PRAYER DIARY

JULY – SEPTEMBER 2021
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July – September 2021 at Launde Abbey

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PAINTING RETREAT
Led by Peter Varney  12th-15th July

SENSING THE DIVINE
Led by Andrew Mayes  19th-22nd July

STONES OF WITNESS
Led by Roger Wilson  16th-20th August

GARDENING WEEK
16th-20th August

SPIRITUAL WRITING RETREAT
Led by Eirene and Richard Palmer  31st August-2nd Sept

LIVING WITH LOSS
Led by Abi May  3rd to 6th Sept

CLOSE ENOUGH TO CALL
Led by Emily Owen  6th to 9th Sept

FINDING PEACE IN A CHANGING WORLD
Led by Libby Dobson and Sarah Chabowska  13th to 16th August

BEGINNER’S RETREAT
Led by Mirjam Ngoy-Verhage & Claire Goode  24th to 26th September

CREATIVE BIBLE JOURNALLING: ORDINARY BASKETS
Led by Jackie Thackray and Karen Herrick  28th Sept-1st Oct

GARDENING WEEK
4th-8th Oct
Everyone has responded differently to the experiences of the last year. Some people have noticed that the opportunity of more space to think, reflect and pray has deeply enriched their spiritual life. They have found time to read the Scriptures; to develop new rhythms of personal devotion; to join different forms of worship online; to wonder at the beauty of creation; or to listen deeply to God.

For others, the last year has been immensely challenging for their prayer life. They may have felt like they were stuck in a drought with no signs of new growth or refreshment. They could find no words to express a response in the face of the immensity of the challenges facing the world (the pandemic, climate change, Black Lives Matter, and many more), combined with the needs of their own friends, family and communities.

People sometimes ask bishops for advice on how to pray, especially when times are tough and words are difficult. None of us have a magic answer, as different things work for different people. The main thing is not to give up, but to keep going, even if it feels inadequate. Return to the prayers that have sustained the Church throughout many centuries of joy and challenge – the Lord’s Prayer being an example. Remember that God knows what we need before we do, and hears the cries of our hearts before we utter them, so to simply sit in silence with God is more than enough.

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WELCOME

Welcome to the new edition of the diocesan calendar of prayer, which takes us through the long weeks of Ordinary Time over the summer up to Creationtide and harvest.

If you know of anyone else who would like to receive a paper copy of this publication, 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 diocese, asking us to pray for the people, clergy and bishops of the named dioceses. The names of Diocesan Bishops in Great Britain have been added.

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 bishops.chaplain@leicestercofe.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.
We continue our occasional series introducing us to influential figures in the diocese’s past:

William Wyggeston was born in 1467, son of Alderman John Wyggeston. In later life, he filled a number of official roles in Leicester including City Mayor twice and represented the city in Henry VII’s Parliament. He was also Mayor of Calais, which at that time was an English territory, where he had a significant business trading wool. Wyggeston built a house for priests, established a hospital next to the Cathedral, and after his death in 1536, a portion of his wealth was used to start a school. The hospital continues to give accommodation and security to those of mature years in sheltered accommodation (in 55 flats) and residential care (for 26 residents).

Wyggeston’s personal motto was ‘Give freely of yourself and behold, all worlds are yours’. His motto and life speak to us of Christian charity and care for the poor, the sick and those in need. Jesus taught on giving throughout his life, including in Mark 12, where Jesus sits opposite the treasury and watches the rich and wealthy donate large sums. He notices a widow who gives a penny and says to his friends ‘this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury.’ We may not be born into families such as the Wyggeston’s, but we have other gifts to use to help people know and see God’s love for them. We should not get into the trap of comparing that which we have to offer, when all we have to do is give what we can with what we have been given.

Please pray for:

• the staff and residents at Wyggeston’s Hospital, including the Master, The Revd Tony Leighton

• generous hearts to support the work of those who care for the poor, the sick and those in need

Please also pray for those to be confirmed this evening from Sparkenhoe East deanery.

