

Praying for Ministry

Lent 2026

A Song of Humility

Come, let us return to the Lord who has torn us and will heal us. God has stricken us and will bind up our wounds. After two days, he will revive us, and on the third day will raise us up, that we may live in his presence.

'For loyalty is my desire and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.'
Hosea 6.1-2, 6

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing you have made
and forgive the sins of all who are penitent:
Create and make in us new and contrite hearts,
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may obtain of you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness.
Amen.



Ember days are times when we are called to remember God's call on our lives and to pray for everyone who seeks to respond. Our next Ember Days are on **25, 27 and 28 February.**

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, please talk with the leaders in your Mission Area and find out more about vocation and ministry at <https://dioceseofstasaph.org.uk/vocations-and-ministry> or scan the QR code below.



Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'
Matthew 16.24



The shrine at
Pennant Melangell

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. We are called to grow faith, bring hope and demonstrate love.

Locally Commissioned Ministry: Are you called to help lead worship, caring for people or sharing your faith in your given 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.

Please pray for:

All the people
of God in
churches,
chaplaincies
and schools
across our
diocese.

Through the
season of Lent,
may we walk in
the way of the
Cross and find
in it the way of
life and peace.



The LLM day at St Asaph Cathedral

Those preparing to be ordained as Priests in June 2026

David Dobbs
Jampa King
Sharon Morgan
Ian Williams
Glyn Wise

Those who are training as Priests and Reader in 2026

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

Those preparing to be ordained as Deacons in 2026

Rob Dawson
Cheryl Hesketh
Elin Douglas Jones
Vicki Stait
Paul Tipney-Hicks
Reuben Zwiggelaar

Those who are preparing to go to discernment panels and, by God’s grace, start training in 2026.

All who are discerning God’s call on their lives.