

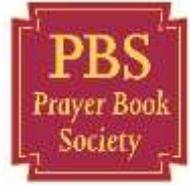
I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men.

1 Timothy 2.1

PRAYER CALENDAR

NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2018

JANUARY FEBRUARY 2019



Abbreviations: C Chairman S Secretary T Treasurer

<p>1 November ALL SAINTS' DAY</p>	<p><i>Blessed are the meek...they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness...the merciful...the pure in heart ...the peace-makers...they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake Gospel for the Day Be stirred by the witness and fellowship of all whose faithfulness to Christ has won them crowns of righteousness [2Tim 4.8], crowns of life [Rev 2.10]</i></p>
<p>2 Commemoration of All Souls [1928 BCP]</p>	<p><i>In the midst of life we are in death [Burial Service] Hold reverently before God those whose lives have touched our own; also, all departed PBS members and BCP supporters. May they, and we, find mercy in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ [1 Cor 1.8].</i></p>
<p>3</p>	<p><i>Miss Prudence Dailey: Chairman of PBS</i></p>
<p>4 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY</p>	<p><i>Hear the devout prayers of thy church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually Collect of the Day Let us ensure that our praying, whether formal or free in character, comes from hearts that are faithful and devout</i></p>
<p>5 [Thanksgiving for foiling of the Gunpowder Plot]</p>	<p><i>Save and deliver us...from the hands of our enemies; abate their pride... and confound their devices; that we ...armed with thy defence, may be preserved evermore from all perils Prayers and Thanksgivings: In the time of War and Tumults</i></p>
<p>6 St Leonard</p>	<p><i>Fundraising Committee C: Mr David Richardson</i></p>

7	Hibbs Scholarship (helping to meet organ tuition fees)	
8	Chelmsford Branch C: Revd J Lee Potter	
9	Provision of Prayer Book ministry in hospitals, hospices and care homes	
10	Revd David Harris: Trustee & Deputy Chairman	
11	<p>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Remembrance Sunday Armistice Day <i>St Martin</i></p>	<p><i>Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live : and so the LORD, the God of hosts shall be with you</i> <i>Evensong: First Lesson Amos 5.14 [1871]</i> Remember gratefully the Armistice that, 100 years ago today, ended the First World War. Ponder the horrors of that conflict and, sadly, so many others since, including those raging now. Be mindful of honour, courage, comradeship and sacrifice; but also of cruelty, terror, devastation and death. Pray that the prophet's words may yet be heard and heeded.</p>
12	Corporate Members: St Edmund, Holme Pierrepont (Southwell & Nottingham) St Hydroc, Lanhydrock, Bodmin (Truro)	
13	<p><i>St Britius</i></p>	Protection of Prayer Book churches in multi-parish benefices from the appointment of incumbents unsympathetic towards BCP worship
14	The Board of Trustees' continuing work on how best to commend the Prayer Book to the three categories: children and young families, youth, and young adults	
15	<p><i>St Machutus</i></p>	Chichester Branch C: Revd Dr Michael Brydon Contact: PBS Office
16	Our work in universities and colleges	
17	<p><i>St Hugh</i></p>	Revd Dr Stephen Edmonds: Trustee
18	<p>THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY <i>(Provision from Fourth Sunday after Epiphany)</i></p>	<p><i>Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations...</i> <i>Collect of the Day</i> Equally apt as a prayer for individuals and for communities, for Church and for society, for our nation and for all the nations. Pray the Lord will calm fearful hearts and heal tortured minds as he does in today's dramatic Gospel [<i>Matthew 8.23-34</i>].</p>