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
MON 5 JULY  Faith Leaders’ Forum

Please pray for this evening’s meeting of local faith leaders with Bishop Martyn and representatives from the city’s two universities and their chaplaincies.
Connor (Ireland): Bishop George Davison

TUES 6 JULY  Diocese of Kiteto

Bishop Isaiah Chambala

Pray for Kiteto diocese as they cope with COVID in a context of official denial and still (as of early June) no vaccines approved for use or distributed on the mainland.
Corke, Cloyne & Ross (Ireland): Bishop Paul Colton

WED 7 JULY  Extended Bishop’s Council meeting

Please pray for the two day meeting of the Bishop’s Council, together with the Bishop’s Leadership Team, Area Deans and Lay Chairs, with important decisions to make about future mission and ministry in our diocese.
Costa Rica (Central America)

THURS 8 JULY  Extended Bishop’s Council meeting

Please pray for the meeting of the Bishop’s Council with the Bishop’s Leadership Team, Area Deans and Lay Chairs, and for wisdom in their decision making.
Coventry: Bishop Christopher Cocksworth

FRI 9 JULY  General Synod

Please pray for General Synod, beginning the final meeting of this quinquennium.
Cuba

SAT 10 JULY  General Synod

Please pray for General Synod, meeting until Tuesday.
Cueibet (South Sudan)
Being a disciple is often described as a journey. Faith can ebb and flow, but our behaviour – the things we go out and do because of our faith – is what **discipleship** is all about.

There are a huge variety of discipleship courses on offer, with Alpha being one of the most well-known for those first exploring faith. The Church of England has produced the “Pilgrim” course, which can be used for those taking the first steps on their faith journey or for more established Christians wanting to go deeper, and includes modules on the Creeds, the Beatitudes, and the Lord’s Prayer.

In this diocese, we run the **Journey in Faith** course to help you explore the following three areas in the company of other Christians:

- **Exploring faith**: an opportunity to consider our own faith journey and discover ways of reflecting on God’s presence in our lives and in our communities
- **God’s call and our response**: how the Old Testament was formed, the context of the Old Testament world and the characters revealed in it. We study how people have responded to God’s call and what that might mean for us
- **Christian doctrine**: an overview of the New Testament and the growth of the church throughout that period. We study the development of Christian doctrines and hear afresh God’s call for the church and our response

Running through all three terms will be evenings entitled ‘Ministry, Mission and Vocation’ when we will consider how we discern our gifts, hear God’s call and make our response to God.

This autumn why not take the opportunity to begin to explore your faith in more depth? For more information, including costs and bursaries and how to register, please see [https://www.leicester.anglican.org/everyday-faith/discipleship-courses/journey-in-faith.php](https://www.leicester.anglican.org/everyday-faith/discipleship-courses/journey-in-faith.php) or contact the course co-ordinator, Liz Rawlings.

**We give thanks:**
- for the vocations and discipleship that JiF has nurtured over many years

**We pray for:**
- those joining the JiF course this autumn
- a deepening of discipleship across our diocese
- an openness to God’s call on our lives

_The Episcopal Church in the Philippines_
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<td>General Synod</td>
<td>Please pray for General Synod, in the final meeting of this quinquennium.</td>
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<td>TUES 13 JULY</td>
<td>General Synod</td>
<td>Please pray for the final day of this General Synod meeting.</td>
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<td>WED 14 JULY</td>
<td>Diocese of Trichy</td>
<td>Bishop D Chandrasekaran</td>
<td>We pray for those devastated by the COVID19 pandemic and for those who mourn loved ones who have died. Give thanks for all the support the church has given to their communities.</td>
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<td>THURS 15 JULY</td>
<td>Oadby &amp; Great Glen Team Ministry</td>
<td>Steve Bailey, Sami Lindsey, Kim Ford, Sarah Collins, Maria Jukes, Mohammad Eghtedarian, Jon Tearne (C); Ben Williams (Lay Worker); Hugh James (R-PTO); Colin Chettle, Karen Johnson, Roger Flowers, Angela Allen (R); Charles Ford (Evng); Louise McGoldrick (Youth)</td>
<td>Please pray for us as we continue through recovery and rebuild and reshape church life and ministry. Pray for wisdom to prioritise the right things and to focus outwards as we share the good news of Jesus.</td>
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<td>FRI 16 JULY</td>
<td>Great Glen</td>
<td>Prayers for good endings and great beginnings as we look forward to a new curate and the departures of our present curate and long standing churchwarden. For a way forward as we come out of lockdown.</td>
<td>Daejeon (Korea)</td>
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<td>SAT 17 JULY</td>
<td>Kibworth with Smeeton Westerby &amp; Saddlington</td>
<td>Ludger Fremmer (C); Anne Flower (R); Patricia Thompson (R-PTO); Eunice Hayes, Jamie Witcombe (Evng); Theresa Jackson, Jacki Shorley (PA)</td>
<td>Thank God for new and ongoing community connections through The Well, foodbank and listening service. Pray for growth in love for one another and truly Spirit led worship, and for more workers raised up for the harvest.</td>
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The Church of England has over 10,000 churches in rural areas and 40% of those who attend church go to rural churches. After the Rural Commission report in 2018, our own diocese now calls itself “a rural diocese with urban heartlands”.

