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APRIL - JUNE 2020



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PRAYING WITH JULIAN OF NORWICH*
Led by Chris Webb
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FOREWORD FROM THE BISHOP OF LEICESTER



"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead!"
1 Peter 1:3

As we enter the season of Easter, we are reminded that Christian hope is built on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This stands in stark contrast to human desires or longings or wishes. We may hope for many things - for health, for wellbeing, for comfort - but none of these things is certain. All of us know that our hopes can be dashed in a brief moment. That is the nature of life.

Christian hope however carries the certainty that just as we share in the death of Jesus Christ, so also we will share in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Death

does not have the last word. There are things we can work for which last beyond the grave.

Karl Barth said, "to clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world". In other words, prayer is a lived expression of our hope.

As you follow the suggested prayer topics in this diary, you will find that the theme of hope can inspire your prayers. We are not simply praying that each individual or community may have their desires fulfilled. We are praying that they may know the living hope which is ours through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are praying that this would transform their perspective on life, strengthen their resolve to work for God's kingdom to come, and encourage them to speak of this hope to others.

Thank you for praying faithfully for the life of the Diocese of Leicester and God's worldwide church.

+ Marty Leicester



WELCOME

Welcome to the new edition of the diocesan calendar of prayer, which takes us through late spring and early summer, from Palm Sunday through Eastertide to Pentecost and ordinations. If you know of anyone else who would like to receive a paper copy of this document, then please contact the Bishop's Chaplain as below. It can also be downloaded from www.leicester.anglican.org/everyday-faith/calendar-or-prayer/

Every day we pray for Bishops and our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world using the Anglican Cycle of Prayer and the Porvoo prayer calendar (www.porvoochurches.org) – these are included in italics at the bottom of each day. You will also find one of our own partner dioceses featured every week. The Anglican Communion have changed their practice and now only include the name of the diocesan bishop, asking us to pray for the people, clergy and bishops of the names dioceses.

The key to the parish entries is as follows:

C = Clergy; R = Reader; PA = Pastoral Assistant; Pio = Pioneer Minister; Evng = Evangelist; PTO = Permission to Officiate.

Do let the Bishop's Chaplain know if you've got a story to feature on a Sunday in a future edition – with as much notice as possible please! Email Revd Rosie Woodall at chaplain.leicester@leccofe.org or phone 0116 270 3390 or send it c/o Bishop's Lodge.

We are very grateful to Revd Canon Brian Davis for his work on gathering parish prayer requests.

SUNDAY 5 APRIL PALM SUNDAY

There are a few more days left to donate to the Bishops' Lent Appeal – the Together Leicester 'Cook and Eat' project, which helps volunteers develop free cooking skills courses for people with limited access to fresh food and limited confidence to cook healthy meals.

The Cook and Eat Together Leicester (a partnership between the Diocese of Leicester and Church Urban Fund) is working with churches and other partners, including the Soil Association, to develop volunteer-run "Cook and Eat" hubs to provide these courses. Siân Rigby, Development Worker for Together Leicester, said: "Many people are relying on foodbanks and/or need ongoing debt advice support at the moment. We hope these free courses which we want to help volunteers to set up in Leicester can help people learn and gain confidence in cooking with fresh ingredients so they can eat healthily at low cost."

The Appeal is raising money for more hubs to deliver their cooking courses and to buy ingredients for participants to complete a Cook and Eat course free of charge. Anything you give can help:



- £30 gives 1 hub ingredients for 6 participants for 1 week
- £180 gives 1 hub ingredients for 6 participants for 6 weeks (1 full Cook and Eat course)
- £50 provides 1 hob for 1 hub
- £150 provides 3 hobs for 1 hub, enabling the hub to run full courses on an ongoing basis
- £450 provides 3 sets of suitable saucepans for 3 hubs, enabling these hubs to run full courses on an ongoing basis

You can donate online on Virgin Money Giving, searching for The Leicester Diocesan Board of Finance or use the link: <https://tinyurl.com/Bishops-Lent-Appeal-2020> or send cheques made payable to Leicester Diocese Board of Finance (with a covering note to say it is for the Bishops' Lent Appeal 2020) to John Orridge, St Martins House, 7 Peacock Lane, Leicester, LE1 5PZ.

Please pray for:

- the work of the Cook and Eat project, especially for volunteers and participants
- those struggling to feed their families and forced to use foodbanks
- the other social action and community projects that Together Leicester is partnering with, and for Sian Rigby (Development Worker)

The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean: Archbishop James Wong Yin Song

MON 6 APRIL Diocese of Wyoming

Pray for Diocese of Wyoming Pioneers and Scouts who attended the Fresh Expressions National Gathering this week - may they return with tools and enthusiasm to help cultivate a church for tomorrow, today.

Meru (Kenya): Bishop Charles Mwendwa; West Malaysia (South East Asia): Archbishop Ng Moon Hing; Idaho (USA): Bishop Brian Thom

TUES 7 APRIL St James the Greater, Leicester

Andrew Quigley, Jane Sharp (C); David Brunning, Pam Howe, Angela Jagger (R-PTO); Victoria Roe (P-Ast)

Pray for our continued ministry through music and the arts, and also for new ways of connecting with the community and universities. Pray for the completion of major building repairs, and our work to become an Eco-Church.

Mexico: Bishop Carlos Touche-Porter; West Tennessee (USA): Bishop Don Johnson; Ideato (Nigeria): Archbishop Caleb Maduoma

WED 8 APRIL St John the Baptist, Clarendon Park

Sami Lindsey, Chris Beaumont, Jon Tearne (C); Sheila Roberts (R)
St John the Baptist CE Primary School

Pray for growth in mission to the local area connecting particularly with our school community, students, and seniors; for deepening of missional discipleship of our congregations; for new worshipping communities that will launch over the next year.

Michigan (USA): Bishop Bonnie Perry; West Texas (USA): Bishop David Reed

THURS 9 APRIL Maundy Thursday

Pray that we may love one another as Christ loved us.

Milwaukee (USA): Bishop Steven Miller; West Virginia (USA): Bishop W. Michie Klusmeyer; Western Ison (Nigeria): Bishop Edafe Emamezi

FRI 10 APRIL Good Friday

Pray that we may have the courage to take up our cross and follow Christ today; and for all those who watch and weep for lost loved ones.

Minna (Nigeria): Bishop Daniel Abu Yisa; Western Kansas (USA): Bishop Michael Milliken

SAT 11 APRIL Easter Eve

Please pray for all those who wait for the dawning of hope and a new day.

Minnesota (USA): Bishop Brian Prior; Western Kowloon (Hong Kong): Bishop Andrew Chan; Idoani (Nigeria): Bishop Ezekiel Dahunsi

SUNDAY 12 APRIL EASTER DAY

Today, Christians across the world will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Day. After forty days of self-discipline, prayer and reflection through Lent, and then the sombre notes of Holy Week and the desolation of Good Friday, we give thanks for new life and the defeat of death.

