



St Asaph Diocesan Lent Prayer 2023

*Father, the source and fulfilment of true living,
Grow the gift of faith within us.
Inspire us to be bringers of hope to the world,
and lead us to demonstrate love in all things.
May the Teulu Asaph be your holy people,
serving the world, and living with joy,
In this time, and at all times. Amen.*

(Composed by Bishop Gregory)



*"The harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few;
therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out
labourers into his harvest."*

Matthew 9:37,38

PRAYING FOR MINISTRY LENT 2023



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, after Pentecost and the third (liturgical) week in September.

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

GROW FAITH • BRING HOPE • DEMONSTRATE LOVE

*Almighty God help us to grow in faith, bring hope to those
we meet on our journey and in our ministries and
demonstrate the love of your son, 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/>

Let us pray

God who calls us to contribute to his Kingdom, take our insecurities and vulnerabilities and weave them through with your holy confidence which always reassures us that we have something to offer. As we explore what you are asking of us, we pray for integrity of heart, clarity of mind, and a yearning to love and serve others wherever that may take us: for deep peace about this next step, and for God's light in our eyes. Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR

- those who are currently exploring their vocation and our team of Vocations Advisors
- for 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
- for vocations to the newer licensed lay ministries – pioneer, evangelist, pastoral chaplain, children, youth and family workers
- for an increase in commitment to discipleship and Christian maturity
- for 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
- For candidates attending a Provincial Discernment Conference in March

WE PRAY FOR THOSE PREPARING TO BE ORDAINED TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN 2023:

Alyson Goldstein (Priest, Non- Stipendiary)
Grace Lomas (Priest, Stipendiary)
Dan Morgan (Priest, Stipendiary)
Marcus Pipe (Priest, Non -Stipendiary)

WE PRAY FOR THOSE PREPARING TO BE ORDAINED TO THE DIACONATE IN 2023:

Emma Dale (Priest, Stipendiary)
Annalise Davies (Priest, Stipendiary)
Gwen Dixon (Priest, Non-Stipendiary)
Kathryn Hall (Priest, Stipendiary)
Pam Hallam-Wedley (Deacon, Non-Stipendiary)
Cass Meurig Thomas (Priest, Stipendiary)



WE PRAY FOR THOSE PREPARING TO BE LICENSED AS PASTORAL CHAPLAINS IN 2023:

Joanne Bowles (Licensed Pastoral Chaplain)
Deborah Sawyer (Licensed Pastoral Chaplain)

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN TRAINING FOR MINISTRY, FOR THEIR FAMILIES AND FOR ST PADARN'S INSTITUTE:

Emma Dale (Priest, Stipendiary)
Annalise Davies (Priest, Stipendiary)
Stuart Dean (Priest, Stipendiary)
Gwen Dixon (Priest, Non-Stipendiary)
Kathryn Hall (Priest, Stipendiary)
Pam Hallam-Wedley (Deacon, Non-Stipendiary)
Barbara Jones (Deacon, Non-Stipendiary)
Maria Morante (Licensed Pastoral Chaplain)
Rebecca Ratcliffe (Deacon, Non-Stipendiary)
Joshua Schoch (Licensed Pastoral Chaplain)
Cass Meurig Tomas (Priest, Stipendiary)
Glyn Wise (Priest, Stipendiary)