groups in Yunnan, Sichuan and Guizhou provinces |
| **Fri**  **6 Dec 2024** | Lavenham Deanery  Cockfield (Benefice)  The Revd Canon Sharon Potter, The Revd Richard Stainer, Christine Stainer (Childrens and Families Minister) | On St Nicholas’ Day, we pray for the St Nicholas Hospice in Bury St Edmunds. For all patients, staff and for the Chaplain, The Revd Canon Sharon Connell | Kagera: The Revd Deogratias Sebastian, Rural Dean in Bushangaro Parish. Lweru: The Revd Melkidius Eustace, Pastor of Ijuganyondo Parish |
| **Sat**  **7 Dec 2024** | Lavenham Deanery  Elmswell (Benefice)  The Revd Peter Goodridge | Messy Church | Kagera: The Revd Nathanael Makaka, Rural Dean in Mwivuza Parish |
| **Sun 8 Dec**  **2024** | Lavenham Deanery  Lavenham with Preston  The Revd Canon Simon Pitcher, The Revd Graham Naylor | Alcoholics Anonymous Groups | Tuesday 10 Dec is Human Rights Day. Pray for all those who have their basic human rights denied because of oppressive regimes. Pray for those working to ensure that our human rights are maintained throughout the world |
| **Mon**  **9 Dec 2024** | Lavenham Deanery  Monks Eleigh with Chelsworth and Brent Eleigh with Milden and Kettlebaston  The Revd Mike Birt | Pray for the Archdeacon of Ipswich interviews taking place today | Biharamulo: The Revd Simon Karukubila, Pastor of Katoke Parish; The Revd Edward Runyota, Muganza Parish |
| **Tues**  **10 Dec**  **2024** | Lavenham Deanery  Rattlesden with Thorpe Morieux, Brettenham and Hitcham  The Revd Sharon Grenham-Thompson, Ruth Crocket (Reader) | Church Primary Schools in Lavenham Deanery: Cockfield Primary School; Great Whelnetham Primary School; All Saints Primary School Lawshall; Rattlesden Primary School; Rougham Primary School | Kagera: The Revd Peter Benezet Kabwebwe, Ruhembe Parish |
| **Wed**  **11 Dec 2024** | Lavenham Deanery  Rougham, Beyton with Hessett and Rushbrooke  The Revd Canon Julia Lall, The Revd Sarah Lock, Marcus Bateman (Reader) | Pray for Ordinands and Readers in training from this diocese as it nears the end of term | Biharamulo: The Revd Simon Sekanabo, Pastor at Bwengabo parish and The Revd Richard Karugune, Mwendakulima Parish |
| **Thurs**  **12 Dec 2024** | Lavenham Deanery  Woolpit with Drinkstone Benefice  In vacancy | Chaplains to Army Cadets, Sea Cadets and Air Cadets | Kagera: Pray for Joel Aleku the Headteacher at Ngara Anglican Primary School; Lweru: The Revd Joseline Joseph, Pastor of Kiholele parish |
| **Fri**  **13 Dec 2024** | Lightwave  The Ven Sally Gaze; Group Leaders; Group Safeguarding Leads; Mission Assistants; Rural Outreach Workers; Admin Staff | Diocesan Education Team and the 87 church schools and academies in the Diocese | Kagera: The Revd Emmanuel Jeconiah, Rural Dean, Murongo Deanery and The Revd Christian S Joachim, Rural Dean, Rusumo |
| **Sat**  **14 Dec 2024** | Loes Deanery  Debenham and Helmingham  The Revd Susan Taylor | Love Rural (God’s calling for the church in the Suffolk countryside) | Biharamulo: The Revd Lazore Joram, Bwanga Parish and The Revd Gerazoi Mathias, Mutundu Parish |
| **Sun 15 Dec 2024** | Loes Deanery  Framlingham with Saxtead  The Revd Canon Chris Davey; The Revd Edith Peck | Manufacturing industry | Pray for the people of the Philippines as they try to recover from the multiple typhoons that have hit the country in recent weeks. Pray for those who have lost their homes and loved ones. Pray for safety, protection, comfort and access to resources |
| **Mon**  **16 Dec 2024** | Loes Deanery  Mid Loes  The Revd Gary Best; The Revd Kathleen Martin | Chaplains to Uniformed Organisations for Young People | Kagera: Mrs Malicelina Mboya, Headteacher, Mchungaii Mweba (Good Shepherd) Secondary School; Lweru: The Revd Gilbert Kazoni, Pastor of Songambele Parish |
| **Tues**  **17 Dec 2024** | Loes Deanery  Orebeck  The Revd Ann Kember | Church Schools in Loes Deanery: Charsfield Primary, Debenham High, Sir Robert Hitcham’s Primary, Debenham, Dennington Primary | Pray for Afghanistan as people continue to struggle with meeting day-to-day needs. Pray for those on the fringes of society, that they would be seen and that they would know peace. Pray that the people of Afghanistan would be able to provide for their families and that they would know financial stability |
| **Wed**  **18 Dec 2024** | Loes Deanery  Wickham Market with Pettistree  Pray for new vicar to be licensed in early 2025; The Revd Jenny Catchpole | Teachers | Lweru: The Revd Bryson Bijanda, Pastor of Ikuza parish; The Revd Dickson E Methuselah, Pastor of Goziba Parish |