Amongst our joy, we must also remember and pray for our fellow Christians still living in the shadow of persecution and oppression – those who will be unable to worship together today and those who will risk their lives to join their Christian community to celebrate the resurrection.

A sonnet for Easter, based on John 20: 11-18, by the priest and poet Malcolm Guite:

XV Easter Dawn

He blesses every love which weeps and grieves
And now he blesses hers who stood and wept
And would not be consoled, or leave her love's
Last touching place, but watched as low light crept
Up from the east. A sound behind her stirs
A scatter of bright birdsong through the air.
She turns, but cannot focus through her tears,
Or recognise the Gardener standing there.
She hardly hears his gentle question 'Why,
Why are you weeping?', or sees the play of light
That brightens as she chokes out her reply
'They took my love away, my day is night'
And then she hears her name, she hears Love say
The Word that turns her night, and ours, to Day.

from "Sounding the Seasons",
pub. Canterbury Press



We give thanks for:

- the joy of the resurrection and the gift of eternal life

We pray for:

- those who do not yet know the good news of Easter
- those who feel trapped in darkness and despair and cannot see the dawn of a new day
- those persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem
and the Middle East*

MON 13 APRIL Diocese of Kiteto

Bishop Isaiah Chambala

Pray for the development of the Kiteto Eye Clinic and successful outcome of discussions taking place in April and funding for its future.

Mishamikoweesh (Canada): Bishop Lydia Mamakwa; Western Louisiana (USA): Bishop Jacob W Owensby; Ife (Nigeria): Bishop Olubunmi A Akinlade; Ife East (Nigeria): Bishop Oluseyi Oyelade

TUES 14 APRIL Church of the Nativity (LEP)

Ivan Bennett (C)

We give thanks for continued growth in our Scout group and our encounters with our fresh expressions for church families. Our prayers for the Methodist circuit, and the new Methodist minister to be attached to Nativity.

Mississippi (USA): Bishop Brian Seage; Western Massachusetts (USA): Bishop Douglas Fisher; Ifo (Nigeria): Bishop Nathaniel Oladejo Ogundipe

WED 15 APRIL Knighton: St Mary Magdalen and St Guthlac

Adrian Jones, Matthew Gough (C), Fiona Wingate (R)

Give thanks for our Ministry Team and the growing partnership between our churches. Pray that ventures such as Tea and Talk, Third Sunday, Pop-up Café and Church Club will help us connect with a wider range of people in our communities.

Missouri (USA): Bishop Wayne Smith; Western Mexico: Bishop Ricardo Osnaya

THURS 16 APRIL St Mary de Castro, Leicester

David Maudlin (C)

We give thanks for the completion of most of the interior work in the building. Please pray for our PCC as we examine our Mission, Ministry and Outreach policies and foster new relationships with De Montfort University.

Mityana (Uganda): in vacancy; Western Michigan (USA): Bishop Whayne Houghland; Western New York (USA): Bishop William Franklin

FRI 17 APRIL St Peter, Braunstone Park

Keith Magee, Nigel Rooms (C); Linda Snutch (P-Ast)

We give thanks for the continued outreach of Braunstone Big Breakfast and the support it gives to the most vulnerable in our community; and for our relationship with 'B-inspired' and the pastoral opportunities that brings to us.

Mombasa (Kenya): Bishop Alphonse Baya; Western Newfoundland (Canada): Bishop John Organ; Western North Carolina (USA): Bishop Jose McLoughlin

SAT 18 APRIL The Conventional District of Hamilton, Leicester

In vacancy Hamilton CE Primary School

Please pray for us in vacancy - pray that profile and interviewing processes go well, but more importantly that God would prepare the right minister for us at this season of our life.

Monmouth (Wales): Bishop Cherry Vann; Western Tanganyika (Tanzania): Bishop Sadock Makaya; Igbomina (Nigeria): Bishop Emmanuel Adekola

SUNDAY 19 APRIL EASTER 2



The Area Dean of the City of Leicester, The Revd Anthony Lees-Smith, writes about the deanery's engagement with 'everyday faith':

The City of Leicester deanery is kaleidoscopic. It is a complex beast, vast and varied in its make up. It includes everything from fresh expressions to Resourcing Churches, from old village churches to intercultural worshipping communities, from hospital, prison and university chaplaincies to the Cathedral and the Community of the Tree of Life. We come from all walks of life, cultures and languages, generations, church traditions and theological positions. We meet in old buildings, new buildings, schools, pubs, cafes and outdoors. We are made up of affluent suburbs and Urban Priority Areas.

So many of our communities are being creative and faithful in how they live out their faith every day. At St Theodore's in Rushey Mead for example, those who lead a weekly Parent and Toddler group for local Hindu families see it very much as 'discipleship in action'. The congregation at Holy Trinity have been hugely encouraged by recent invitations to the Alpha Course as well as seeing a growth in prophetic ministry. Growth Fund grants have enabled the Church of the Martyrs to engage with their community during the week through 'Baby Basics' and Debt Advice.

Please pray for:

- what binds us together, and for positive and supportive relationships to be built across that rich diversity
- a united commitment to the Kingdom
- more opportunities across the city to live out our 'everyday faith'
- the grace to witness in bold and sensitive ways to the communities we serve

The Church of Ireland

MON 20 APRIL Diocese of Trichy

Bishop D Chandrasekaran

Please pray for the teachers and children at the Church of South India School at Woraiyur which, supported by donations from churches and individuals in Leicestershire, is building a new hall for children's lunches and other activities.

Montana (USA): Bishop C. Franklin Brookhart; Wiawso (West Africa): Bishop Abraham Ackah; Igbomina - West (Nigeria): Bishop Olajide Adebayo

TUES 21 APRIL The Cathedral Parish of St Martins

David Monteith, Alison Adams, Paul Rattigan, Emma Davies, Karen Rooms (C); Diana Belton (P-Ast)

Please pray for our public engagement as we host the Knife Angel in May, highlighting the impacts of knife crime; and for our Musical Outreach to schools through Diosing and as we welcome new choristers and their families.

Montreal (Canada): Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson; Willochra (Australia): Bishop John Stead; Ijebu (Nigeria): Bishop Ezekiel Awosoga; Ijebu - North: Bishop Solomon Kuponu

WED 22 APRIL Deanery of Framland

Area Dean: Peter Hooper; Lay Chair: Malcolm Britton

Following a period of significant challenges that have affected many of our Deanery Team, we pray for a renewed sense of God's presence and encouragement for the ongoing development and implementation of our Deanery plan.