The Arthur Rank Centre is an ecumenical national charity, which resources, trains, and advocates for rural Christians, rural churches and the communities they serve. Our vision is of confident rural Christians, encouraged to engage in effective mission and ministry.

They introduced Rural Mission Sunday as an annual celebration of the life and work of rural churches https://arthurrankcentre.org.uk/mission/rural-mission-sunday/ Despite the ongoing impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the simple premise remains as relevant this year as it always has been: to encourage rural Christians and their church congregation to celebrate another year of faithfully sustaining an effective Christian presence in their community. The website provides resources and suggestions to help shape Sunday worship in a way which enables them to do this, including how this might be possible as either a gathered or dispersed congregation (in the light of COVID).

This year’s theme is pilgrimage – the Arthur Rank Centre writes:

What goes through your mind when you hear the word ‘pilgrimage’? Perhaps you’ve been on pilgrimage to a ‘holy place’ like Lindisfarne, Canterbury or even the Camino de Santiago. Maybe you’ve watched others go on such a journey through the BBC’s Pilgrimage series. Or perhaps you’ve simply found yourself encountering God in new ways as you’ve walked more during the COVID-19 pandemic. Whatever your previous experience of pilgrimage, this Rural Mission Sunday we’re inviting you to walk with God and with your church community, exploring how this ancient practice might bring offer a new depth of life and faith.

Please pray for:

- the rural churches of our diocese, particularly those struggling with particular challenges around finance, buildings or a lack of church officers
- those reaching out to their communities in new and innovative ways
- our rural schools, often with small numbers of pupils and concerns about long-term viability

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda
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<td>MON 19 JULY</td>
<td>Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro</td>
<td>Bishop Stanley Hotay</td>
<td>Please pray for DMK as they continue to adjust to the change in President of Tanzania and, hopefully, a new approach to COVID. Pray for the leadership of Bishop Stanley in DMK.</td>
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<td>TUES 20 JULY</td>
<td>Cornerstone Team</td>
<td>Rob Miles, Tom Devas, Steve Ransley, Helen Bence, Matthew Creber-Davies (C)</td>
<td>We are thankful for remaining connected and worshipping together during lockdowns. Please pray for our churches, fresh expressions and communities through the process of reopening and regathering physically, especially for those who remain isolated.</td>
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<td>WED 21 JULY</td>
<td>Goscote Deanery</td>
<td>Area Dean: Rob Gladstone; Lay Chair: Stephen Gamble</td>
<td>Please pray for Birstall and Wanlip as they prepare to welcome Amanda; for Syston and Barkby in vacancy; for plans in Thurcaston for a church plant; and for our response to Shaped by God Together.</td>
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<td>THURS 22 JULY</td>
<td>Mary Magdalene</td>
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<td>We give thanks for the witness of Mary Magdalene, sent by Jesus as the ‘Apostle to the Apostles’ to bring the good news of the resurrection to the other disciples; and pray for all evangelists today.</td>
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<td>FRI 23 JULY</td>
<td>Rothley</td>
<td>Rob Gladstone (C); Valerie Joyce, David Wilson (R-PTO)</td>
<td>Please pray that we may discern what pattern of Church activity the Lord is calling us to post-pandemic; for unity and courage as we make changes to better serve the cause of the gospel; for new initiatives with young families.</td>
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<td>SAT 24 JULY</td>
<td>Sileby, Cossington &amp; Seagrave</td>
<td>Duncan Beet (C); John Harrison, Heather Hall (R); John Dean (R-PTO)</td>
<td>Pray for people to have confidence to return to worship, and for wisdom as we move to appoint a children and families worker.</td>
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<td><em>St David’s (Wales): Bishop Joanna Penberthy</em></td>
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The Novice Guardian, Matt Long, writes:

The Community of the Tree of Life is a house of prayer and new monastic community. We have a residential community of young adults based at a community house in Cathedral gardens, and a locally dispersed group of companion members. Our calling is to live a life that is rooted, flourishing and fruitful in Christ.

We believe part of our emerging charism is to resource people, particularly in the Diocese of Leicester, to ENGAGE with God in prayer. We want to help people to ENTER into prayer. Becoming present to God’s presence through practices of slowing, breathing and letting go. We want to ENLARGE peoples’ experience of prayer. Tapping into Christian tradition and personal creativity to unlock ancient-future forms of prayer. We want to encourage people to develop EVERYDAY prayer habits. Learning God’s language in structured and spontaneous acts of prayer.

