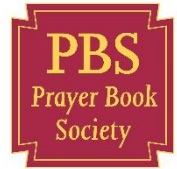


***I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men.***

*1 Timothy 2.1*

# **PRAYER CALENDAR**



**NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2016**

**JANUARY FEBRUARY 2017**

*Abbreviations: C Chairman S Secretary T Treasurer*

<p><b>1 November</b> <b>ALL SAINTS'</b> <b>DAY</b></p>	<p>These...have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple. Evensong: Second Lesson Rev 7 [1922 Calendar] We...bless thy holy name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear... Give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom Holy Communion: Prayer for the Church</p>
<p>2 Commemoration of All Souls [1928 BCP]</p>	<p>I heard a voice from heaven, saying... Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours Burial Service Hold before God this day all departed PBS members</p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p>Corporate Members: St Nicholas, Silton, Dorset St Peter's Church, Calne &amp; Blackland (both Salisbury)</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Nominations Committee. Good PBS appointments.</p>
<p><b>5 [Thanksgiving for foiling of Gunpowder Treason Plot]</b></p>	<p>Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries Mattins: Second Collect</p>
<p><b>6 TRINITY 24</b> St Leonard</p>	<p>[Jesus] said unto them...the maid is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. Gospel for the Day Declining to let their ridicule distract him, the Lord remains focused on his mission of mercy - an example to all mocked for their faith</p>

7	Winchester & Portsmouth Branch C: Mr Dick Wilkinson CVO S: Mrs Nikki Sales T: Col Michael Marchant
8	Planning of PBS input for next year's national School Chaplains Conference, Liverpool Hope University
9	Opportunities for PBS involvement in Continuing Ministerial Education for clergy and Readers
10	Committed prayer support from PBS members for the growing number of enquirers, ordinands and newly ordained clergy who value the Prayer Book
11	Corporate Member: St George's Memorial Chapel, Ypres. Ministry to the Armed Forces.
12	Miss Hilary Rudge: Trustee and Company Secretary
13	<b>TRINITY 25</b> <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> <i>St Britius</i>
	<i>Even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye... And above all... put on charity... let the peace of God rule in your hearts</i> Epistle for the Day* Challenging words for all as we recall sacrifices made and sufferings endured (and still made, and still endured) * from Epiphany 5 provision
14	York Branch S: Mrs Margaret Hammersley
15	<i>St Machutus</i>
	HRH The Prince of Wales KG KT GCB, Patron of PBS Lord Cormack DL FSA, President of PBS
16	Effective promotion of our online teaching videos of Prayer Book services
17	<i>St Hugh</i>
	Corporate Members: St Basil, Toller Fratrum (Salisbury) Beauchief Abbey, Sheffield (Sheffield)
18	Annual Conference Working Party C: Miss Prudence Dailey
19	Mr John Scrivener: North West Regional Trustee
20	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>NEXT BEFORE</b> <b>ADVENT</b> <i>St Edmund</i>
	<i>Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost</i> Gospel for the Day God is prodigal in his provision for us, but we must <b>not</b> be wasteful. 'Nothing is too small to be the means of God's bountiful love. No one is too insignificant to be a channel of his grace.' Raymond Chapman

21		Leeds Branch (Bradford area) Contact PBS Office
22	St Cecilia	Church, cathedral, college and chapel choirs. Choir-leaders and organists. Our church music heritage.
23	St Clement	Supplying overseas churches with BCPs and Bibles
24		Corporate Members: St Leonard, Chelsham St Peter & St Paul, Nutfield (both Southwark)
25	St Catherine	Marketing and Communications Committee C: Mr Ashley Perraton-Williams
26		Mr Dick Wilkinson CVO: South West Regional Trustee
27	<b>ADVENT SUNDAY</b>	<i>... give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now...</i> <i>Collect of the Day</i> Pray for a fresh start with the beginning of the new Church year. Let Christ enter anew the temple of our heart to cast out all that displeases him. <i>See today's Gospel</i>
28		Canterbury Branch S: Mr Derek Tee
29		Following our recent Readers' Day, further initiatives to help and support Lay Ministers using the BCP
30	<b>ST ANDREW Apostle &amp; Martyr</b>	<i>Almighty God... thy holy Apostle Andrew <b>readily</b> obeyed... and followed <b>without delay</b></i> <i>Collect of the Day</i> Does God have all the time in the world? Perhaps, but we do not. So <b>while we have time</b> , let us do good <i>unto all men; and especially unto them that are of the household of faith.</i> <i>Holy Communion: Offertory Sentences</i>
1	December	Corporate Members: St Edmund, Holme Pierrepont (Southwell & Nottingham) Boconnoc Parish Church, Boconnoc (Truro) St Hydroc, Lanhydrock, Bodmin (Truro)
2		Establishing links of support and friendship between Prayer Book churches
3		Mr John Wimpress: Trustee and Treasurer