Moosonee (Canada): Bishop Thomas Corston; Winchester: Bishop Tim Dakin

THURS 23 APRIL George, Martyr

We pray for all nations with St George as their patron, for churches dedicated to him, and for those still martyred today for their faith.

Moray, Ross & Caithness (Scotland): Archbishop Mark Strange; Windward Islands (West Indies): Bishop Leopold Friday; Wondurba (South Sudan): Bishop Matthew Peter

FRI 24 APRIL The Vale of Belvoir Parishes

David Payne (C); John Bartlett, Tricia Little, Judith Wells (R) Bottesford, Muston, Plungar & Redmile CE Primary Schools

Please pray for us facing challenging issues with our buildings alongside efforts to live and preach the gospel. We give thanks for our church charity shop in Muston, for new activities and ventures in Bottesford and for the increasing number involved in worship.

Morobo (South Sudan): Bishop James Elia; Worcester: Bishop John Inge

SAT 25 APRIL Mark the Evangelist

Please pray for all those who still spread the good news of Jesus Christ today, and for those churches dedicated to St Mark.

Morogoro (Tanzania): Bishop Godfrey Sehaba; Wulu (South Sudan): Bishop Zacharia Apeti; Ijesa North East (Nigeria): Bishop Joseph Olusola

SUNDAY 26 APRIL EASTER 3



The Lambeth Conference is a once-a-decade event gathering over a thousand bishops and spouses from around 165 countries of the Anglican Communion for prayer, bible study, fellowship and dialogue on church and world issues.

Convened by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the conference takes place at venues at the University of Kent, Canterbury Cathedral and Lambeth Palace between 22 July and 2 August 2020. The theme is "God's Church for God's World - walking, listening and witnessing together".

The biblical focus for the event will be 1 Peter from the New Testament. A wide range of resources have been developed for use, exploring a wide range of themes including belonging, alienation, exile, slavery and persecution, hospitality, mission and reconciliation.

In the week before the conference, dioceses across the UK will be hosting bishops and spouses from their partner and other dioceses in a hospitality programme named "The Big Hello". This gives guests a chance to recover after travel and to join in with church life in their host diocese. It will be a chance to celebrate our partnership in the gospel with Christians across

the globe, and to discuss a wide range of topics in church and world affairs, and the life of the Anglican Communion.

In our diocese, from Thursday 17th July we will welcome bishops from our partner dioceses in Tanzania, Wyoming and Trichy, as well as others from Canada, Australia, the USA, and Guinea. On Saturday 19th July, they will attend the diocesan gathering "The World in a Diocese" and they will join with local churches on Sunday 20th July. The programme will also include seminars and discussion, worship and fellowship, and a retreat at Launde Abbey. Our partner bishops will arrive slightly earlier to share in link conversations with our own bishops.

Please pray for:

- the preparations for the Conference – for organisers and volunteers
- safe journeys for all those travelling to the UK
- graciousness, hope and reconciliation for participants

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East: Archbishop Michael Lewis

MON 27 APRIL The Parishes of Ab Kettleby, Asfordby, Grimston, Holwell, Saxelby with Shoby, Six Hills & Wartnaby

Peter Hooper, Paul Towns (C); Paul Ainge, Roger Tucker, Lorna Wright (R)

We give thanks for the joy of offering ministry across and bringing together seven worshipping communities - in their diversity we pray for continued collaboration and mutual flourishing, a deepening of faith and growing Christian commitment.

Mount Kenya Central (Kenya): Bishop Timothy Gichere; Mount Kenya South: Bishop Timothy Ranji; Mount Kenya West: Bishop Joseph Kagunda

TUES 28 APRIL The West Vale of Belvoir Parishes

Jamie Mackay, Simon Shouler (C) Harby, Hose, Long Clawson, Old Dalby CE Primary Schools

We pray for the 2020 mission outlook as we engage with our communities and the development of Lay Ministry. We give thanks for the response to new services at Nether Broughton and for 'Experience Church' services with our schools.

Mount Kilimanjaro (Tanzania): Bishop Stanley Hotay; Wusasa (Nigeria): Bishop Ali Lamido Ijesha North (Nigeria): Bishop Isaac Oluyamo

WED 29 APRIL The South Croxton Benefice and the Burrough Hill Benefice

Neil Stothers, Jane Walker (C)

We pray for Jane, recently arrived as Associate Priest in the Burrough Hill benefice, praying that she and her family settle into her new life in rural ministry.

Mpumalanga (Southern Africa): Bishop Daniel Kgomo; Wyoming (USA): Bishop John Smylie

THURS 30 APRIL The High and South Framland Benefices

David Cowie, Julie Hutchinson (C); Sue Dawson, Philip Hutchinson, Jean Lee (R) Croxton Kerrial CE Primary School, St Peter's CE Primary School Wymondham

We give thanks for good relationships with local primary schools, and pray for our church buildings struck by lead thefts. We pray for wisdom and energy as we seek to engage with our local communities.

Mpwapwa (Tanzania): Bishop Jacob Chimeledya; Yamibo (South Sudan): Archbishop Samuel Peni; Yangon (Myanmar): Archbishop Stephen Oo

FRI 1 MAY Philip and James, Apostles

We pray for those who bring others to meet with Christ in many different ways, through their words and actions; and for those churches dedicated to Philip and James.

Mthatha (Southern Africa): Bishop Hummingbird Ndwandwe; Yei (South Sudan): Bishop Hilary Luete

SAT 2 MAY Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro

Bishop Stanley Hotay

Pray for Munguishi Bible College - for extra funds to pay for the ongoing costs for running the College including finance for Teaching Staff and Social Security payments.

Muhabura (Uganda): Bishop Cranmer Mugisha; Yeri (South Sudan): Bishop John Nyari; Ijumu (Nigeria): Ven. Paul Ojo

SUNDAY 3 MAY EASTER 4

In our busy world, many people feel the need for space and time to relax and 'recharge', indeed Jesus himself often 'went away to a quiet place' to do just that. Following his example, the Christian Church has a long tradition of encouraging 'retreat' in order to spend time alone with God. Away from the hurly-burly of our everyday lives we may listen to him speak to us and hear ourselves think!

Quiet Gardens in Leicestershire seeks to meet this need for quiet spaces through a programme of Quiet Garden Days held during the summer months. The Days are very informal, appealing to many already experienced in spending time in quietness. However, we also aim to reach out to those just beginning on their journey of silent seeking and the Gardens aim to provide accessible spaces where people may come and try the idea of being quiet, which may seem strange at first.



Due to the generosity of our hosts and leaders who give freely of their hospitality and time, at private Gardens there is no charge; just a small donation is requested to cover costs.

A typical Quiet Garden Day begins with a welcome that aims to put everyone at ease. Then, the leader will gently introduce the topic of the Day and follow this with two short talks interspersed with periods of silence. Everyone is free to decide how the quiet time is spent. Some are helped in their quietness and contemplation by reading, writing or painting while others find that just considering the natural world around them is enough. The Day ends with a short service of Christian worship.

