



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Diocese of Leeds



PRAYING TOGETHER

February 2026

Bishop of Leeds

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Andy Jolley	-	Archdeacon of Bradford

Huddersfield Episcopal Area/Halifax Archdeaconry

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Malcolm Chamberlain-		Bishop of Wakefield
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Diocesan Office

Jonathan Wood	-	Diocesan Secretary
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Deans of the Cathedrals

Jonathan Triffitt	-	Bradford
John Dobson	-	Ripon
Philip Hobday	-	Wakefield

Sunday 1st February 2026

*Church of England Calendar: Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c.525 4th Sunday of Epiphany
Septuagesima*

Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

Anglican Communion: The Church of England

Monday 2nd February

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

Dacre with Hartwith and Darley with Thornthwaite (Ripon Episcopal Area)

Dacre Holy Trinity, Darley Christ Church, Hartwith St Jude, Thornthwaite St Saviour

Dacre Braithwaite C of E VA Primary School

Revd Alastair Ferneley (Incumbent), Revd Tony Collins (Associate Priest), Michael Fordham (Reader)

Jo Dobbs (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: Te Pihopatanga o Te Tairāwhiti – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Tuesday 3rd February

Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary in Denmark and Sweden, 865

Darton with Staincross and Mapplewell (Wakefield)

Darton All Saints, Staincross St John the Evangelist

Revd Paul Mellars (Incumbent)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Taita-Taveta – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Wednesday 4th February

Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189

Dewsbury (Huddersfield)

Batley Carr Holy Trinity, Dewsbury All Saints (Minster), Dewsbury Moor St John the Evangelist

St John's CE (C) Infant School (Dewsbury Moor)

Revd Caroline Greenwood (Team Rector), Revd Neil Walpole (Associate Priest)

Aidan Blackburn (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Taiwan – The Episcopal Church

Thursday 5th February

Drighlington and Gildersome (Leeds)

Drighlington St Paul, Gildersome St Peter

Revd Patrick Senior (Priest in Charge), Revd Denise Brogden (Assistant Curate)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Tamale – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Friday 6th February

The Martyrs of Japan, 1597

Earby with Kelbrook (Ripon)

Earby All Saints, Kelbrook St Mary

Revd Hugh Fielden (Incumbent)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Tanga – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Saturday 7th February

Easby with Skeeby and Brompton on Swale and Bolton on Swale (Ripon)

Bolton on Swale St Mary, Brompton on Swale St Paul, Easby St Agatha

Bolton on Swale St Mary's CE Primary School, Brompton on Swale C of E VC Primary School

Revd Simon Dowson (Incumbent)

Nicola Dobson (Headteacher), Michael White (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Central Tanganyika – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Sunday 8th February

2nd Sunday before Lent Sexagesima

God of justice, inspire us to live with fierce grace as we lean into our God-given identity.

May we be the fire that ignites Your love, the rolling water that brings justice, the light that guides others towards a home in You. Send us out in the power of Your Holy Spirit.

Anglican Communion: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Monday 9th February

East Ardsley (Leeds)

East Ardsley St Gabriel, East Ardsley St Michael

Revd Mark Watson (Priest in Charge)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of South West Tanganyika – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Tuesday 10th February

Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c.543

East Dere Street (Leeds)

Barton St Cuthbert and St Mary, Cleasby St Peter, Croft St Peter, Eryholme St Mary, Manfield All Saints, Middleton Tyas St Michael and All Angels, Moulton Mission Church

Barton CE Primary School, Croft C of E VC Primary School, Middleton Tyas Church of England Primary School

Revd Gillian Lunn (Incumbent), Viv Waugh (Reader)

Kirstie Petch (Headteacher), Rebecca Wallace (Headteacher), Debbie McLean (Executive Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Western Tanganyika – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Wednesday 11th February

East Wakefield (Wakefield)

Belle Vue St Catherine, Wakefield St Andrew and St Mary, Wakefield St Swithun Community Centre

Wakefield St Mary's C of E VA Primary School

Revd Matt Brothwood (Assistant Curate), Mr Charles Vickers (Reader), Mrs Elly McGraw (Reader)

Mr Mark Taylor (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Tarime – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Thursday 12th February

Eccleshill (Bradford)

Eccleshill St Luke

Eccleshill St Luke's C of E VC Primary School

Mrs Linda Gibson (Reader)

Gemma Ackroyd (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Tasmania – The Anglican Church of Australia

Friday 13th February

Elland (Huddersfield)

Elland All Saints, Elland St Mary the Virgin

Elland CE (VA) Junior, Infant and Nursery School

Mrs Lynn Lord (Reader)

Mrs Louise Hartley (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Taungoo – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Saturday 14th February

Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885; Valentine, Martyr at Rome, c.269

Elmete Trinity (Leeds)

Barwick in Elmet All Saints, Scholes St Philip, Thorner St Peter

Barwick in Elmet CE Primary School, Thorner CE Primary School

Revd Jonathan Brennan (Incumbent), Mr Alan Stanley (Reader), Mrs Beckie Briggs (Reader), Sarah Meredith (Reader)

Sarah Daggett (Headteacher), Ms Gemma Whawell (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Temotu – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Sunday 15th February

Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045; Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of the SPCK and the SPG, 1730; Sunday next before Lent Quinquagesima

Creator God, you have blessed us with understanding, imagination and memory. Show us how to learn from past mistakes, to make wise choices. We pray for those advocating climate action as we plan for the future sustainably and responsibly.

Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Monday 16th February

Embsay with Eastby (Ripon)

Embsay St Mary the Virgin

Embsay C of E VC Primary School

Revd Canon Marion Russell (Incumbent), Revd Timothy Calow (Associate Priest), Mrs Lesley Higson (Reader)

Mr Timothy Whithead (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Tennessee – The Episcopal Church

Tuesday 17th February

Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977

Erringden (Huddersfield)

Cragg Vale St John the Baptist in the Wilderness, Mytholmroyd St Michael

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of East Tennessee – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 18th February

Ash Wednesday

Fairweather Green (Bradford)

Fairweather Green St Saviour

Revd Daniel Furlong (Assistant Curate), Revd Philippa Slingsby-Lunn (Associate Minister),

Revd Harry Gwinnett (Associate Minister)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of West Tennessee – The Episcopal Church

Thursday 19th February

Farsley (Leeds)

Farsley St John the Evangelist, Rodley Ecumenical Centre

Revd Nathanael Poole (Priest in Charge), Mr John Corbin (Reader)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Terekeka – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Friday 20th February

Featherstone (Wakefield)

Featherstone All Saints, Purston with South Featherstone St Thomas

Featherstone All Saints CE Junior, Infant and Nursery School, St Thomas CE (VC) Junior School Purston

Revd Joseph Grosu (Incumbent)

Mr Philip Burton (Headteacher), Joanne Beetham (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Territory of the People – The Anglican Church of Canada

Saturday 21st February

Fixby and Cowcliffe (Huddersfield)

Cowcliffe St Hilda, Fixby St Francis

Anglican Communion: The Missionary Diocese of Tete – Igreja Anglicana de Moçambique e Angola

Sunday 22nd February

1st Sunday of Lent Quadragesima

Give thanks for our Retired Clergy and those with Permission to Officiate, for the invaluable support they give to parishes across the Diocese of Leeds.

Anglican Communion: The Church of Ireland

Monday 23rd February

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c.155

Forcett and Aldbrough and Melsonby (Richmond)

Aldbrough St Paul, East Layton Christ Church, Forcett St Cuthbert, Melsonby St James the Great Eppleby

Forcett Church of England Primary School

Revd Canon Caroline Pinchbeck (Incumbent)

Ms Debbie McLean (Executive Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Texas – The Episcopal Church

Tuesday 24th February

Fountains (Ripon)

Aldfield St Lawrence, Dallowgill Church of the Resurrection, Grewelthorpe St James, Kirkby Malzeard St Andrew, Mickley St John the Evangelist, Sawley St Michael and All Angels, Studley Roger Village Hall, Winksley St Cuthbert and St Oswald

Fountains Primary School, Grewelthorpe C of E VC Primary School, Kirkby Malzeard C of E VC Primary School

Revd Andrew Cromarty (Associate Priest), Mrs Liz Jarvis (Reader), Mr Adrian Roberts (Reader)

Chris Parkhouse (Headteacher), Ms Sarah Taylor (Executive Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Northwest Texas – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 25th February

Frizinghall (Bradford)

Frizinghall St Margaret

Revd Leah Leighton (Priest in Charge)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of West Texas – The Episcopal Church

Thursday 26th February

Garforth (Leeds)

Garforth St Mary

Revd Andie Shaw (Incumbent), Geoff Hale (Reader), Miss Adrienne Doney (Reader), Mrs Hazel Booth (Reader), Mrs Carole Ross (Reader)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Thika – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Friday 27th February

George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633

Gipton and Oakwood (Leeds)

Gipton The Epiphany, Oakwood Church

Roundhay St John Roundhay St John's C of E Primary School

Revd Gemma Fleury (Priest in Charge), Mr Paul Spencer (Reader)

Mr Andrew Graham (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Thoothukudi–Nazareth – The Church of South India (United)

Saturday 28th February

Girlington, Heaton and Manningham (Bradford)

Girlington St Philip, Heaton St Barnabas, Heaton St Martin, Manningham St Paul

Heaton St Barnabas C of E Primary School, St Philip's C of E Primary School (Girlington)

Revd Chris Chorlton (Incumbent), Dr Alastair Bavington (Reader), Mrs Angela Chorlton (Reader)

Mrs Diane Smith (Headteacher), Michelle Hargreaves (Headteacher)

Anglican Communion: The Diocese of Tirunelveli – The Church of South India (United)

DIOCESAN OVERSEAS LINKS

SRI LANKA (The Church of Ceylon)

Diocese of Colombo	Bishop Dushantha Rodrigo
Diocese of Kurunegala	Bishop Nishantha Fernando

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (The Episcopal Church)

Diocese of Southwestern	Virginia Bishop Mark Bourlakas
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PAKISTAN (The Church of Pakistan)

Diocese of Faisalabad	Bishop John Samuel
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SUDAN (Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan)

Diocese of El Obeid	Bishop Ismail Gabriel Abudigin
Diocese of Kadugli	Bishop Andudu Adam Elnail
Diocese of Kadugli	Suffragan Bishop Hassan Osman
Diocese of Khartoum	Archbishop Ezekiel Kumir Kondo
Diocese of Port Sudan	Bishop Abdu Elnur Kodi
Diocese of Wad Medani	Bishop Saman Farajalla Mahdi

TANZANIA (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)

Diocese of Mara	Bishop George Okoth
Diocese of Rorya	Bishop Musa Yamo
Diocese of Tarime	Bishop John Msuma

SWEDEN (The Church of Sweden)

Diocese of Skara	Bishop Ake Bonnier
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GERMANY (The Evangelical Church of Central Germany)

Church District of Erfurt	Senior Matthias Rein
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