| **Thurs**  **19 Dec 2024** | Loes Deanery  Upper Alde  The Revd Claire Kiddy | Students and Universities | Kagera: The Revd Tuisenge Edson Manase, studying at Bunda; The Revd Repson Katto Kagya, studying in Kenya |
| **Fri**  **20 Dec 2024** | Mildenhall Deanery  Brandon  The Revd Dennis Coburn, Dr Pauline Lovelock (Reader) | Chaplain to Seafarers at the Port of Felixstowe | Kagera: The Revd Bariki Verediana Mihigo, Nkwenda Parish and The Revd Stephano Anthony Bihushwa, Mshikamano Parish |
| **Sat**  **21 Dec 2024** | Mildenhall Deanery  Lakenheath, Santon Downham and Elveden  Dr Pauline Lovelock (Reader) | The Mothers’ Union | Kagera: Shemasi Deo Phillemon, Parish Pastor for Muruvyagila; Lweru: The Revd Ezdert Gozibert, Pastor of Bumbile Parish |
| **Sun**  **22 Dec 2024** | Mildenhall Deanery  The Forest Heath Team Ministry  The Revd Canon Chris Childs; The Revd Sue Leathley; The Revd Mark McCaghrey; The Revd Adam Barclay; The Revd Raul Arkaia; The Revds Dave and Caroline Butcher (both retiring at the end of the year); Stephen Hurton (Licensed Evangelist) | All churches celebrating with a Carol service today | As we approach the celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ in Bethlehem, pray for peace in the Middle East. Pray for a softening of hearts on both sides of the Israel/Hamas conflict. Pray for those who have suffered so much over the last year |
| **Mon**  **23 Dec 2024** | Mildenhall Deanery  Newmarket: All Saints  The Revd Canon Robert Otule; The Revd Su Shaw; The Revd Ricky Woodard; Kerensa Klottrup-Rees | Church schools in Mildenhall Deanery: Elveden Primary School; Moulton Primary School; St Mary’s School Mildenhall, All Saints Primary School Newmarket; St Christopher's Primary School, Red Lodge. | Kagera: The Revd John Ruzabila, Rural Dean of Murugalama; Lweru: The Revd Tyson Rugumisa, Pastor of Kagogo Parish |
| **Tues**  **24 Dec 2024** | Mildenhall Deanery  Newmarket St Mary with Exning St Agnes  The Revd Cheryl Belding; The Revd Jeremy Lind | Emergency Services | Kagera: The Revd Fr Phocas Nshimiyimana, Tutor at KCTC, Murgwanza: Lweru: The Revd Eradius Thadeo, Pastor of Izigo Parish |
| **Wed**  **25 Dec 2024** | Mildenhall Deanery  Newmarket St Martin with Landwade  The Revd Liam Beadle | Environment and care of God’s creation | Pray for peace on Earth and goodwill to all people. May the oppressed be set free, the hungry fed, and the homeless given a home through the guidance of the Holy Spirit throughout the world |
| **Thurs**  **26 Dec 2024** | Samford Deanery  East Bergholt and Brantham  The Revd Chris Willis; Ruth Bull (Reader) | Food Banks and Top Up Shops | Kagera: Pray for all diocesan staff, including secretaries, accountants, administrators, cooks, cleaners, night guards, drivers, who support the priests |
| **Fri**  **27 Dec 2024** | Samford Deanery  Capel St Mary with Little Wenham and Great Wenham  The Revd Sally Letman | The NHS | Biharamulo: The Revd Erasto Rushongo, Pastor of Buseresere Parish; Lweru: The Revd Mtechura Kambona, Pastor of Mubunda Parish |
| **Sat**  **28 Dec 2024** | Samford Deanery  Shoreline  The Revd Canon Liesbeth Oosterhof | The Retail Industry | Kagera: The Revd Celestin Yusuph Sunzu (Archdeacon), Rural Dean of Kabanga; Lweru: The Revd Osawrd Bututu, Pastor of Kilamba Parish |
| **Sun 29 Dec 2024** | Samford Deanery  The North Samford Benefice  The Revd Natalie West | PTO Clergy and Readers | Biharamulo: The Revd Cosmas Bonifas, Pastor of Maweni Parish; Lweru: The Revd Dawson Petro, Pastor of Nkomero Parish |
| **Mon**  **30 Dec 2024** | Samford Deanery  The Two Rivers Benefice  The Revd Jenny Seggar; The Revd Duncan Myatt | Church Primary Schools in Samford Deanery: Bentley, Capel St Mary, Chelmondiston, East Bergholt, Sproughton, Stutton, Tattingstone | Pray for those in Ukraine who are suffering from cold this winter. Pray for those who live in fear and, above all, pray for an end to the conflict in 2025 |
| **Tues**  **31 Dec 2024** | Saxmundham Deanery  Alde Sandlings  The Revd Sarah Du Boulay; The Revd Jo Mabey; The Revd Nichola Winter; The Revd Mary Brown | Heavenly Father, send us a bishop grounded in your love, a shepherd after your own heart, a follower of your Way and a teacher of your Word.  Through the wisdom and direction of your Holy Spirit enable us so to recognise them; that we appoint not the one we think we want, but the one you are calling. Through your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen. | Pray for 2025 that it may be the year in which the world leaders take the threat of climate change seriously and act to reduce the use of fossil fuels. Pray for an end to conflict and oppression and a new year filled with joy and hope for all people |