All are very welcome, do come and join us! Contact us through our website at www.quietgardensinleicestershire.wordpress.com or Heather Parkinson: 01509 827081

Please pray for:

- this year's Quiet Garden programme, especially for hosts and leaders
- the opportunity to find peace in our busy world
- our care of the world's resources, thanking God for the beauty of creation

Pray too for events celebrating Deaf Awareness Week, and for those with any kind of hearing loss.

*The Church in Japan:
Archbishop Nathaniel Makoto Uemastu
(Primate & Bishop of Hokkaido)*

MON 4 MAY Diocese of Wyoming

Bishop John Smylie

Pray for the Foundation of the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming, soon meeting for their annual retreat, that they will be guided by the Holy Spirit as they continue their good stewardship of the diocesan financial resources.

Mukono (Uganda): Bishop James Ssebagala; Yewa (Nigeria): Bishop Michael Oluwarohunbi; Ikara (Nigeria): Bishop Yusuf Janfalan

TUES 5 MAY The Big Hello

Please pray for the planning group working on 'The Big Hello' as we welcome international bishops to Leicestershire, especially for all the detailed organisation needed.

Multan (Pakistan): Bishop Leo Paul; Yirol (South Sudan): Bishop David Angong; Nyang (South Sudan): Bishop Paul Lual; Aluakluak (South Sudan): Bishop Isaac Aleth; Ikeduru (Nigeria): Bishop Emmanuel Maduwike

WED 6 MAY Melton Mowbray

Kevin Ashby, Mary Barr (C); Ted Hutchin (R & P-Evng); Janet King, Carol Parker (Pio); Linda Pearson (R); Audrey Hutchin, Lorraine Simmonds, Jacquie Wilson (P-Ast) St Mary's CE Primary School

We give thanks for the Melton Mowbray Team, especially for God's grace in helping raise the funds to re-roof Thorpe Arnold Church. Please pray for the Team Parish as we explore God's "Way Forward".

Mumbai (North India): Bishop Prakesh Patole; Yokohama (Japan): Bishop Ignatius Osamu Irie

THURS 7 MAY The Ironstone Villages Family of Churches

John Barr (C); Mike Alexander (R & Pio); Christine Alexander (Pio); Janice Newton (R-PTO), Paul Taylor (R) Scalford & Waltham on the Wolds CE Primary Schools

Please join us in giving thanks for all who care for our seven medieval listed church buildings. Please pray that our 2020 focus on 'Everyday Prayer' will help to deepen our individual and corporate prayer life.

Mumias (Keyna): Bishop Joseph Wandera; Yola (Nigeria): Bishop Markus Ibrahim; York: Archbishop John Sentamu

FRI 8 MAY VE Day

We give thanks for the freedom we enjoy – won at such a cost – and pray for those living in places of war and oppression today.

Mundri (South Sudan): Bishop Bismark Azumu; Ysabel (Melanesia): Bishop Ellison Quity

SAT 9 MAY Upper Wreake

David Harknett (C); Malcolm Britton (R) Frisby-on-the-Wreake CE Primary School

Crystal McAllister is with us for contextual training. We give thanks as she "refreshes the hearts of the saints" here. We pray for her ordination in July to Pioneer Curacy; "mission and ministry beyond the existing church".

Ikka (Nigeria): Bishop Godfrey Ekpenisi

SUNDAY 10 MAY EASTER 5

Christian Aid Week (10-16 May 2020) is a joyful celebration of our determination to change the world, through our gifts, prayers, and actions. The week was founded by the church to fight for dignity, equality and justice. For over 60 years, Christian Aid Week has mobilised thousands of churches and individuals in Britain and Ireland. From house-to-house collections to Big Brekkies, Christian Aid Week brings people together as one community against global poverty.

The focus for 2020 will be Kenya.

In February 2019, the Kenyan Government declared a national drought emergency. With 2.7 million people without enough food, the drought is said to be the worst in decades. Droughts are now more frequent and more intense due to the climate crisis. Without a reliable source of water, many communities are struggling to survive.

Drought is causing a hunger crisis in Kitui county, eastern Kenya, where 8 out of 10 people depend on rain to grow crops for food and to earn a living. Without enough water, staple crops like maize and beans wither up and die, so people can't earn a living, and go hungry.

Drought forces people to walk further and further to collect water. This daily burden robs them of the chance to farm. Elderly women and children are especially vulnerable on these journeys, and can face robbery or conflict as people battle over scarce resources. Livestock are becoming weaker in the drought and can't produce milk or be sold. People are struggling to cope. Lives are at risk.



We have a vision that everyone has enough food and water to live life to the full, free from devastating drought.

Please pray for:

- those working to alleviate the effects of the global climate crisis.
- those who will be taking part in the house to house collections for Christian Aid this week.
- those families in Kenya who are suffering from drought.
- generosity so that Christian Aid is able to help more people in Kenya to be able to improve their infrastructure and lives.

Please also pray for the Bishop's Big Conversation weekend; and for those being confirmed at Birstall this morning.

*The Anglican Church of Kenya:
Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit*

MON 11 MAY Diocese of Kiteto

Bishop Isaiah Chambala

Pray for food sustainability in Kiteto and the work of the CCMP (Church and Community Mobilization Process) and FFS (Field Farm School).

Muranga South (Kenya): Bishop Julius Gicheru;

Zaki-Biam (Nigeria): Bishop Jezreel Vandeh;

Ikwerre (Nigeria): Bishop Blessing Enyindah

TUES 12 MAY The Big Hello

Please pray for our partner bishops as they prepare to journey to Leicester in July for 'The Big Hello' and the Lambeth Conference.

Muyinga (Burundi): Bishop Paisible Ndacayisaba;

Zanzibar (Tanzania): Bishop Michael Hafidh;

Ikwo (Nigeria): Bishop Kenneth Ifemene

WED 13 MAY Clergy with PTO in Framland Deanery

Please pray for Stuart Adlington, Sue Bradley, Clare Connell, Michael Covington, Gillian Deave, and Jim Farley, ministering with Permission to Officiate.

Zaria (Nigeria): Bishop Abiodun Belio

THURS 14 MAY Matthias, Apostle

We pray for those like Matthias chosen for new and challenging responsibilities, especially those who do not feel worthy of them.

Myitkyina (Myanmar): Bishop John Zau Li;

Zonkwa (Nigeria): Bishop Jacob Kwashi;

Zululand (Southern Africa): in vacancy

FRI 15 MAY Clergy with PTO in Framland Deanery

Please pray for Stuart Foster, Eric Lott, Brian McAvoy, Peter Moseling, Peter Newton, Graham Spencer and Debbie Starling, ministering with Permission to Officiate.

