



*Diocese of Chelmsford
serving East London and Essex*



*Prayer resources for the Calling
of the 11th Bishop of Chelmsford*

The process of appointing the new Bishop of Chelmsford is underway. There are a range of people and committees with roles to play in this process. But – as we know from the Acts of the Apostles, and down the centuries of Christian – every one of us has an active part to play in seeking God’s wisdom and care for those responsible for this appointment and those whom God is calling to be considered for this crucial role of service in the life of our diocese.

These simple resources can be used in a whole variety of ways and do please share them with others.

Please use these prayers regularly and widely in worship and daily prayer, on prayer boards, in parish notice sheets, among home groups and prayer groups across your communities.

Some Bible passages for reflection.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. (*1 Peter 2.4-5*)

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. (*1 Peter 2.9*)

For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. (*2 Timothy 1:11*)



In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. (*2 Corinthians 5:19*) used at the Ordination of Bishops.

PRAYING FOR THE 11th BISHOP OF CHELMFORD



Please pray for:

- *The life of our great and diverse diocese, and for all the communities we seek to serve from Clacton-on-Sea to Canning Town; from Southend to Saffron Walden*
- *For a deepening of our love for God and of our service in God's world*
- *For our church communities and all the places where God's people gather*
- *For God's provision and care for all those responsible for calling the 11th Bishop of Chelmsford*
- *For those God is preparing to respond to that call.*

God of provision and care,
discernment and knowledge:
lead us in your love,
empower us by your Spirit,
and equip us with your gifts;
give us hearts full of love for all people,
minds open to the signs of the times,
and wisdom to know how to respond
to the voice of your calling.

We ask this through him whose coming is certain,
whose day draws near, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