4 **ADVENT 2**  
Bible Sunday

*The God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in **hope*** Epistle for the Day  
The dominant theme of today's Collect and Readings is hope - our *blessed **hope** of everlasting life... in Jesus Christ* Collect of the Day. They point us to the great promises of God revealed in the Scriptures and fulfilled in the Son of Man whose words *shall **not** pass away* Gospel for the Day. We can rightly *abound in **hope**, through the power of the Holy Ghost* Epistle for the Day.

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Chelmsford Branch C: Revd J Lee Potter  
S: Mrs Susan Brazier T & Vice C: Mr J Christopher Gibb

6 St Nicholas of Myra

School chaplains, RE teachers, assembly leaders  
Revd Canon Fredrik Arvidsson: PBS Youth Officer

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Affiliated Prayer Book Societies in Ireland and South Africa  
Contact PBS Office

8 Conception of BVM

*Then saith [Jesus] to the [disciple whom he loved], Behold thy mother! And from that hour that disciple took her unto his own home* John 19.27

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Corporate Members: All Saints, North Baddesley  
St Nicholas, Bishop's Sutton (both Winchester)

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Miss Prudence Dailey: Chairman of PBS

11 **ADVENT 3**

*Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God* Epistle for the Day (and see the Collect) This Advent Embertide, do pray for many more full-time young vocations to the Sacred Ministry. And be active in encouraging renewed awareness of Prayer Book understanding about holy orders (see especially the Prayer Book ordination rites, and ponder their rich teaching, still so apposite).

12		Chichester Branch C: Revd Dr Michael Brydon S (Chichester East): Mr Benjamin Tyler S (Chichester West): Mrs Valerie Dane
13	<b>St Lucy</b>	Use of Prayer Book forms for family worship
14	Ember Day	Our theological colleges and training courses
15		Corporate Members: St Andrew, Chilcomb St Winfrith, East Dean (both Winchester)
16	O Sapientia Ember Day	More vocations both to stipendiary and non-stipendiary ministry
17	Ember Day	Vocations to Readership and other authorised lay ministries
18	<b>ADVENT 4</b>	<i>Then said Mary, How shall this be...? The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee... Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.</i> <i>Mattins: Second Lesson Luke 1 [1922 Calendar]</i> Pray the same Spirit will make Christ present in every humble servant heart like Mary's
19		Derby Branch Contact PBS Office
20		Churchwardens, parish secretaries, treasurers, worship assistants, servers, sidesmen and all other parish leaders and helpers in Prayer Book churches
21	<b>ST THOMAS Apostle &amp; Martyr</b>	<i>My Lord, and my God! Gospel for the Day</i> The New Testament's archetypal doubter turns out the strongest affirmer of his risen Lord's divinity. Rejoice in our apostolic faith in Jesus, truly man and truly God! It is to Jesus <i>Emmanuel</i> - God with us - that Christmas directs our hearts.
22		Corporate Members: St Matthew's, Winchester (Winchester) Gwydir Uchaf Chapel, Llanrwst (Bangor)
23		Sincere preparation before Christmas Communion

24 Christmas Eve  
Vigil/Fast

PBS members alone or isolated over Christmas, and all in need while others are celebrating

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## CHRISTMAS DAY

The Nativity of  
Our Lord

*The heavens declare the glory of God... In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun : which cometh forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber to run his course.*

*Mattins: Proper Psalm 19* With the Psalmist, hail today Christ the **Bridegroom** quitting his heavenly chamber, Christ the **Sun** of Righteousness come forth to shine his healing light upon the world, Christ our **Champion [Giant]** with us to run his great course from Crib to Cross, and from Cross to glory - all for our salvation!