Nagpur (North India): Bishop Paul Dupare;

Aba (Nigeria): in vacancy

SAT 16 MAY Diocesan Synod

Please pray for this morning's Diocesan Synod meeting.

Nairobi (Kenya): Bishop Joel Mwangi

Aba Ngwa North (Nigeria): Bishop Nathan Kanu

Ikwuano (Nigeria): Bishop Chigozirim Onyegbule

SUNDAY 17 MAY EASTER 6



As we enter **Mental Health Awareness Week**, the Diocesan Social Responsibility Enabler, The Revd Canon Alison Adams, writes:

Despite the word 'health' in the title, talk about mental health is often talk about mental conditions - in other words things which can make us mentally unwell. Let's talk about mental wellbeing instead! Both mental and physical wellbeing are precious to us: the difference is that physical ill-health is often more visible than mental ill-health, which is one reason why mental health is not so easily talked about. Maybe we can change that a little during mental health awareness week?

For a start, let's not treat it as a topic to be avoided. Instead, let's find good places where we can talk, where conversations may be opened up and appropriate language found.

Ask how people are. Remember that people learn to live with mental illness, as do others with physical illness. Coffee mornings, lunch clubs and the like are excellent places for comfortable chat – how could these become more open and accessible to people with mental health issues?

All forms of wellbeing - spiritual, mental and physical - are connected but not the same. Think about your own wellbeing and share any anxieties with God. What are your anxieties and stress points? What gets you down? And what about those around you whom you love? Any distress or different behaviours?

There are good apps and support groups to help people with issues of mental wellbeing – and to help long before any crisis mode and to keep us well. Why not investigate these and also ensure that others within your community know about them? Have the details available at Church. Invite people in to talk to you all.

Please pray:

- for those you know with mental health conditions, and for their friends and family
- for the mental health professionals in your area and, in particular, for the Bradgate Mental Health Unit at Glenfield Hospital, its patients, staff and the Chaplain, Revd Sarah Wright.

Please also pray for those being confirmed in NW Leicestershire today.

*The Anglican Church of Korea:
Archbishop Moses Yoo*

MON 18 MAY House of Bishops

Please pray for the House of Bishops, meeting today and tomorrow.

Nakuru (Kenya): Bishop Joseph Muchai; Abakaliki (Nigeria): Bishop Monday Nkwoagu; Ilaje (Nigeria): Bishop Fredrick Olugbemi

TUES 19 MAY House of Bishops

Please pray for the House of Bishops meeting today.

Nambale (Kenya): Bishop Robert Barasa; Aberdeen & Orkney: Bishop Anne Dyer; Ile-Oluji (Nigeria): Bishop Abel Ajibodu

WED 20 MAY Diocese of Trichy

Bishop D Chandrasekaran

Please pray for the new Moderator of the Church of South India, the Rt Rev A. Dharmaraj Rasalam, who faces the challenges of reform in the Church.

Namibia (Southern Africa): Bishop Luke Pato; Aduja (Nigeria): Archbishop Henry Ndukuba

THURS 21 MAY Ascension Day/Bishop's Leadership Team

We give thanks for Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit upon the church; and pray for those in the diocese with the responsibility of leadership.

Namirembe (Uganda): Bishop Wilberforce Luwalira; Abeyi (South Sudan): Bishop Michael Deng Bol; Accra (West Africa): Bishop Daniel Torto

FRI 22 MAY The Big Hello

Please pray for those organising the diocesan assembly "World in a Diocese" on Saturday 18th July when we will be joined by bishops from across the world for a day of family-friendly celebration and fellowship.

Nandyal (South India): Bishop Eggoni Pushpalalitha; Adelaide (Australia): Archbishop Geoffrey Smith

SAT 23 MAY Launde Deanery

Area Dean: Alison Booker; Co-Chair: Victoria Buckingham

As we seek structures to enable our all Christian communities to flourish that our wider communities may know more of God's love, pray that we are able to find creative ways of working together to serve God well in this rural Deanery.

Nasik (North India): in vacancy; Afikpo (Nigeria): Bishop Paul Udogu; Ilesa (Nigeria): Bishop Samuel Sowale; Ilesa South West (Nigeria): Bishop Samuel Egbunmi

SUNDAY 24 MAY EASTER 7

2020 marks the fifth year of **Thy Kingdom Come**, which has gathered more than a million Christians in nearly 90% of countries worldwide to pray for more people to come to faith in Christ during the period of Ascension to Pentecost (in 2020 from 24th-31st May). What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

After the very first Ascension Day, the disciples gathered with Mary, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing. Through the centuries Christians have gathered at this time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit. 'Thy Kingdom Come' picks up this tradition, and since its inception, more and more worshipping communities from every tradition have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray 'Come Holy Spirit'.

We are praying that the Spirit will inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks. It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, and respond and follow Him. Specifically, every Christian across the country is invited to pray that God's Spirit might work in the lives of five friends who have not responded with their 'Yes' to God's call.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come it is hoped that everyone who takes part will:

- deepen their own relationship with Jesus Christ
- pray for five friends or family to come to faith in Jesus
- pray for the empowerment of the Spirit that we would be effective in our witness

Pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world

- for the Archbishop of Canterbury Just in Welby, and all primates and bishops;

- for members of the Anglican Consultative Council;

- for the Secretary General, The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon;

- for the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York



MON 25 MAY Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro

Bishop Stanley Hotay

Pray for the continued commitment to plant churches in Rural Areas of Tanzania as well as those areas of the country that have had no church presence.

Nasir (South Sudan): Bishop Simon Bang Jal; Agra (North India): Bishop Prem Prakash Habil; Indianapolis (USA): Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows

TUES 26 MAY Hallaton & Allexton with Horninghold, Tugby, East Norton & Slawston

Cynthia Hebden (C) Hallaton & Tugby CE Primary Schools

Pray for our parishes' part in the new deanery consultation, for the tea time service and Food for Thought, and for involvement with our two very popular schools.

Natal (Southern Africa): Bishop Dino Gabriel; Aguata (Nigeria): Bishop Samuel C. Ezeofor

WED 27 MAY Loddington

David Newman (C)

After an HLF application for major roof repairs was turned down, we pray for wisdom discerning the way forward. In the meantime we give thanks for good numbers, particularly at Festivals, and continue to reach out into the village community.

National Indigenous Archbishop (Canada): Mark MacDonald; Ahoada (Nigeria): Bishop Clement Ekpeye

THURS 28 MAY The Whatborough Parishes

Jayne Lewis (C); Susan Sills (R)

Thanks for those who contribute to the work of the church, and pray for our discernment of the future role of our village churches and how we can support each other across the Launde Deanery.