19	Corporate Members: St Michael and All Saints, Michaelstow (Truro) Gresham Books Ltd (Winchester)
20 St Edmund	Nominations Committee C: Mr David Richardson Sound appointments to PBS positions
21	PBS training events for ordinands, clergy and Readers/LLMs
22 St Cecilia	Church, cathedral, college and chapel choirs; organists and choir-leaders; all Church composers and musicians
23 St Clement	Our attention to General Data Protection Regulations
24	Mr Peter Hardingham: Midlands Regional Trustee
25 LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY <i>Sunday Next Before Advent St Catherine</i>	<i>I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts</i> Evensong First Lesson Haggai 2.6,7[1871]. How well this prophecy complements today's familiar Stir up collect. It is now time to bestir ourselves again so we remain ever in readiness for the meta-cosmic 'shake-up' when, sooner or later, <i>he shall come again in glory to judge both the quick and the dead</i> Nicene Creed.
26	Corporate Members: St James the Less, Litchfield (Winchester) St Nicholas, Bishop's Sutton (Winchester)
27	HRH The Prince of Wales KG KT GCB, Patron of PBS
28	PBS Press Officer: Mr Tim Stanley
29 Vigil/Fast	Derby Branch Contact: PBS Office
30 SAINT ANDREW'S DAY	<i>Follow me...I will make you fishers of men</i> Gospel for the Day As Christians and church-people, we too have been personally called by Our Lord to discipleship and mission of one form or another. Pray that more of us will accept that call, encouraged by Andrew's own love for Jesus and his goodhearted faithfulness in fulfilling his call.
1 December	Mr Nicholas Hurst: Trustee

... give us **grace** *Collect of the Day* Casting away the works of darkness and putting upon us the armour of light are not to be ignored: they are integral to a serious Advent. But it is not work that can be done without **grace**. We need to believe in grace, to want grace, to pray for grace - and earnestly. Do indeed follow the Prayer Book by using today's collect daily in Advent, but make it an insistent imploring, not just a passionless, if elegant, request.

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St Mary's PCC, Hartley Wespall (Winchester)
St Andrew, Chilcomb (Winchester)

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Cranmer Awards Committee C: Mr Nicholas Hurst
National Administrator: Miss Merriel Halsall-Williams
Pray for interest from a broader range of schools

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PBS's role in drawing the attention of Prayer Book clergy to vacancies in Prayer Book parishes

6 St Nicholas
of Myra

School and Church worship for children and teenagers.
School chaplains, RE teachers, assembly leaders.

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Please pray for PBS's involvement in a History of Faith in England exhibition at Auckland Castle; a History of Christianity in Oxford exhibition at St Aldate's; and clearer marking of the Broad Street site in Oxford where Cranmer, Ridley and Latimer were executed.

8 Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

This 1662 observance, and even more so the feast-day of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (kept nine months to the day before Christmas), lend theological importance to the moment of human conception. Pray sensitively for all who have to make difficult decisions about pregnancy.

9 THE SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ADVENT
Bible Sunday

Let this Bible Sunday rekindle our fervour for God's word in Holy Scripture - such a passion with Cranmer and later Prayer Book contributors. Psalm 119 is rich in wonderful encouragements to this end. Herewith three taster examples: *I have a good hope because of thy word* [119.81]; *Thy word is a lantern unto my feet : and a light unto my paths* [119.105]; *I am as glad of thy word : as one that findeth great spoils* [119.162]. There are many more.

10		Corporate Members: St Winfrith, East Dean (Winchester) St Matthew's, Winchester (Winchester)
11		Lord Cormack DL FSA, President of PBS
12		Ecclesiastical Patron of PBS: Rt Revd & Rt Hon The Lord Chartres KCVO, PC
13	<i>St Lucy</i>	Ely Branch C: Revd Stephen Anderson S: Mr Philip White
14		More use of the Prayer Book for main Sunday services
15		Mr Paul Meitner: PBS Treasurer & South East Regional Trustee
16	THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT <i>O Sapientia</i>	<i>Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another? Gospel for the Day</i> John the Baptist's doubts now are in sharp contrast to his powerful witness to Jesus in earlier days: Herod's grim gaol has taken its toll. Pray for all servants of God who, for whatever reasons, may have lost the confidence, the reputation, the influence, or even the integrity, that they once had.
17		St Matthew's with St Paul's, Winchester (Winchester) Winchester College Chapel, Winchester (Winchester)
18		Annual Conference Committee C: Miss Prudence Dailey Conference Organiser: Mrs Rosemary Hall Committed prayer for, and fostering of, vocations in BCP parishes
19	<i>Ember Day</i>	
20	<i>Vigil/Fast</i>	Personal spiritual preparation for Christmas worship, especially for Christmas Communion
21	SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE <i>Ember Day</i>	<i>Thomas saith...Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life Evensong Second Lesson John 14.5,6 [1871]</i> As here, Thomas's customary frankness - about what he does not yet know or believe - is a key to fuller disclosure of the Lord's character and mission. Be thankful for honest seekers who give voice to our own doubts and lack of understanding, thereby aiding the more confirmation of the faith* of us all. *Collect of the Day All being ordained into the Church's apostolic ministry at this time.

