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Prayer Diary

July & August 2021

Heavenly Father, give these your servants grace and power to fulfil their ministry. Make them faithful to serve and constant in advancing your gospel in the world. May they follow the example of Jesus Christ your Son, who washed the feet of his disciples, and set the needs of others before his own.

Area Dean of Worcester Deanery:
Diane Cooksey
Lay Chair: Rob Pearce

Praying for our baptism families
Loving Father, you know that parenting can be tough, help parents be strong and help them to use their power and influence to make just and right decisions for the lives of their children. Amen.

St Albans: Bishop Alan Smith
with Bishops Richard Atkinson
& Michael Beasley
Linköping (Sweden):
Bishop Martin Modéus
**The Anglican Church of
Papua New Guinea:**
Bishop Nathan Ingen

M **Connor (Ireland):**
Bishop George Davison

T **Cork, Cloyne & Ross (Ireland):**
Bishop William Colton

W **Costa Rica (Central America):**
Bishop Orlando Gomez

Th **Coventry:**
Bishop Christopher Cocksworth
with Bishop John Stroyan

F **Cuba:**
Bishop Griselda Delgado Del Carpio

S **Cueibet (South Sudan):**
Bishop Elijah Matuony Awet



Ordinations

Please pray for those who are being ordained in the Cathedral this weekend.

Ordained Priest yesterday were:

- Claire Billington serving in Peopleton and White Ladies Aston w Churchill & Spetchley & Upton Snodsbury & Broughton Hackett
- Lindsey Coulthard serving at St Stephen Barbourne, Worcester
- Foluso Enwerem serving at Top Church, Dudley
- Jon Evans serving at Christ Church, Lye
- Jessica Fellows serving at All Saints, Worcester
- Christopher Henson serving at St John, Kidderminster
- Rosie Moss serving at St Nicholas, Warndon, Worcester
- Kim Topham serving in Clent and Hagley
- Carol Weston serving in the Brierley Hill team

Ordained Deacon today will be:

- Shaun Armstrong, to serve in the Kidderminster Ismere Team
- Melissa Beynon, to serve in the Halas Team, Halesowen
- Calum Burke, to serve at Top Church, Dudley
- Fraser Oates, to serve at All Saints Church in Worcester
- Richard Sandland, to serve in the Bromsgrove Team

Mon 5 Worcester South East Team

At Holy Trinity & St Matthew, Ronkswood please pray for our continuing efforts to provide a new church building in Ronkswood. Also for all in our congregation who share their own gifts and ministries to grow God's Kingdom in this place. Clergy: Rob Farmer

Tue 6 Worcester South East Team

At St Phillip & St James, Whittington we give thanks for the progress now being made with our Elizabethan Room building project. We pray that it that will allow us to strengthen our links in the expanding community that we serve. Clergy: Andrew Stand

Wed 7 Diocese of Peru

The second round of Peru's presidential election last month was bitterly contested, extremely close and marred by unsubstantiated allegations of fraud to challenge the result. As the new president is sworn in later this month, pray for healing in this deeply polarised country enormously damaged by the pandemic.

Thur 8 Worcester South East Team

At St Mark in the Cherry Orchard, please pray that we may build up our links in the community we serve, especially with the various groups who use our church hall, with Cherry Orchard Academy, and with Acorns Children's Hospice. Clergy: Andrew Stand

Fri 9 Worcester South East Team

At St Martin, London Road pray for the relaunch of our work with children and families - Forest Church, a children's choir, Mainly Music, Messy Church, baptism preparation classes - and the establishment of a community lunch club. Clergy: Peter Hart, Robin Parry; Reader: Mike Bunclark

Sat 10 Growing as Kingdom People

Give thanks and pray for the volunteers in all our churches. Help them to feel guided by your Spirit and love as they live out our values of love, compassion, justice and freedom in their communities.