For more info > https://leicestertreeoflife.org/houseofprayer/

Why not experiment with ‘Breath Prayer’ each day this week? Breath prayer is an ancient practice that connects short, memorable phrases with deep breathing. Get into a comfortable posture. Bring your attention to your breath. Treat each breath in as an arrival.

Breathe in God’s presence.

As you breath out, imagine letting go of future worries and responsibilities to God.

As you inhale, whisper or think the first phrase.

As you exhale, whisper or think the latter phrase.

Repeat for as long as you feel comfortable.

[BREATHE IN]: Surely, the Lord is in this place

[BREATHE OUT]: I choose to be still and know God

Please pray for:
• the recruitment of new residents to join the Community in September 2021
• our companion members as we regather in person and reimagine what community looks like in response to the cultural moment

Give thanks for:
• the ancient wisdom of religious life and the ongoing monastic movements of God’s Spirit in the world today

The Scottish Episcopal Church:
Mark Strange (Primus)
### Bishop Paul-Gordon Chandler

Pray for Judith Matthews, recently ordained deacon, and for Mike Evers, ordained priest in May, in these early days of their ministry.

*Delaware (USA)*

### TUES 27 JULY  Birstall and Wanlip

**In vacancy; Lesley Walton (R-PTO); Doreen Wilson, Gillian Pope (PA-PTO)**

We give thanks for our new Rector - Amanda Digman - arriving in September. We are also grateful for those who have kept things going so well during the vacancy since Advent 2019.

*Delhi (North India)*

### WED 28 JULY  Syston and Barkby

**in vacancy, Biddy Saunders (C); Sue Essex (PA); Brian Middleton (PA-PTO); Wendy Hardy, Ruthie Leonard, Theresa Morgan (Pio)**

**SS Peter & Paul School Syston**

We give thanks for those helping to maintain parish life through the vacancy. We pray that a suitable priest will be found for this benefice and for a willingness to consider new ways of being church today.

*Derby: Bishop Libby Lane*

### THURS 29 JULY  Thurmaston and East Goscote

**Tim Day (C); Stephen Gamble, Sheila Langley, John Hewer, Andrea Day (R); Mandy Green (Children and Families)**

**Church Hill School, Thurmaston**

We give thanks for our Children and Family worker’s extended contract; pray our work in schools, with toddler groups and through Messy Church, growing depth of discipleship and loving service. Pray for the resourcing church plant in Thurmaston and its new minister.

*Derby: Bishop Libby Lane*

### FRI 30 JULY  Queniborough, Thrussington, Ratcliffe and Rearsby

**Mary A’Herne Smith, Ian Hill (C); Geoff Dixon (R-PTO); Amanda Grainger (Grace Worker)**

**St. Mary’s, Queniborough, St. Michael & All Angels; Rearsby, & Thrussington School, Thrussington Schools**

We give thanks for the staff at our schools. May they stay well and be restored after a gruelling year. We pray for wisdom in re-opening our churches and ask that anxious minds may find their rest in God.

*Dhaka (Bangladesh)*

### SAT 31 JULY  Clergy with PTO in Goscote deanery


*San Diego (USA)*
During Thy Kingdom Come, members of the Upper Wreake Benefice enjoyed a prayerful week of pilgrim walks, taking in their local beautiful, rural landscape and reflecting on where God was at work in their villages and the wider diocese. Every walk began with themed prayer, including remembering people in the church graveyards and their legacy. At other moments during the rambles, the group sat, prayed, and contemplated life, allowing the conversation to flow naturally.

The daily pilgrimage was the idea of Pioneer Minister, Revd Crystal McAllister, who wanted to take her community on a local journey of discovery and adventure, while giving them the time and space to think and reflect, before bringing those insights back into their everyday lives. Their guide and route planner was Reader Canon Malcolm Britton, and everyone in the community was invited to join in.

It’s clear that this week of walks has been really valuable for these rural church communities, opening up new conversations with people who did not walk, but instead engaged with reflections and photos posted on social media. “We stood up and said ‘we are here and praying for this land and listening to you,’ and that has been really well received,” explains Crystal. “God works through it somehow and often when we go into something without that expectation, we realise He is actually here, doing his stuff, and that’s exciting.”

