

Praying for Ministry Advent 2025

From Isaiah 35

The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way;
say to those with fearful hearts,
"Be strong, do not fear; your God will come,
he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution
he will come to save you."

Advent Collect

Lord Jesus Christ, your world awaits you.
In the longing of the persecuted for justice;
in the longing of the poor for prosperity;
in the longing of the privileged for riches greater than wealth;
in the longing of our hearts for a better life;
and in the song of your church:
expectation is ever present.

O come, Lord, desire behind our greatest needs.

O come, Lord, liberator of humanity.

O come, Lord, O come, Immanuel.

Common Order: Church of Scotland



Ember days are times when we are called to remember God's vocation and to pray for everyone responding to God's call.

Our next Ember Days are on

17, 19 and 20 December.

Please pray for all church leaders, lay and ordained, and for all who are exploring their vocation.

If you would like to explore God's call for you, please talk with the leaders in your Mission Area and explore more about vocation and ministry at <https://dioceseofstasaph.org.uk/vocations-and-ministry> or scan the QR code.



Christingle



The Ministry Team at All Saints Mission Hub, Newtown, with members of the Church Growth team

Please pray for:

All the people of God in churches, chaplaincies and schools across our diocese, that we may prepare a way, and be a way, over which God may once again walk into our world this Advent and Christmas.



Some of the St Asaph ordinands and St Padarn's staff at a Formation Day at Gladstone's Library

Those who will be ordained as Priests in June 2026

David Dobbs (Deacon)
Jampa King (Deacon)
Sharon Morgan (Deacon)
Ian Williams (Deacon)
Glyn Wise (Deacon)

Those preparing to be ordained as Deacon in 2026

Rob Dawson
Cheryl Hesketh
Elin Douglas Jones
Vicki Stait
Reuben Zwiggelaar

Those starting training as Priests and Reader in 2025

Deborah Catterall (Priest)
Sharon Dean (Priest)
Rhys Parry (Priest)
Joshua Schoch (Priest)
Hazel Lobo (Reader)

Ministry and Mission within the Diocese of St Asaph

The Body of Christ: We are the Body of Christ! We are all called to live and tell the great story of God's love for us, each and every day.

Locally Commissioned Ministry: Are you called to a pastoral ministry or to lead worship, or teach the faith in your Mission Area? If so, talk with your Mission Area Leader (MAL) or local priest.

Licensed Lay Ministry (LLM): Are you called to preach and lead worship, to be a chaplain in your community or in an organisation, or to be a chaplain with youth and children? If so, Licensed Lay Ministry might be for you. Ask your priest and MAL to put you in touch with a Vocations Adviser.

Ordained Ministry: Are you called to be a servant, shepherd, messenger, sentinel and steward? Are you called to celebrate communion, preach the faith and be a pastor and leader of the church? Ask your priest and MAL to commend you to a Vocations Adviser.

Pioneering: Is God calling you to something else, to pioneer and do a new thing, in new ways, in new places, with new people? Ask your priest and MAL to put you in touch with a Vocations Adviser.

The Body of Christ: Whatever your vocation and ministry, how might you be able to live and share your faith in God today? If you'd like to discover more about this, talk with your church leader.