Changes to the Diocesan Education Team

In January, the Diocesan Education Team were delighted to welcome the Revd Duncan Hutchison as a new Education Adviser and have, more recently in June, celebrated the promotion of Tim Reid to Diocesan Director of Education (DDE).

Along with the rest of the team, Duncan and Tim will support the 100 CofE schools and academies across Dudley and Worcestershire.

Duncan has taken the lead in training and support for Christian vision, values and ethos, Religious Education, Collective Worship, spirituality and SIAMS. Before joining the team, he was a Deputy Headteacher at a CofE Primary School in the Diocese of Gloucester. He was ordained deacon last year and is currently serving as a non-stipendiary curate in Gloucester.

Tim has been our Deputy Director of Education since 2017, previously working as a Diocesan School Improvement Consultant and SIAMS Manager after being Headteacher of a local Church of England Primary School. He has been instrumental in developing the vision for the church schools in our diocese to be places where children can receive a high-quality education and live life in all its fullness. He said, "I'm looking forward to continuing to work closely with all schools and developing our strategy to support and equip school staff, governors and leaders as they strive to offer the best education to young people throughout Dudley and Worcestershire. Ensuring the sustainability of our schools will be a central focus of our work."

Mon 12 St Barnabas w Christ Church

Give thanks that we are safe. Pray for the wider parish and for all who visit our Beyond the Walls activities. Pray as we ask "What next?"; for our vacancy preparations; and as we embark on conversations with our cluster churches. Give thanks for our ALMs. Clergy: Julieann Watson; Retired Clergy: Andy Gandon; Trainee Reader: Julie Berrow

Tue 13 Tolladine Mission

Give thanks for everybody who has been a part of the Tolladine Mission and for those involved in seeking a new way forward. Pray for the beautiful people of Tolladine and may we continue to listen to the Spirit. Tolladine Missioner: Sue Martyr

Wed 14 Diocese of Morogoro

We pray for 40 new parishes in areas where Christianity faces challenges including Islamic domination, nomadic communities and virtually no existing infrastructure. We pray for all those who will be serving in these new parish areas that they will be upheld and strengthened by the love of God.

Thur 15 St Stephen, Worcester

Pray for wisdom and sensitivity in our exploration of forms of worship for families new to Church and for courage experimenting with new ways of engaging the sceptical and (currently) uninterested in our communities. Clergy: Andy Todd, Lindsey Coulthard; Reader: Margaret Mandrell

Fri 16 St Wulstan, Worcester

Give thanks for our friendships with Cranham Primary School and Oasis Warndon, and for Chris Walker as she leads the new Mainly Music team, building community with families through singing and friendship. Clergy: Sarah Northall; Reader: Phillip Howell

Sat 17 St Martin in the Cornmarket

Please pray that we might be built up in faith and service as we consider how we can best serve our part of the city centre. Clergy: Colin Butler, Tim Clarke

Please pray for Duncan, Tim and the wider education team as they strive to support the Church of England schools in our diocese.



Diocesan Director of Education:
Tim Reid
Diocesan Education Adviser:
Duncan Hutchison

Newcastle:
Bishop Christine Hardman
with Bishop Mark Wroe
Møre (Norway):
Bishop Ingeborg Midttømme
The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Cuernavaca (Mexico): M
Bishop Enrique Treviño Cruz

Cuttack (India): T
Bishop Surendra Kumar Nanda

Cyangugu (Rwanda): W
Bishop Francis Karemera

Cyprus and the Gulf: Th
Archbishop Michael Lewis

Daejeon (Korea): F
Bishop Moses Nagjun Yoo

North Dakota (USA): S
Bishop Michael Smith

Please pray for all children and young people who are moving on from their schools this week, that they might find peace, courage and hope as they look towards the next step on their pathways.