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## ST STEPHEN First Martyr

*Lord Jesus, receive my spirit... Lay not this sin to their charge* *Lesson for the Epistle: Acts 7* Stephen dies for Jesus, and he dies as Jesus died: forgiving his persecutors and commending his soul - all possible because he knows that Christ was born and lived, and suffered and died, for *him*. Christmas is our starting point for faith and courage like Stephen's.

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## ST JOHN Apostle & Evangelist

*Enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John may [the Church] so walk in the light of [divine] truth that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life* *Collect of the Day*

Give thanks for incomparable Johannine teaching about God as Love, Truth, Light and Life; about the interrelation of Father, Son and Spirit; about eternal life for contrite sinners through Christ's blood; about loving our brethren. Let us pray to make it our own.

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## HOLY INNOCENTS

*Rachel [here meaning the mothers of Judah] weeping for her children...would not be comforted, because they are not* *Gospel for the Day* The massacre jolts as a gruesome intrusion in St Matthew's telling of the Lord's nativity. But, sadly, it is just that sort of world into which he is born, and it is why a Saviour is so needful. Pray for all suffering innocents.

29	Anglican chaplaincies abroad and PBS members domiciled overseas
30	Revd Dr Stephen Edmonds: Trustee
31 <i>St Sylvester</i>	Mrs Rosemary Hall: Conference Liaison Officer
1 January 2017 <b>CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST</b> <b>[CHRISTMAS 1]</b> <i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and Circumcision... Good Lord, deliver us</i> <i>Litany</i> A week old, the Lord is circumcised in obedience to the Law and, as charged by Gabriel, his parents duly name him <b>JESUS</b> - the Lord saves. Even now <i>he [who] will save his people from their sins*</i> suffers pain and sheds his blood. For his whole life is an obedient sacrifice for our salvation. <span style="float: right;"><i>*Gospel for Christmas 1</i></span>
2	Ely Branch C: Revd Stephen Anderson S & T: Mr Philip White
3	Branches' Representative Council C: Revd J Lee Potter S: Mr John Dearing
4	PBS ministry to the housebound and hospitalised
5	Corporate Members: All Saints, Aisholt All Saints, Lullington (both Bath & Wells)
6 <b>THE EPIPHANY</b> <b>Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles</b>	<i>... they fell down and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh</i> <i>Gospel for the Day</i> Pray that by humility, devotion and generosity our own lives will make Christ manifest to others
7	Our Copyhold Farm staff: Adrienne Syrett (Office Manager), Belinda Clarke, Kaz French and Geraldine Brooksbank; and volunteer assistants Terry Furlonger and Stan & Marian Hope

<p><b>8 EPIPHANY 1</b> St Lucian</p>	<p><i>I beseech you...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God... be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God</i> <i>Epistle for the Day</i> Ponder Lucian of Antioch, godly priest and influential Bible translator in an age of persecution. His faithful life and most courageous death (311 or 312) were strikingly holy and sacrificial. Are we content with worldly conformity; or are we willing to risk real spiritual transformation?</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Gloucester Branch C: Mr Richard Marlowe S: Mrs Susan Emson T: Mr Tony Hilder</p>
<p>10</p>	<p><i>Faith &amp; Worship</i> Editor: Mr John Scrivener</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>PBS Trading Ltd (our online shop) and increased sales of BCP-related books, cards and other items</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>Corporate Members: St Leonard, Pitcombe All Saints, Rodden (both Bath &amp; Wells)</p>
<p>13 St Hilary</p>	<p>Support for the Prayer Book in General Synod and the House of Bishops</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Mr Peter Hardingham: Midlands Regional Trustee</p>
<p><b>15 EPIPHANY 2</b></p>	<p><i>Mercifully... Collect of the Day</i> <i>Mercifully</i> hear, grant, look, deliver, accept... More than a dozen Prayer Book collects for Sundays and Holy Days use the word <i>mercifully</i> in petition to God, and another dozen or so speak of his <i>mercy</i> or address him as <i>merciful</i>. This is echoed at Holy Communion when we say <i>O merciful Lord...whose property is always to have mercy</i> *. Our property? Always to need his mercy. Why else is the BCP so insistent? <i>*Prayer of Humble Access</i></p>
<p>16</p>	<p>Hereford Branch C: Mr Noel G H Manns S: Mr Stephen Evans T: Mr Antony Shoring</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>Members kindly remembering PBS in their wills</p>



