

# SENS WARBARTH SAINTS TOGETHER

## PRAYER GUIDE



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Sens Warbarth (Cornish for ‘Saints Together’) is a new expression of prayer across the Diocese of Truro.

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During October and November 2024, we will be gathering together across the diocese on Zoom at 8.30am every Wednesday to pray for the appointment of a new Diocesan Bishop.

This guide is offered for those who have other commitments on a Wednesday morning but who would otherwise like to pray in step with us.



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OF TRURO

# SENS WARBARTH

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Pages 3 and 4 offer the liturgy that we will be using. Pages 5-8 then provide the broad focus of prayer in a given week, and the Bible readings we will be using for the weekly reflections. Whilst we can't offer our reflections ahead of time, we encourage you to pray with these Bible readings using Lectio Divina, a simple 4-stage process of:

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- **Reading**, listening prayerfully for a key word or phrase
- **Meditating**, chewing that word or phrase over in your mind
- **Praying**, bringing before God whatever you have learnt
- **Contemplating**, sitting in loving attentiveness before God

If anything comes to mind in your prayers that you think would be worth sharing more widely, please email the Sens Warbarth leads:

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## OPENING LITURGY

Leader: I will exalt you, O God my King,  
**Response: and bless your name for ever and ever.**

Every day will I bless you  
**and praise your name for ever and ever.**

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised;  
**his greatness is beyond all searching out.**

One generation shall praise your works to another  
**and declare your mighty acts.**

They shall speak of the majesty of your glory,  
**and I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.**

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord,  
**and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

*Silence is kept.*

God of glory,  
whose Spirit gives wisdom and understanding to those  
who ask:

we look to you as we seek a new Diocesan Bishop.

Guide our discernment,

and make us attentive to your call,

that together we may grow into the fullness of Christ,

and tell of your glory from one generation to the next.

This, we pray, through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Reading** – please see pages 5-8

**Prayers of intercession** – please see pages 5-8

## PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE OF TRURO

Holy and unchanging God,  
creator of an ever shifting and changing world,  
bless us with a heavenly curiosity that seeks you and your ways in  
everything we do,  
and grant us your wisdom  
that we might continue to walk your way in faith and hope and love.  
Through Christ we pray.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## CLOSING LITURGY

Filled with the Spirit's power,  
we journey on as saints together,  
choosing the way of Christ.  
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# READINGS & POINTS FOR PRAYER

In addition to the readings and points for prayer, a theme for each week is offered based on the Statement of Needs.

## **Week 1 – 25th September** *Theme - decision making*

Exodus 18:13-23

Praying for the shortlisting of applicants.

## **Week 2 – 2nd October** *Theme – leading*

Matthew 20:20-28

Praying for candidates as they prepare for interview.

## **Week 3 – 9th October** *Theme - discerning*

1 Samuel 16:1, 4-13

Praying for voting members of the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) by name:

- Archbishop Justin Welby
- Archbishop Stephen Cottrell
- Miss Christina Baron
- Revd Paul Benfield
- Revd Laura Bushell Hawke
- Miss Prudence Dailey
- Revd Anna Mason-Hyde
- Revd Esther Prior
- Mr Clive Scowen
- Mr Roger Smith
- Revd Jo Stobart
- Mr Mike Sturgess
- Mr Simon Taurins
- Revd Andrew Yates

# READINGS & POINTS FOR PRAYER

## **Week 4 – 16th October** *Theme - listening*

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Today is interview day 2 of 2, so we are praying today for the candidates and those on the interview panel. You might also wish to use this prayer, written by the CNC:

Lord God of heaven,  
the great and awesome God who keeps covenant  
and steadfast love with those who love him and  
keep his commandments, as this process to elect a  
new Diocesan Bishop of Truro commences,  
we confess to you our unfaithfulness as a people,  
and ask that by grace, you would bring us  
a leader who is all for you.

Help the Crown Nominations Commission be  
attentive to you as its members seek to  
discern who should lead us.

We pray that they be inspired by your Spirit  
as they prepare; and for wisdom, courage and unity  
as they deliberate, and vote.

Reveal to them, and to the candidates,  
to whom this call belongs.

We ask that heaven would touch our land;  
that our church leadership would walk intimately  
with you; that we would learn afresh of, and  
to delight in, your power, the glory of your Name,  
and your faithfulness to us; that all would turn to  
you, our living, Lord Jesus. Hallelujah.

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## **Week 5 – 23rd October** *Theme - wisdom*

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Praying for Stephen Knott (Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments) and Helen Dimmock (Ecclesiastical Secretary to the Crown and Lord Chancellor).

## **Week 6 – 30th October** *Theme - unity*

Ephesians 4:1-6

Praying for the diocese and its deaneries. Pray for your own deanery and another deanery that you know less well:

- East Wivelshire
- St Austell
- Stratton
- Trigg Major
- Trigg Minor and Bodmin
- West Wivelshire
- Carnmarth North
- Carnmarth South
- Kerrier
- Penwith
- Powder
- Pydar

## **Week 7 – 6th November** *Theme - hope*

Psalm 42

Praying for the Creation Care team.

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## **Week 8 – 13th November** *Theme - community*

John 17:6-19

Praying for community groups and ministry initiatives across the diocese.

## **Week 9 – 20th November** *Theme - dignity*

1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Praying for social justice groups and charities, and for the Safeguarding team.

## **Week 10 – 27th November** *Theme - joy*

Ecclesiasticus 4:11-31

Praying for schools, and for ministry leaders both lay and ordained.

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