Worcester Deanery Leadership Team:
Paul Fulbrook (Secretary),
Anne Potter, Mike Bunclark,
Stephanie Watson

Skara (Sweden):
Bishop Åke Bonnier

Leeds:
Bishop Nick Baines with Bishops
Tony Robinson, Helen-Ann Hartley,
Toby Howarth, Jonathan Gibbs &
Paul Slater
Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda:
Archbishop Laurent Mbanda

School Leavers in the time of Covid

For many children and young people, moving on from their school is a huge part of growing up, rich with new-found independence, the making or leaving behind of friends and the excitement or worry about the future. The restrictions of the pandemic make this time of transition more difficult, with pupils, teachers and parents trying to find creative ways to celebrate, ease the pressure and highlight the exciting opportunities to come.

In our diocese, many leavers are at different stages of their educational journeys. This week, some of our children and young people will be leaving their First, Primary or Middle Schools, whilst the eldest in our High and Secondary Schools will be looking ahead to further study at school, college, or university, or might even be preparing to enter the workplace.



This year, we helped schools celebrate this special occasion through two diocesan-led virtual leavers' services: one for Key Stage 2 and another for Key Stages 3 and 4. The Bishop of Dudley, Martin Gorick, led the services along with the Archdeacon of Worcester, Robert Jones, with contributions of readings, prayers and reflections from our fabulous school leavers themselves.

Mon 19 All Saints, Worcester

Pray that we would embrace the opportunities to share faith and serve our community post-lockdown and fulfil our vocation as a resourcing church. Clergy: Rich Johnson, Owen Gallacher, Andy Smith, Jess Fellows, Paul Swann

Tue 20 Retired clergy in Worcester Deanery

Bartolomé De Las Casas is remembered today as a light in dark days of history when Indians in Spanish colonies were denied their freedoms. Pray today for all retired ministers, especially those in Worcester Deanery, who in their own ministry have shone light where truth was obscured.

Wed 21 The Protestant Church of Central Germany

We pray for the many mixed-denomination couples in our churches. Bless them and keep them on your way, which is one in Christ.

Thur 22 Worcester City In-Patient Unit

For all at Worcester City In-patient Unit and the teams that work so hard to bring rest, rehabilitation and support for patients and their families. For Matron, Jo Roberts, and the Chaplaincy and Pastoral Support Team led by Andy Green.

Fri 23 Worcester Royal Hospital

Please pray for all staff after a hugely demanding and unparalleled year and for the exhaustion they are coping with. Pray for the Chaplaincy in its role supporting patients and staff. Chaplains: David Southall, David Ryan, Helen Glithero, Mark Herauville.

Sat 24 Growing as Kingdom People

Pray that all in our churches will find opportunities for rest and recuperation over the summer period – a break from the unique demands of the past 18 months and a chance to feel refreshed as we head into Autumn.

Please pray that the Three Choirs Festival brings much-needed joy to all who visit, perform or organise it.

Artistic Director of the
Three Choirs Festival:
Samuel Hudson

Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania:
Bishop Mindaugas Sabutis
Derry and Raphoe (Ireland):
Bishop Andrew Foster
The Scottish Episcopal Church:
Archbishop Mark Strange

Delaware (USA): M
Bishop Kevin S. Brown

Delhi (India): T
Bishop Warris K. Masih

Derby: W
Bishop Libby Lane with
Bishop Malcolm Macnaughton

Derry & Raphoe (Ireland): Th
Bishop Andrew Forster

Dhaka (Bangladesh): F
Bishop Paul Shishir Sarker

San Diego (USA): S
Bishop Susan Brown Snook



Three Choirs Festival

This week, Worcester is hosting the Three Choirs Festival, with an exciting programme of events which commenced yesterday, running until Sunday 1 August. Having recently celebrated its 300th anniversary, the Three Choirs Festival is the longest running non-competitive classical music festival in the world. It rotates annually between the beautiful English cathedral cities of Hereford, Gloucester and Worcester.

There is something for everyone to enjoy at the festival, from major choral and orchestral concerts in Worcester Cathedral, to fun-filled family shows, sung cathedral services, outdoor theatre, exhibitions, walks and more. This year's festival incorporates the themes of journeying, exploration and looking to the future. The full programme of events is available on the Three Choirs website: <https://3choirs.org/whats-on>

Mon 26 Worcestershire County Council

Please pray for the councillors who are part of Worcestershire County Council, including Council leader, Simon Geraghty and for the staff who support them. Pray that the decisions they make will benefit those most in need across Worcestershire.