Navajoland Area Mission (USA): Bishop David Bailey; Aipo Rongo (Papua New Guinea): Bishop Nathan Ingen; Ajayi Crowther (Nigeria): Bishop Olugbenga Oduntan

FRI 29 MAY The Coplew Benefice

Alison Booker, Rosie Homer (C) Billesdon & Church Langton CE Primary Schools

Please pray for our work with Billesdon Church School and give thanks for the gift of music and the variety of ministries which we have. Pray we can use them to demonstrate God's love in our communities.

Ndokwa (Nigeria): Bishop David Obiosa; Akobo (South Sudan): Bishop John Chol

SAT 30 MAY The Big Hello

Please pray for Bishop Wayne Houglund as he prepares to travel to the UK for 'The Big Hello' and the Lambeth Conference, and for the clergy and people of the Dioceses of Western and Eastern Michigan, USA.

Nebbi (Uganda): Bishop Alphonse Watho-kudi; Akoko (Nigeria): Archbishop Gabriel Akinbiyi; Akoko Edo (Nigeria): Bishop Jolly Oyekpen; Iowa (USA): Bishop Alan Scarfe

SUNDAY 31 MAY PENTECOST



The Warden writes:

Launde Abbey seeks to tread the narrow line between being an oasis of peace and refreshment for those wanting to find God in stillness and quiet, and a busy, active retreat house and conference centre serving increasing numbers of guests and visitors. Hopefully our visitors experience the former, even if our staff are more conscious of the latter!

So we do thank God for the encouraging numbers and range of people that are finding their way to Launde to join in the Launde programme of retreats, quiet days and courses, or to spend time on their own, or to run their own group event. There is a hunger for a real and deep spirituality in today's world, and we are called to use this wonderful resource to serve that need.

Our growing business places new challenges on our staff and following an external review last autumn we are seeking to implement the recommendations. We hope this will further improve the service to our guests as well as making Launde an even better place to work. We have also said goodbye

to Cathy Davies, our assistant warden at the end of March and pray for a good appointment as her successor.

It is now also ten to twelve years on from the great refurbishments of the buildings and we are considering how to maintain and develop them in ways that will meet preserve and enhance their hospitality and fitness for purpose. The two Shepherd's Huts bought last year are being increasingly used for quiet days.

Please pray for:

- our spiritual hospitality – maintaining depth even as we experience growth and width.
- our staff as we respond to the review and seek to shape the team for current needs and appoint a new assistant warden.
- the development of our buildings
- our role within the life of Launde Deanery.

*The Anglican Church of Melanesia:
Archbishop Leonard Dawea*

MON 1 JUNE Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

We pray for all pregnant women, especially for those whose pregnancy is unexpected, and for those who have given up hope of a child.

Nebraska (USA): Bishop Scott Barker; Akot (South Sudan): Bishop Isaac Dhieu Ater; Irele - Eseodo (Nigeria): in vacancy

TUES 2 JUNE Safeguarding Co-ordinators Service

As co-ordinators gather in the Cathedral this evening, we give thanks for their commitment and pray for all who carry this responsibility in parishes and for the diocese.

Nelson (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia): Bishop Steve Maina; Akure (Nigeria): Bishop Simeon Borokini; Isial-Ngwa South (Nigeria): Bishop Isaac Nwaobia

WED 3 JUNE Diocese of Wyoming

Bishop John Smylie

Pray for the Iona Collaborative and the Diocese of Wyoming graduating class of 2020.

We celebrate their accomplishments following their 3-year seminary training programme.

Nevada (USA): Bishop Dan Edwards; Alabama (USA): Bishop John Sloan

THURS 4 JUNE The Big Hello

Please pray for Bishop Donald Kirk as he prepares to travel to the UK for 'The Big Hello' and the Lambeth Conference, and for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Riverina, Australia.

New Busa (Nigeria): Bishop Israel Amoo; Alaska (USA): Bishop Mark Lattime; Albany (USA): Bishop William Love

FRI 5 JUNE The Langtons and Shangton

Maxine Johnson (R) Church Langton C of E School

Thank you Lord, for answered our prayers for family and friends. We continue to pray for all those who struggle with life generally, both those known to us and the wide world.

New Guinea Islands (Papua New Guinea): Bishop Dennis Kabekabe; Algoma (Canada): Bishop Anne Germond

SAT 6 JUNE Cranoe, Glooston, Stonton Wyville, Welham

Philip Norwood (C-PTO)

In this Benefice of 74 houses, numbers attending are small, but one service is held each Sunday in the group and lay leadership is dedicated. Festivals and special events draw on wide support. The way forward is challenging. Pray for wisdom and courage.

New Hampshire (USA): Bishop Robert Hirschfeld; All Saints Cathedral Diocese (Kenya): Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit; Isikwuato (Nigeria): Bishop Manasses Okere

SUNDAY 7 JUNE TRINITY SUNDAY

One of the Spiritual Care Chaplains at LOROS, The Revd Stephen Burnham, writes:

In hospice chaplaincy, we often hear people say, "I'm not religious, but...." Though not everyone would call themselves religious, most people have personal beliefs that are very important to them. **The Spiritual Care Chaplaincy** team at LOROS is there to support patients and their families and friends, and to give them the encouragement and opportunity they need to explore and express these beliefs, which can sustain them through such difficult times.

The hospice has three part-time chaplains who are available from Sunday to Friday to listen to and support patients and families in whatever way they can. These chaplains are helped by a team of trained volunteers who come from a variety of faith backgrounds.

We have volunteer visitors from the Hindu, Muslim and Sikh communities in Leicester and work closely with our cultural support



worker to ensure that appropriate support is offered to all patients and families. We can also arrange for representatives of a number of other faiths to visit.

The Chapel/Prayer Room, open at all times, is a peaceful room which patients and families may use for their own prayers or just to sit and be quiet. A large number of books, symbols and artefacts from a variety of religions are made available for anyone to use.

Please pray for:

- patients, both those at LOROS and those served by LOROS in the outpatients' department and in the community, and their families and friends
- all staff and volunteers at LOROS, in their wide variety of roles – doctors, nurses, counsellors and physiotherapists, as well as people providing complementary therapies and working in bereavement support, enablement, social care, fundraising and administration
- the Spiritual Care Chaplaincy team – for prayerful and pastoral support of patients, families and staff

*The Anglican Church of Mexico:
Archbishop Francisco Moreno - Presiding
Bishop & Bishop of Northern Mexico*

MON 8 JUNE Diocese of Kiteto

Bishop Isaiah Chambala

Pray for Bishop Isaiah and his wife Ezereda visiting Leicester churches ahead of the Lambeth Conference in July, that our link may be further strengthened.

New Jersey (USA): Bishop William Stokes; Amazon (Brazil): Bishop Marinez Bassotto; Jabalpur (North India): Archbishop Prem Chand Singh

TUES 9 JUNE The Gaulby Group

Brian Davis (C); Hilary Painter (R)

Give thanks for work completed at Gaulby with new ringing chamber, toilet and kitchen facility. Pray for us as we explore Eco Church for all churches in the group, and develop a wildlife area at Little Stretton.