<p><b>18</b> <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins / St Prisca</i></p>	<p>Remember alarming numbers of Christians throughout the world facing severe persecution. May we keep faith with them.</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>Corporate Members: St John the Baptist, Ashbrittle St Mary Magdalen, Taunton (both Bath &amp; Wells)</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>Revd Canon Andrew Hawes: Editor of <i>The Prayer Book Today</i></p>
<p>21</p>	<p>Revd David Harris: Trustee and PBS Vice-Chairman</p>
<p><b>22 EPIPHANY 3</b></p>	<p><i>... mercifully look upon our infirmities</i> <i>Collect of the Day</i> The Lord does precisely this for the leper and for the centurion's servant in today's Gospel* . And he does it for us, not least when we approach for Holy Communion, making our own (as done by Christians since early times) the centurion's words: <i>Lord I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only...</i> *Matthew 8.1-13</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>Lichfield Branch C: Col Frank Hewitt S &amp; T: Mr David Doggett</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>Our Investment Advisers: Charles Stanley &amp; Co.</p>
<p>25 <b>CONVERSION OF ST PAUL</b></p>	<p><i>Almighty God... who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men</i> <i>Holy Communion: Prayer for the Church</i> Celebrate gratefully the holy Apostle Paul's wonderful conversion* and the huge enrichment it gave the Church - as our New Testaments testify. Let us learn from his faith and his teaching, and not least from his great faithfulness in prayer. * <i>Collect of the Day</i></p>
<p>26</p>	<p>Corporate Members: Christ Church with St Ewen, All Saints &amp; St George, Bristol (Bristol) All Saints, Brathay (Carlisle)</p>
<p>27</p>	<p>Mr John Service (Prayer Book Churches and Clergy Co-ordinator) and his work with clergy, ordinands, training institutions and relevant PBS committees</p>

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Mr Nicholas Hurst: Eastern Regional Trustee and Chairman of the Cranmer Awards Committee

29 EPIPHANY 4

*There arose a great tempest... Gospel for the Day*  
Lord, be merciful to us sinners, and save us for thy mercy's sake... O save us that we may praise thee...  
Thou, O Lord, art just and powerful : O defend our cause against the face of the enemy... Thou, O Lord, that stillest the raging of the sea, hear us, and save us, that we perish not... *Forms of Prayer to be used at Sea: Short Prayers for single persons, that cannot meet with others, by reason of fight, or storm*

30 Charles K & M

We give not to our Princes the ministering either of God's Word, or of the Sacraments... but that only prerogative... **given to all godly Princes in Holy Scripture...** that they should rule over all estates and degrees committed to their charge by God... whether Ecclesiastical or Temporal *Article XXXVII* To ponder!

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Liverpool Branch C: Revd Alan Beahan  
S: Ms Dianne Rothwell

1 February  
*Vigil/Fast*

Oxford University PBS Branch. Pusey House, Oxford (a centre of Prayer Book worship among students).