Tue 27 Worcester Almshouses

For the chaplaincies at Laslett's and St Oswald's (Chaplain: Sue Irwin). For loving communities where the elderly and disadvantaged can be valued. For Nash's & Wyatt's Court, Berkeley's Court and Walsgrove Court, Queen Elizabeth's Almshouses and The Royal Albert and St Swithun's.

Wed 28 Economy & Daily Life

As the school year ends, give thanks for all that has been achieved, despite the difficulties of Covid-19. Pray for those moving into employment, looking for work or planning to enter further or higher education, for guidance in decisions; and for all teachers and staff in the summer holidays that they would find rest and relaxation.

Thur 29 Families in poverty

Please pray for those families who are struggling to make ends meet; particularly during summer holidays for children who would receive a free hot meal at school and whose families can't afford to do some activities other children may experience.

Fri 30 Faith at Work

As economic life picks up pace, post-Covid, volunteer chaplains are needed more than ever to visit workers and businesses. Pray for new volunteers to join our existing teams, and for those they visit in workplaces – for hope and peace when facing uncertain times. For Dick Johnson (Development Officer); Alison Sandham (Communications Officer); Mary Austin (Chair of Trustees).

Sat 31 Foodbanks

Pray for all those working in foodbanks across the Diocese. Give thanks for their friendly and non-judgemental welcome as well as the difference they make to those who are struggling. Pray for continuing generosity among those of us who can afford to buy extra to help ensure no one goes without.

We give thanks for the scientists, NHS staff and volunteers who are facilitating the vaccination of UK citizens. Please pray for people to give generously to 'Give the World a Shot'.

Kidderminster and Stourport Deanery – Area Dean: Tim Williams

Praying for our baptism families: Gracious God, Thank you for those parents who bring their children for baptism. We ask that they are never afraid to ask and seek help and support when they need it. Amen.

Bristol:

Bishop Vivienne Faull with Bishop Lee Rayfield Helsinki (Finland):

Bishop Teemu Laajasalo Church of the Province of South East Asia: Archbishop Melder Jiki Tais

M *Dogura (Papua New Guinea): Bishop Tennyson Bogar*

T *Doko (Nigeria): Bishop Uriah N. Kolo*

W *Dominican Republic: Bishop Moisés Quezada Mota*

Th *Domakal (India): Bishop Vadapalli Prasada Rao*

F *Down & Dromore (Ireland): Bishop David McClay*

S *Dublin & Glendalough (Ireland): Bishop Michael Jackson*

National VaccinAid campaign

The Church of England is supporting UNICEF UK's 'VaccinAid' campaign, which aims to help fund almost two billion Covid-19 vaccines for health workers and the most vulnerable people on our planet. The money raised will also help provide tests and treatments to people in 190 countries around the world through the COVAX initiative.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said, "There is no better way to show our deep gratitude for the gifts of science and medicine than making sure vulnerable people around the world are also given a shot."

Local churches are being encouraged to join the campaign, with resources available to download for free on the AChurchNearYou.com resource hub to share on social media, newsletters or notice boards. Using the Crowdfunder platform, individual donations can be given, but parishes can also sign-up to fundraise together.



"At the heart of the Christian faith is Christ's call to love our neighbour," Archbishop Justin continued. "Keeping one another safe from this terrible disease is part of living that out. I encourage people to donate whatever they can, so we can build a better world together."

For more information or to donate visit www.vaccinaid.org

Mon 2 Kidderminster & Stourport Deanery

Pray for the new Deanery as we seek to work together to further God's Kingdom. We thank God for the new and exciting possibilities. Pray for the new leadership team: Clare Stockford, Mark Hall, Paul Blackham and Tim Williams (Area Dean).