New Westminster (Canada): Archbishop Melissa Skelton; Amichi (Nigeria): Bishop Ephraim Ikeakor; Jaffna (South India): Bishop Daniel Thiagarajah

WED 10 JUNE Six Saints circa Holt

Stephen Bishop (C); Roy Cashmore (R)

Please pray for all who live and work in our villages and especially for those in new housing; for our six churches and their adaptation to meet community needs; for our work with families and children.

New York (USA): Bishop Andrew Dietsche; Amritsar (North India): Archbishop Pradeep Samantaray

THURS 11 JUNE Barnabas, Apostle / Corpus Christi

Pray for the gift of encouragement to be seen in our churches, our diocese, our families and communities; and for our unity in the Eucharist.

Newala (Tanzania): Bishop Oscar Mnung'a; Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands (North India): Bishop Christopher Paul; Angola (Southern Africa): Bishop Andre Soares

FRI 12 JUNE Clergy with PTO in Launde Deanery

Please pray for Christine Blodwell, Jeff Hopewell and Alan Race, ministering with Permission to Officiate in Launde Deanery.

Newark (USA): Bishop Carlye J Hughes; Ankole (Uganda): Bishop Sheldon Mwesigwa

SAT 13 JUNE The Big Hello

Please pray for Bishop Larry Benfield as he prepares to travel to the UK for 'The Big Hello' and the Lambeth Conference, and for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Arkansas, USA.

Newcastle (Australia): Bishop Dr Peter Stuart; Newcastle: Bishop Christine Hardman

SUNDAY 14 JUNE TRINITY 1

Tomorrow begins **Refugee Week** (15-21 June), a nationwide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK, and encourages a better understanding between communities. This year the theme is "Different Pasts, Shared Future".

One organisation that has been working with refugees for more than fifty years is the Churches Commission for Migrants in Europe (CCME), which was initially founded in 1964 at the suggestions of an international conference organised by the World Council of Churches (WCC).

CCME is an ecumenical agency on migration and integration, refugees and asylum, and anti-racism and anti-discrimination in Europe. It aims to develop in the churches throughout Europe a due sense of responsibility towards the situation of migrants, refugees and minority ethnic based on our common biblical heritage: "for I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matt 25:35). CCME challenges Christians and churches to work for a community and society that welcomes people of different culture and origin in their midst.

The objectives of CCME are:

- a) to monitor European and national migration, refugee and anti-discrimination policy, to inform the churches about these policies;
- b) to support and serve the churches in their advocacy;
- c) to challenge the European institutions to act in accordance with human rights and international obligations;
- d) to strengthen on a global, European, national and regional level the cooperation of churches, NGO's and others in this field;
- e) to support and challenge churches to include



migrants (churches, groups or individuals) in the communion of churches;
f) to address fears in societies around migration and facilitate churches' initiatives on finding ways to peaceful living.

CCME promotes awareness-raising on issues of racism and xenophobia within the churches and in society, and conducts studies of the situation of migrants, refugees and minority ethnic people at local, national and international level.

Please pray for:

- the work of CCME and their partners
- those who feel they no option but to leave their home and travel across Europe
- those who live in fear
- governments and agencies seeking an appropriate response to the migration crisis

Please also pray for those being confirmed at Billesdon this morning.

The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma): Archbishop Stephen Than Myint Oo - Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon

MON 15 JUNE Bishop's Council

Please pray for this evening's meeting of the Bishop's Council.

Ngbo (Nigeria): Bishop Godwin A. Awoke; Antananarivo (Indian Ocean): Bishop Samoela Ranarivelo; Jalingo (Nigeria): Bishop Foreman Nedison

TUES 16 JUNE Diocese of Trichy

Bishop D Chandrasekaran

Give thanks for our partner diocese in India's work to show the love of Christ to young women working far away from home through the Mangai hostel in Trichy and the Pavia hostel in Karur.

Niagara (Canada): Bishop Susan Bell; Antsiranana (Indian Ocean): Bishop Theophile Botomazava; Jamaica & The Cayman Islands (West Indies): Bishop Howard Gregory

WED 17 JUNE Foxton with Gumley & Laughton

Paula Oxley (C); Mollie Toye (R)

Give thanks for the licensing of Mollie Toye as Reader in our benefice. Please pray for her as she settles into her ministry among us.

Niassa (Southern Africa): Bishop Vicente Msossa; Aotearoa (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia): Archbishop Don Tamihere

THURS 18 JUNE Bishop's Leadership Team

Please pray for the Bishop's Leadership Team meeting today.

Nicaragua (Central America): Bishop Sturdie Downs; Argentina (South America): Archbishop Gregory Venables; Argyll & The Isles (Scotland): Bishop Kevin Pearson

FRI 19 JUNE Gartree Deanery

Area Dean: Steve Bailey; Lay Chair: Gordon Arthur

Pray for our everyday prayer, witness and action to flourish as we seek to make the good news of Jesus Christ widely known in our towns and villages.

Niger Delta North (Nigeria): Bishop Wisdom Ihunwo; Niger Delta West: Bishop Emmanuel Oko-Jaja; The Niger Delta: Bishop Ralph Ebirien; Niger West: Bishop Johnson Ekwe

SAT 20 JUNE The Big Hello

Please pray for Bishop Jacques Boston as he prepares to travel to the UK for 'The Big Hello' and the Lambeth Conference, and for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Guinea, West Africa.

Nike (Nigeria): Bishop Christian Onyia; Arizona (USA): Bishop Jennifer Reddall; Jebba (Nigeria): Bishop Timothy Adewole

SUNDAY 21 JUNE TRINITY 2

During 2020, Bishop Martyn is engaged in a series of visits to some of our almost 100 **church schools**, accompanied by the Diocesan Director of Education, Carolyn Lewis. The visits are to provide encouragement to our schools, but also to strengthen relationships between the local church and school. The visits have usually included a tour of the premises and meetings with the headteacher and other staff, but have had a particular focus on spending time with pupils, through leading collective worship, question and answer sessions, and finding out more about what they are learning.

One visit in early February was to St Barnabas Church of England Primary School in Leicester. The children and staff welcomed them very warmly and were keen to share the school's story: its history, its curriculum and its Christian character. During the visit, the children asked Bishop Martyn lots of questions ranging from 'how did you become a bishop?' to 'Is there anything you have done that you wish you could change?' They enjoyed listening to



his answers and his reflections on his own calling and what that might mean for them. Bishop Martyn and Carolyn dropped into classes to hear about their learning, and had afternoon tea with the head and deputy head boys and girls. The school works very closely with the local church - the local Vicar, Revd Paul Savage, focuses much of his time at the school, leading Collective Worship each week, serving as a governor and being a pastoral presence to the staff, pupils and their families; and the Headteacher is even a church warden!