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**PRESENTATION  
OF CHRIST  
IN THE TEMPLE**

Mary's purification after childbirth entails a sacrifice, as does the ritual redemption of her first-born Son. So Jerusalem priests now offer animal victims at the temple altar. But Simeon and Anna know this child is the long-awaited Christ. One day he will return to the city. There in the Temple that is his sacred Body he will - himself priest and victim upon the altar of the Cross - offer his saving Blood for the purification and redemption of the whole world. *See today's Gospel*

3 *St Blasius*

Corporate Members: St Katharine, Little Bardfield (Chelmsford) St Mary's, Whitewell (Chester)

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Mr Paul Meitner: South East Regional Trustee

<p><b>5 EPIPHANY 5</b> St Agatha</p>	<p>... keep thy Church and household in thy <b>true</b> religion Collect of the Day ... whatsoever ye do, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him Epistle for the Day Let us be true in both our believing and our doing</p>
<p>6 Accession of Queen Elizabeth II</p>	<p>We beseech thee... to save and defend all Christian Kings, Princes and Governors; and specially thy servant Elizabeth our Queen Holy Communion: Prayer for The Church</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p>Human Resources Committee C: Miss Hilary Rudge</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Channel Islands Branch S: Mrs Nikki Sales Sodor &amp; Man Branch S: Mrs Clare Faulds QC</p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p>Corporate Members: St Michael, Baddiley St Oswald, Chester (both Chester)</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Patrons of livings. Responsible exercise of patronage. Parishes of which PBS is patron.</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p>Revd Andrew Montgomerie: West &amp; Central Regional Trustee</p>
<p>12 <b>SEPTUAGESIMA</b></p>	<p>... whatsoever is right I will give thee Gospel for the Day ... thou Lord, art merciful : for thou rewardest every man according to his work Mattins: Day 12 Psalm 62 ... nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done Luke 22.42 Let us be content with what God chooses for us</p>
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p>General Synod in London 13-17 February All PBS members in Synod</p>
<p>14 St Valentine</p>	<p>Remember today a martyr bishop's love unto death for his Saviour - and our Saviour's love unto death for us. Pray for a return to Christian standards in our relationships.</p>
<p><b>15</b></p>	<p>Mr Tim Stanley, PR Officer for PBS</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>Corporate Members: St Wilfred, Chester (Chester) St Mary the Virgin, Stopham (Chichester)</p>
<p><b>17</b></p>	<p>Vocations from Prayer Book parishes</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>Revd Dr Daniel Newman: Trustee</p>

<p><b>19 SEXAGESIMA</b></p>	<p><i>But that [seed] on the good ground are they, which in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience</i>  <i>Gospel for the Day</i> Lord, make my heart honest and good</p>
<p>20</p>	<p>Manchester Branch Contact PBS Office</p>
<p><b>21</b></p>	<p>Finance and Fundraising Committee  C: Mr John Wimpress</p>
<p>22</p>	<p>PBS advertising and our advertisers  Mr Ian Woodhead: Advertising Manager</p>
<p><b>23 Vigil/Fast</b></p>	<p>Corporate Members: St Thomas à Becket, Cliffe, Lewes (Chichester) St George, Gateshead (Durham)</p>
<p>24  <b>ST MATTHIAS</b>  <b>Apostle</b></p>	<p><i>God is the Judge : he putteth down one, and setteth up another</i> <i>Psalm 75.8</i> <i>Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall</i> <i>1 Cor 10.12</i>  Before God we dare neither assume nor presume, least of all in regard to holy office in his Church</p>
<p><b>25</b></p>	<p>Today's Cranmer Awards Finals at the Old Palace, Worcester. All competitors, supporters and judges.</p>
<p>26  <b>QUINQUAGESIMA</b></p>	<p><i>Though... I understand all mysteries, and all knowledge... though I have all faith... though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor... and have not charity [love], it profiteth me nothing</i> <i>Epistle for the Day</i>  <i>He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love</i>  <i>1 John 4.4</i> Let Lent be for us a school of love</p>
<p><b>27</b></p>	<p>Norwich Branch C: Mr Richard Harrison  S: Mrs Allison Wilson T: Mr Christopher Robins</p>
<p>28 <i>Shrove Tuesday</i></p>	<p>Our sister church in Wales. North Wales and South Wales PBS branches.</p>

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