Tue 3 Kidderminster & Stourport Deanery

Heavenly Father, source of all love and life, as Kingdom people, united in prayer and worship, hear us as we pray for our Deanery. May we grow in love and faith, in unity and joy. Give us grace to listen; vision as we plan; wisdom in what we do and inspiration to act. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and saviour. Amen

Wed 4 Diocese of Peru

A re-examination of the data showed Peru has had the highest per capita Covid death toll in the world and as a poor country, the vaccination programme is progressing very slowly. Pray for the country's overstretched medical workers and for global justice in access to vaccinations.

Thur 5 Worcestershire Severn Parishes

At St Andrew, Ombersley, pray for the ongoing 'Towards 10 Years' programme looking forward to the 200th anniversary of the current church in 2028. At St Mary, Doverdale, pray for links with Sytchampton school and the securing of the church fabric. Clergy: Stephen Winter; Readers: James Homer, Richard Jeynes, Richard Berry

Fri 6 Worcestershire Severn Parishes

At St Michael, Elmley Lovett, pray for plans for the church building and links with Cutnall Green school. At St James, Hampton Lovett, pray for the vision for the future of the church building. At St Mary, Elmbridge, for our All Age Worship and at St Michael, Rushock, for the opportunities with young families. Clergy: Stephen Winter; Readers: James Homer, Richard Jeynes, Richard Berry

Sat 7 Growing as Kingdom People

Pray for all those who are looking to plant new churches in our diocese or to revitalise existing congregations. Help them to develop creative partnerships locally and be led by God's will so that more people can come to faith in Jesus.



Worcester Cathedral: The Leaves of the Trees art installation

During August, Worcester Cathedral is hosting The Leaves of the Trees, an installation of 5,000 steel 'Hope' leaves, as a reflective memorial to the effects of the pandemic. The installation has been designed to honour those who have lost their lives, but also to allow everyone to take a moment to contemplate what we have been through and to think about loved ones.

Designed and produced by internationally renowned sculptor and artist, Peter Walker, the installation features a sycamore maple leaf, which was chosen specifically for its symbolism of strength, protection, eternity and clarity. The leaves will be laid out on the Cathedral floor, creating a beautiful impression of autumn leaves fallen from the trees. Appearing as though naturally scattered by the wind, the leaves collectively symbolise both what has transpired in the past and what is to come in the future.

The exhibition will be available to visit during normal Cathedral visiting hours until Tuesday 31 August. Further information is available on the Cathedral's website: www.worcestercathedral.co.uk

Mon 9 Worcestershire Severn Parishes

At St James, Hartlebury, pray for new opportunities in both the village and school and the future of the mission church at Crossway Green. We give thanks for God's care of us. Clergy: Stephen Winter; Readers: James Homer, Richard Jeynes, Richard Berry

Tue 10 Kidderminster East

For St Cassian, Chaddesley Corbett, St George, Kidderminster and the online congregation. Pray that this summer will be a time for recovery ahead of the busyness of Autumn, and for those involved in weddings. Clergy: David Hildred; Readers: Christine Hickman-Smith, Lisa Manser, Carol Morris

Wed 11 Diocese of Morogoro

Give thanks as the new Tanzanian President fosters a climate of openness in relation to Covid-19 and for Bishop Godfrey as he seeks to care for the Morogoro Diocese during the pandemic. We also remember all clergy, Morogoro diocesan staff and the doctors and nurses of Berega Hospital.

Thur 12 Kidderminster East

Pray for all at St Cecilia, Kidderminster, St Chad, Kidderminster and St Mary, Stone as we begin to return to our buildings. May we discover how best to come alongside the communities in which we serve to show God's love. Clergy: Robert Legge; Readers: David Grist, Joe Hodgson, Geoff Surridge, John Chesworth, Elaine Voice

Fri 13 Kidderminster East

For the parish of Kidderminster East. We give thanks for the retired clergy connected with the parish, our ALMs, our wardens, PCC & DCC members, our office staff, and the many others who have different or even no specific role titles and who each make their contribution to the Body of Christ here.