Other visits are planned for later this year to schools in Appleby Magna, Long Whatton, Fleckney, Harby, Diseworth and Lutterworth.

Please pray:

- for the work of the Diocesan Board of Education and its staff: Carolyn Lewis, Yolanda Morley-Mackay, Claudia Brockbank, Emma Heesom, Anne Rattigan
- for our diocesan family of church schools, especially any that may be struggling financially or with recruitment
- that children and young people may be at the heart of our diocesan life
- for young people in exam season or a period of transition in education

The Church of Nigeria: Archbishop Henry Chukwudum Ndokuba - Metropolitan & Primate of all Nigeria & Bishop of Abuja

MON 22 JUNE Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro

Bishop Stanley Hotay

Pray for the Primary School at St Paul's Arusha and especially the plans to redevelop the class rooms. Pray especially for Revd Maurice, the head teacher, as he leads and guides the school.

Nimule Area (South Sudan): Bishop Martin Abuni; Arkansas (USA) Bishop Larry Benfield; Jerusalem: Archbishop Suheil Dawani

TUES 23 JUNE All Saints Mission Partnership

Convenor: Philip O'Reilly

We give thanks for the arrival of Fr Andrew Lee and pray for his ministry at Eyres Monsell and Huncote, and within our Mission Partnership. Pray for a new era of collaborative missional working across our Partnership Parishes.

Nnewi (Nigeria): Bishop Godwin Okpala; Armagh (Ireland): in vacancy; Johannesburg (Southern Africa): Bishop Stephen Moreo

WED 24 JUNE Birth of John the Baptist

We pray for those who, like John, challenge us to repent, turn back to God and commit to live according to kingdom values.

Nord Kivu (Congo): Bishop Muhindo Isesomo; Armidale (Australia): Bishop Richard Lewers

THURS 25 JUNE Wistow, Fleckney & Kilby

Philip O'Reilly (C); Paul Garner, Jean Washington (R) Kilby St Mary's & Fleckney CE Primary Schools

We give thanks for recent fundraising and outreach events. We pray for the Literature Festival which we are hoping to stage in the autumn, serving our community.

North Ankole (Uganda): Bishop Stephen Namanya; Arochukwu/Ohafia (Nigeria): Bishop Johnson Onuoha; Aru (Congo): Bishop Georges Ande

FRI 26 JUNE HMP Gartree

Emma Higgins (Chaplain)

Please pray for Christians at HMP Gartree (staff and prisoners) that they may bring Christ's light to this place, and for all the men who live here that they may find hope in times of despair.

North Carolina (USA): Bishop Samuel Rodman; Asaba (Nigeria): Bishop Justus Mogekwu

SAT 27 JUNE The Big Hello

Please pray for Bishop William Cliff as he prepares to travel to the UK for 'The Big Hello' and the Lambeth Conference, and for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Brandon, Canada.

North Central Philippines: Archbishop Joel Atiwag Pachao, Bishop Nestor Poltic; Asante-Mampong (West Africa): Bishop Cyril Ben-Smith; Jos (Nigeria): Archbishop Benjamin Kwashi

SUNDAY 28 JUNE TRINITY 3



Next Thursday, soon to be deacons and priests will head off for Launde Abbey for their pre-ordination retreat, spending time together in silence and reflection, led by The Rt Revd Graham Kings, former Bishop of Sherborne and Mission Theologian in the Anglican Communion. They will return to Leicester Cathedral on Sunday 5th July for their **ordinations**, gathering with family and friends, training incumbents and supporters from their training parishes, and other clergy and representatives of the wider diocese.

As they begin to think about this next step in their ministerial journey, we asked one of those to be ordained priest to reflect a little on her year as a deacon, and her ordination as a priest.

The Revd Laura Jackson, curate of Broughton Astley, Croft and Stoney Stanton (second left in photo), reflected on her year as a deacon: *"Firstly, what a valuable year it is as a deacon! No doubt it will be different for everyone but my reflection has been an awareness that it's a continual journey of stepping out in faith, and - personally for me - finding that 'the veil of fear has been lifted'. It's been a year of testing, challenge, growing, getting to know and love the congregations and practical things, like learning to project my voice! Previous experiences of working with children families and youth as well as street pastoring have all been transferable skills in so many ways, nothing has been wasted.*

I've been blessed with much love and

encouragement by the congregations, ministry team, and a Training Incumbent (TI) who walks alongside. I've felt challenged, encouraged, and protected. I've been afforded so many opportunities to broaden and equip my ministerial role and having a confidant in my TI to reflect with has been the foundation for flourishing into ministerial leadership ready for my priesting."

Please pray for:

- those to be ordained next Sunday as deacons and priest in our own diocese, and others being ordained today and next week across the nation
- their training parishes, their families and friends, and the colleges and courses where they trained
- those who will lead the retreat, especially Bishop Graham Kings, and for Bishop Martyn, presiding at the ordinations
- more vocations to the ordained ministry; for our DDO, Canon Paul Rattigan, and all those involved in vocational discernment

Please also give thanks today with St Peter, Highfields, celebrating their 150th anniversary; and for those to be confirmed in Sparkenhoe East deanery today.

*The United Church of North India:
The Most Revd Dr Prem Chand Singh -
Moderator of CNI & Bishop of Jabalpur*

MON 29 JUNE Peter and Paul, Apostles

We give thanks for these great leaders of the early church, and pray for those who lead the church today.
North Dakota (USA): Bishop Michael Smith; Athabasca (Canada): Bishop Fraser Lawton
Juba (South Sudan): Archbishop Justin Badi Arama

TUES 30 JUNE Diocese of Wyoming

Bishop John Smylie

Pray for those about to be ordained into the Transitional Diaconate in the Diocese of Wyoming on 3 July. May they go out into the world to love and serve God in the many ministries to which they are called.

North East India: Bishop Michael Herenz; Atlanta (USA): Bishop Robert Wright;
Kabba (Nigeria): Bishop Steven Akobe

WED 1 JULY The Big Hello

Please pray for guests from our link diocese of Trichy-Tanjore, South India, as they prepare to travel to Leicester with Bishop Chandrasekaran for a partnership visit and for 'The Big Hello'.

THURS 2 JULY Ordination retreat begins

We pray for those to be ordained deacon and priest on Sunday, beginning their retreat today; and for Bishop Graham Kings as he leads the retreat.

FRI 3 JULY Thomas the Apostle

We pray that, like Thomas, we may find our certainty in Christ in all our doubts and fears.

SAT 4 JULY Ordinations

Please pray for all who will gather in the Cathedral tomorrow, and for more vocations to ordained ministry.