22 Ember Day	Ordinands in training. Our theological colleges and ordination training courses.
23 THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT	Raise up...thy power...come among us...with great might succour us...that thy bountiful...mercy may speedily help and deliver us <i>Collect of the Day</i> This urgent cry echoes our daily plea at Mattins and Evensong: O God, make speed to save us. With Christmas imminent, let our yearning for the Saviour's coming be truly a matter of urgency. How we need him!
24 Christmas Eve Vigil/Fast	Sing and rejoice... lo, I come and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD... Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD <i>Evensong First Lesson Zechariah 2.10,13 [1928 Calendar]</i> Yes, sing for joy this night, but ponder silently a while, too
25 CHRISTMAS-DAY The Nativity of Our Lord	And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn <i>Mattins Second Lesson Luke 2.1-20 [1871]</i> And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father) full of grace and truth <i>Gospel for the Day [John 1.14]</i> Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man!
26 SAINT STEPHEN'S DAY	Let us be mindful of the many Christians who have suffered and died for the faith since last Christmas
27 SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST'S DAY	These things are written, that ye might believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name <i>[John 20.31]</i> This is the disciple which testifieth of these things: and we know that his testimony is true <i>[John 21.24]</i> Give thanks for John's sublime gospel, at once so richly illuminating and so spiritually intimate
28 THE INNOCENTS' DAY	Remember all children currently suffering in horrific circumstances. Pray for respect for innocence, and for the curbing or removal of today's cruel tyrants.
29	Mr Iain Milne: Trustee

**30 THE SUNDAY
AFTER
CHRISTMAS**

Grant that we being regenerate [ie born again], and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit *Collect of the Day* Christmas Day now past, we have space to ponder how great the spiritual dignity that Christ's birth has made possible for us: God sent forth his Son...that we might receive the adoption of sons. And God...hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying Abba, Father... Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ *Epistle for the Day*
Be humble before the privilege of so high a destiny!

31 St Sylvester

So teach us to number our days : that we may apply our hearts to wisdom *Evensong Psalm 90.12 [1928 Calendar]*

**1 January 2019
THE
CIRCUMCISION
OF CHRIST**
New Year's Day

*When eight days were accomplished for the circumcision ...his name was called **JESUS*** *Gospel for the Day* Thou shalt call his name **JESUS**; for he shall save his people from their sins *Matthew 1.18* God hath given him a name which is above every name; that in the name of **JESUS** every knee should bow... in heaven... in earth, and... under the earth *Philippians 2.9-11* Make 2019 truly the Year of our Lord **JESUS**

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Planned circulation of a new PBS e-mail newsletter,

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Gloucester Branch C: Mr Richard Marlowe
S: Mrs Susan Emson T: Mr Tony Hilder

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PBS involvement in a diocese's possible half-time appointment of a diocesan Prayer Book Missioner

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Revd Dr Daniel Newman: Trustee

**6 THE
EPIPHANY**
**Manifestation of
Christ to the
Gentiles**

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee... the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising *Mattins Second Lesson Isaiah 60 [1871]* First, those lowly hill-shepherds, prompted by angels; now the learned travellers from foreign parts, intrigued by a star. The shepherds rejoice, glorifying and praising God. The sages kneel in homage and offer costly gifts. Both are good models for us as we make our own spiritual pilgrimages to Bethlehem this Epiphanytide.