Sat 14 Kidderminster Ismere

Please pray for our seven churches as they continue the process of reopening and reengaging with the local communities. Pray too for our ALMs. Clergy: Nigel Taylor, Simon Archer; Readers: Fleur Bradley, Ian Strongman

We pray for those who have suffered in unexpected and immeasurable ways during the course of the pandemic. We pray for strength and hope as we look towards a brighter future.

Kidderminster and Stourport Deanery – Lay Chair: Clare Stockford

Portsmouth:

Bishop Christopher Foster

Stockholm (Sweden):

Bishop Andreas Holmberg

The Church of South India (United):

Archbishop Dharmaraj Rasalam

Duk (South Sudan):

Bishop Daniel Deng Abot

Dunedin (New Zealand):

Bishop Steven Benford

Dunkwa-on-Offin (Ghana):

Bishop Paul Appiah Sekyere

Durgapur (India):

Bishop Sameer Isaac Khimla

Durham:

Bishop Paul Butler

with Bishop Sarah Clark

Dutse (Nigeria):

Bishop Markus Yohanna Danbinta

Please pray that the knitted Bible will bring joy and wonder to all those who witness it.

Knitted Bible at St James's Badsey

Yesterday marked the start of a free weeklong exhibition of the Knitted Bible at St James's Church in Badsey, which is currently on loan from St George's United Reformed Church in Hartlepool.

Anne McCombie, the organiser of the event, said, "The week offers a great opportunity for people from all over the area to explore Bible stories in a unique and fun way. We look forward to welcoming everyone who comes to visit."

The popular, tactile exhibition includes 33 scenes from the Bible, including moments from both the Old and New Testaments, from Creation, to the Good Samaritan. Some of the knitted scenes will also be taken to care homes during the week.

Knitted mementos will be on sale to raise money for the charities Caring Hands in the Vale and Friends of the Holy Land.

For further information visit: <https://eastvaleavon.com/the-knitted-bible>



Kidderminster and Stourport Deanery
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Bishop Ferran Glenfield
Aarhus (Denmark):
Bishop Henrik Wigh-Poulsen
The Anglican Church of Southern Africa:
Archbishop Thabo Makgoba

M Easton (USA):
Bishop Santosh Marray

T Eau Claire (USA):
Bishop William Jay Lambert

W Central Ecuador:
vacant

Th Edinburgh (Scotland):
Bishop John Armes

F Edmonton (Canada):
vacant

S Saint Edmundsbury & Ipswich:
Bishop Martin Seeley
with Bishop Mike Harrison

Mon 16 Kidderminster Ismere

Please pray for our church schools, headteachers and all staff at St Catherine's, St Mary's, St Oswald's, St Peter Upper Arley, and Wolverley Secondary School and all other schools in the parish. Heads: Sarah Power, Sarah Perrett, Alison Taylor, Tracie Langfield, Bryn Roberts.

Tue 17 Kidderminster Ismere

Please pray for those who are to be married or baptised in our parish over the coming months as they finally get some stability back in their lives. Clergy: Nigel Taylor, Simon Archer; Readers: Fleur Bradley, Ian Strongman

Wed 18 The Protestant Church of Central Germany

Please give thanks for the ministry of Christoph Hackbeil (Area Bishop of Stendal-Magdeburg), especially for his wholehearted engagement with our partnership-link. Pray for Christoph and his family as he prepares for retirement, that he may know God's blessing during this time of change.

Thur 19 Kidderminster West

Give thanks for all who have joined the worshipping community of St John's online and for our return to worship in church. Pray for children and families involved in Tiny Tots playgroup, Messy Church and youth club. Clergy: Tim Williams, Laura Betson, Alex Vaccaro, Chris Henson, Chris Betson

Fri 20 Kidderminster West

Give thanks for our welcoming community at Holy Innocents and a safe return into church. Pray for those missing our film club, coffee mornings and toddler groups. Clergy: Tim Williams, Laura Betson, Alex Vaccaro, Chris Henson, Chris Betson

Sat 21 Growing as Kingdom People

Pray for our churches as they plan their Autumn programme – that we will find new and creative ways both to reach out to our communities and also to help our existing members grow and develop in their faith.

