

St Asaph Diocesan Lent Prayer 2025

Holy God, Creator of all,
your hope is written into all creation;
as seasons change, new life springs afresh
from all that is fallen.



Holy Jesus, Redeemer of all,
your outstretched arms offer hope to all who stumble
through this world's trials;
fresh starts to find a way through all that's broken.

Holy Spirit, Sustainer of all,
you lead us with hope in a kingdom that's ever-expanding;
may we become beacons of your hope
as we seek to share the unquenchable love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Composed by Archdeacon Hayley

Lord Jesus, as you called Mary
Magdalen to be the first witness
to the Resurrection, free us
from the discrimination and bias
shown against women down the
centuries. Help the Church to
be a community of women and
men, where the work of the
Holy Spirit may be recognised
equally in our lives. Amen



*From an Easter Book of Days by
Gregory K Cameron*



EMBER DAYS are set aside for prayer for vocations, and for those who serve the church in different ministries. Traditionally they are observed on the Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays in the weeks before the Third Sunday of Advent, the Second Sunday of Lent, and the nearest Sunday to 29 June and 29 September.

Please use this sheet for reflection and prayer during the **EMBER DAYS** themselves, around times of inductions and ordinations and licensing's, alone and with others in your church or Mission Area.



Almighty God strengthen and
sustain all who minister in your
church, that in the range and
diversity of our vocation, we
may be catalysts of your
kingdom in the world, through
Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.



VOCATION

There are a wide variety of ordained and lay vocations which after discernment and training enable a collaborative ministry to take place in many contexts across our diocese. For further information please go to <https://dioceseofstasaph.org.uk/vocations-and-ministry>



Some of our working chaplains across the diocese Debbie Sawyer (Airport Chaplain) and Jo Bowles (Police Chaplain)

LET US PRAY

LORD JESUS, YOU ARE THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE. HELP US TO FIND NEW LIFE IN YOU. FREE US FROM THE FAILINGS AND SINS THAT CAN CONFINE US, AND OPEN OUT FOR US THE FULLNESS OF ETERNAL LIFE. TEACH US TO SEEK YOUR HELP EVEN IN THE MOST EXTREME OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND GIVE US THE GIFT OF FAITH. AMEN.

FROM AN EASTER BOOK OF DAYS
BY GREGORY K CAMERON



PLEASE PRAY FOR

- those who are currently exploring their vocation and our team of Vocations Advisors.
- vocations to the ordained ministry from younger candidates, and for those who will exercise leadership in the church of the future as we face the coming retirement of a large proportion of our clergy.
- vocations to the newer licensed lay ministries – evangelist, reader, pastoral chaplain, youth and children's chaplain.
- an increase in commitment to discipleship and Christian maturity.
- all the people of God in churches across our diocese as we seek to serve God in a variety of contexts – work, home, community, church.
- candidates attending Stage 1 and Stage 2 Provincial Discernment panels this year and those who will commence training at St. Padarn's in August.

THOSE PREPARING TO BE ORDAINED TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIEST IN 2025

Pam Hallam (Priest)

THOSE CURRENTLY IN TRAINING FOR LICENSED LAY MINISTERS IN 2025

Mark Cooke (Pastoral Chaplain)

Lucy Farrar (Pastoral Chaplain)

THOSE WHO ARE ALSO CURRENTLY IN TRAINING

Rob Dawson (Priest)

Elin Douglas-Jones (Priest)

Cheryl Hesketh (Priest)

Sarah Namirembe (Priest)

Victoria Stait (Priest)

Paul Tipney-Hicks (Priest)

THOSE PREPARING TO BE ORDAINED TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACON IN 2025

David Dobbs (Priest)

Jampa King (Priest)

Sharon Morgan (Priest)

Ian Williams (Deacon)

Glyn Wise (Priest)



Mark Cooke and Lucy Farrar currently in training to be Pastoral Chaplains