7		Corporate Members: St Mary the Virgin, Lowgate, Hull (York)
8	<i>St Lucian</i>	Churches and Ministry Committee C: Revd David Harris Promotion of knowledge and appreciation of the Prayer Book among clergy, Readers/LLMs, ordinands, and all involved in worship. Provision of teaching and training opportunities to encourage sound practice.
9		PBS preparations for participation in the June 2019 national SCALA school chaplains' conference
10		Hereford Branch C: Mr Noel G H Manns
11		The Peter Toon Memorial Fund, and our arrangements for the 2019 Memorial Lecture
12		Revd Canon Cyril Roberts: North East Regional Trustee
13	THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY <i>St Hilary</i>	<i>[Jesus] went down with them... to Nazareth, and was subject unto them*</i> Though fully aware he <i>must be about [his heavenly] Father's business*</i> , he graciously submits to his earthly parents' authority throughout the 18 or so 'hidden years' prior to his public ministry: a telling instance of our divine Saviour's humility and patience - and a lesson for us all <i>*Gospel for the Day</i>
14		Corporate Members: All Saints, Aisholt, Somerset (Bath & Wells) All Saints, Lullington (Bath & Wells)
15		More use of BCP orders for baptisms, confirmations, weddings and funerals, and other occasional offices
16		Ministry to Prayer Book supporters prevented from attending church by disability or distance
17		Lichfield Branch C: Col Frank Hewitt Contact: PBS Office
18	<i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins</i> <i>St Prisca</i>	<i>Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is : brethren, to dwell together in unity! Psalm 133 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us John 17.21 Let us pray Christ's own will</i>
19		Mr David Richardson: Trustee & Director of Fundraising

<p>20 THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY <i>St Fabian</i></p>	<p><i>There was a marriage in Cana Gospel for the Day Holy Matrimony...is an honourable estate, instituted of God...signifying...the mystical union betwixt...Christ and his Church, which holy estate Christ adorned and beautified with his presence and first miracle...in Cana</i> <i>Introduction: 1662 Marriage Service Pray for renewal of society's respect for marriage as God wills it</i></p>
<p>21 <i>St Agnes</i></p>	<p>Corporate Members: All Saints, Selworthy (Bath & Wells) St John the Baptist, Ashbrittle (Bath & Wells)</p>
<p>22 <i>St Vincent</i></p>	<p>Marketing & Communications Committee C: Mr Dick Wilkinson CVO Advertising Manager: Mr Ian Woodhead</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>PBS involvement in plans for establishing a list of National Trust properties with associated churches or chapels where the Prayer Book is used</p>
<p>24</p>	<p>Liverpool Branch Contact: PBS Office</p>
<p>25 THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL</p>	<p>Rejoice that Paul's life and letters continue to inspire and convert. Like him, pray for grace to press on in faith, aware of failings, yes, but grateful for all Christ has done for us: <i>Reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus [See Philippians 3,8-14]</i></p>
<p>26</p>	<p>Miss Hilary Rudge: Trustee & Company Secretary</p>
<p>27 THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY</p>	<p>In the Gospel, Jesus heals by touch a believing leper who asks to be made clean; and he marvels at the faith of the Gentile centurion who trusts Jesus to heal his sick servant without visiting the home. In the NT lesson for Mattins* Jesus heals the tormented daughter of a Canaanite woman, having tested the mother's resolve. We see he is Saviour of Jew <i>and</i> Gentile, the clean <i>and</i> the unclean: we are fortunate. <i>Matthew 15.21 [1871 Calendar]</i></p>
<p>28</p>	<p>Corporate Members: St Mary Magdalene, Taunton (Bath & Wells) Holy Trinity Church, Brathay (Carlisle)</p>
<p>29</p>	<p>Pray for PBS and its members as we seek to play a full and responsible part in the Church's life at all levels: national, diocesan, deanery and parish</p>

30 Charles K & M

I, AB, do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, **her heirs and successors**, according to law: So help me God.

Oath of Allegiance made by Clergy Pray for sincere and frequent use of the BCP State Prayers. God grant that faithful Christian devotion and service in the Royal Family will long bless us with Sovereigns who, with the Church's loyal support, will continue to hold and defend the faith.

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Manchester Branch C: Mr John Dunne
Contact: PBS Office

1 February
Vigil/Fast

The 1662 Circle and all kindly remembering PBS in their wills

2 **THE PURIFICATION OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN**
The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Divinely prompted [*he came by the Spirit into the temple**], good Simeon's entry coincides with the Holy Family's dutiful visit; equally devout Anna is present, too. Simeon's *Nunc Dimittis* and his telling prophecies about the Child's future are inexhaustible spiritual riches. But note for now how Simeon foresees that Jesus comes as **the consolation of Israel*** - and Anna that his coming will mark **the redemption of Jerusalem***. This Child will prove 'Comforter-Consoler-Supporter' of God's elect, and 'Ransom-Liberator-Redeemer' for his faithful people. **Gospel for the Day*

3 **THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**
St Blasius

Be subject unto the higher powers...the powers that be are ordained of God...rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil Render...to all their dues *Epistle for the Day*
Subjects and servants are to be diligent, respectful and obedient, teaches St Paul in an age unconcerned with workers' rights. Times change: but pray that today's faithful will willingly be dutiful, too, and make giving their priority rather than receiving and (mindful of their Master's example) serving rather than being served.