Journey to Glasgow for COP26

COP26 is the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference, to be held in Glasgow from 1 to 12 November. Christians will be standing together with the global community to ensure the UK Government responds urgently to the global climate emergency.



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This week, young people from our diocese and the Diocese of Gloucester will walk through our diocese from Tewkesbury to Birmingham as part of the Young Christian Climate Network relay. This pilgrimage started in Truro Cathedral near the venue for the G7 conference and continues all the way to Glasgow for COP26.

Rachel Mander, a young Christian and the relay co-leader, said: "We stand in solidarity with people and places that are being plunged into debt and poverty because of climate change. More carbon emissions mean more disease, more food insecurity and more poverty. We will not let the UK government host summits on our doorstep only to hear more talk and no action."

The journey to the COP26 conference is an unmissable opportunity for sharing ideas, reflections, challenges and commitments. There is still time to commit to walk or cycle the miles from your home to Glasgow before November. Join our Journey with us Facebook page.

Mon 23 Economy & Daily Life

On this international day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition, pray for justice and freedom for all still caught up in the modern slave trade, in this country and around the world. Pray for the Church of England's Clewer Initiative to support victims of modern slavery.

Tue 24 Kidderminster West

Give thanks for all at St Peter's Church involved in the community allotment, those working in the church grounds and those helping provide 'Bags of Basics'. Pray for new patterns of worship and community outreach for the future. Clergy: Tim Williams, Laura Betson, Alex Vaccaro, Chris Henson, Chris Betson

Wed 25 Areyley Kings & Astley

Pray for the parishes as they prepare for Mark Turner to leave at the end of the year. Hold before God the uncertainties of their future. Remember also our schools: St. Bartholomew's Primary School and Astley Primary School; Heads: Ian James and Ali Reakes-Williams. Clergy: Mark Turner; Reader: Sue Matthews

Thur 26 Cathedral

Pray for the Dean and Chapter: Peter Atkinson, Anne Penn, David Bryer, Georgina Byrne, Henry Briggs, Michael Brierley, Stephen Edwards, and all clergy and readers who assist in the Cathedral's ministry and serve as day chaplains. For the members of the Cathedral Council, College of Canons, and the Chapter's professional advisers.

Fri 27 Cathedral

Pray for the Cathedral Staff: Val Floy, Chief Operating Officer; for office staff, vergers, musicians, librarian and archivist, archaeologist, surveyor and architect, education team, stonemasons, and service team. For the Friends of the Cathedral, for all who serve as volunteers, and all members of the Cathedral's regular congregations.

Sat 28 University of Worcester

Pray for all at the University of Worcester, the students and staff and for those who support them as chaplains.

Pray that as we journey together to COP26, we will be encouraged and inspired to recommit ourselves to being good stewards of the Earth and politicians will find a way to respond to the climate crisis.

Kidderminster and Stourport Deanery -
Treasurer: Paul Blackham

Espoo (Finland):
Bishop Kaisamari Hintikka
Edinburgh (Scotland):
Bishop John Armes
The Anglican Church of South America:
Archbishop Nicholas James
Quested Drayson

Egba (Nigeria): **M**
Emmanuel O. Adekunle

Egba West (Nigeria): **T**
Bishop Samuel Oludele Ogundeji

Egbu (Nigeria): **W**
Bishop Geoffrey Enyinnya Okorafor

Egypt: **Th**
Archbishop Mouneer Hanna Anis

Eha - Amufu (Nigeria): **F**
Bishop Nkemjika Olinya

Ekiti (Nigeria): **S**
Bishop Christopher Tayo Omotunde