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Corporate Members: St James the Great, Gawsworth (Chester) St Mary's, Whitewell (Chester)

5 *St Agatha*

PBS Trading Ltd C: Mr John Scrivener T: Mr Paul Meitner. All involved in provision and sale of books, cards and other items in support of the work of PBS.

6	Accession of Queen Elizabeth II	The worship and witness of Westminster Abbey and all Royal Peculiars
7		Norwich Branch C: Mr Richard Harrison S: Mrs Allison Wilson T: Mr Christopher Robins
8		Our generous group of <i>Benefactors</i>
9		Mr John Scrivener: North West Regional Trustee
10	THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY	<i>Whatever you do, in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God...the Father by him</i> <i>Epistle for the Day [Colossians 3.12-17]</i> Do read the whole Epistle! It sings with good advice for making worship balanced and uplifting. It is also wonderfully encouraging about embracing the practicalities of sound Christian living.
11		Corporate Members: St Michael, Baddiley (Chester) St Michael's, Shotwick (Chester)
12		Ms Sarah Blackburn: PBS Website Administrator. Expansion of the Society's use of the social media in promoting its aims and supporting its members.
13		Involvement of BCP-supporting clergy and laity in deanery, diocesan and national Church affairs
14	St Valentine	Peterborough Branch S: Mr Alan Palmer
15		Development of PBS plans to encourage Prayer Book use with children and young people
16		Mr Dick Wilkinson CVO: South West Regional Trustee
17	SEPTUAGESIMA	<i>Genesis 2.4-25 and Revelation 21.9-22.5</i> are today's set <i>Evensong Lessons [1871 Calendar]</i> . We now enter the <i>Greater Lent</i> when we both look back to our origins in Eden, and forward to restoration in the heavenly Jerusalem. Lent and Easter relive Christ's great work to redeem man from his blighted past and fit him for the glorious inheritance to come. Pray that this Lent will open us up anew to the breath-taking scope of God's great work in our creation, redemption and sanctification.
18		General Synod, meeting this week at Westminster. Prayer Book supporters in Synod.
19		Corporate Members: St Wilfred, Grappenhall (Chester) St George's Memorial Church, Belgium (Overseas)

20	Branch Representatives' Council C: Revd J Lee Potter S: Mr John Dearing
21	The PBS Cranmer Awards Finals: 30th Anniversary event at Lambeth Palace. Pray for today's finalists, remembering schools and competitors involved at all stages of this important enterprise.
22	Our Copyhold Farm staff: Adrienne Syrett (Office Manager), Belinda Clarke, Geri Brooksbank and Gemma Thatcher. Volunteer assistant: Terry Furlonger.
23 Vigil/Fast	Mr John Service (Churches and Clergy Co-ordinator) and his work with clergy, ordinands, training institutions, and associated PBS committees
24SEXAGESIMA	<i>If I must glory, I will glory of the things which concern my infirmities</i> Epistle for the Day Paul shows us that spiritual strength may prove itself most powerful when we are under siege. No surprise: in baptism we are signed with the sign of the cross* - no pagan talisman, but a proud declaration of our rebirth into Christ's death and resurrection. Let us pray for courage to persevere like Paul, <i>unashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, and manfully to fight under his banner*</i> . <i>*Baptism Services</i>
25 SAINT MATTHIAS'S DAY (transf)	Pray for faithfulness in our bishops and clergy. Pray too for wisdom and grace for all church-people, both ordained and lay, finding themselves called to office following a predecessor's moral or spiritual failure.
26	<i>The Prayer Book Today</i> Editor: Revd Canon Andrew Hawes. <i>Faith & Worship</i> Editor: Mr John Scrivener. All contributors and advertisers.
27	Vice-Presidents of PBS: Revd Dr Roger Beckwith Rt Hon Frank Field MP Prof Roger Homan Mr Neil Inkley Mr C A Anthony Kilmister OBE
28	Leeds Branch (Ripon) S & T: Mr John Wimpres

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