Pilgrim walks can quite easily become part of our everyday prayer, whether we walk alone with God, or come together in small groups or as a whole community. “I would encourage people to just get out and do it,” says Crystal. “We’re blessed with beautiful countryside here, but there are no barriers to where you can walk... In urban areas, the buildings and roads speak of so much history and the people who live there.”

Give thanks

- for the rediscovery of the ancient disciplines of pilgrimage

Pray for

- the communities through which you walk every day
- new ways of engaging with those around us

Church of the Province of South East Asia
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<td>Pray for the ongoing work of the Eye Clinic as they seek to expand the role into improving mother and child health.</td>
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<td>Please pray for the new Area Dean taking up their role and for our deanery conversations about the Shaped By God Together process.</td>
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<td><strong>Belton, Diseworth, Hathern &amp; Long Whatton CE Primary Schools</strong></td>
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<td>We give thanks for growth this past year: fellowship across the churches, generous sharing with those in need, and online services. Pray for continued fruitful presence in the villages, and relationships with our primary schools.</td>
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<th>FRI 6 AUGUST</th>
<th>The Transfiguration of our Lord</th>
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<td><strong>Barrow-on-Soar CE Primary School; Wymeswold CE Primary School</strong></td>
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<td>Please pray for the Barrow and Wolds Group of churches, our communities and schools, as we seek to work more closely together and discern God’s leading for our mission and ministry among these villages.</td>
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<td><em>Dublin &amp; Glendalough (Ireland): Archbishop Michael Jackson</em></td>
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Tomorrow will be 100 years since the founder of the Mothers’ Union, Mary Sumner, died, leaving us with a legacy of her vision of love for marriage and family life. Services will be held across the worldwide family to celebrate her life.

Married to George Henry Sumner (later Bishop of Guildford), Mary called a meeting in 1876 at which the Mothers’ Union was established, providing a forum to unite mothers of all classes in the aim of bringing up children in the Christian faith. At first a parochial organisation, the membership has grown year on year, reaching over four million members across eighty-four countries.

The Diocesan President, Yvonne Smith, writes:

Here in Leicestershire, we continue to follow Mary Sumner’s vision in forty branches around the diocese with 700+ members by campaigning against gender based violence, domestic abuse and modern day slavery. We support refuges, hospitals and care homes. AFIA (“Away From It All” holidays) is our largest project, helping disadvantaged families across the diocese - hopefully this year fourteen families will enjoy a caravan holiday.

Our overseas projects are extremely well supported, and include funding parenting courses in Myanmar, literacy courses in South Sudan and life lessons in Ethiopia. We are now in partnership with the “Side by Side” and “Together” charities helping to spread the message of healing.

During the Covid19 pandemic, our work has continued tirelessly despite the restrictions. Although it hasn’t been possible to meet together physically, our daily midday prayers moved online and we are joined by fellow members from all corners of the world. Our fellowship will always be with us as we seek to fulfil Mary’s wishes and try to transform as many lives as possible. We believe that together, by the grace of God, we will move forward into a world where everyone can thrive and a more equal society for all.

Give thanks:
- for the example of Mary Sumner and for the work of the MU across the world today

Please pray for:
- MU campaigns against gender based violence, domestic abuse and modern day slavery
- The families who will go on an AFIA holiday this summer
- projects the MU supports overseas

Please also pray for The Revd Richard Reakes, to be licenced this afternoon as Rector of The Four Saints Benefice

The Church of South India
MON 9 AUGUST Diocese of Trichy

Bishop D Chandrasekaran
Pray for the work of the two Church of South India Mission Hospitals in the Diocese, in Trichy and Dharapuram.

Duk (South Sudan)

TUES 10 AUGUST Castle Donington, and Lockington cum Hemington

Andrew Race (C)
St Edward’s CE Primary School, Castle Donington
For wisdom, courage, gentleness and generosity as we adapt to an ever changing world with the peace, love and compassion of Jesus. For a refreshment of our ministry to children and young people.

Dunedin (New Zealand)

WED 11 AUGUST Emmanuel, Loughborough

Michael Broadley (C); Stephen Barney, Alex Howlett, Codra Spencer (R); Ros Barney, Shirley Harris (PA)
Loughborough CE Primary School
Please pray for us as we seek to Recover and Reconstruct Emmanuel post-lockdown, especially that we will grow in our discipleship, welcome new people and reengage with the vision to be a church that plants churches.

Dunkwa-on-Offin (Ghana)

THURS 12 AUGUST St Barnabas, Grange Park (BMO)

Ben Gardner (C); Paul Chung (R)
Please pray for us as we recover, abide and relaunch. Pray for those who have joined us during the pandemic, that they would find a home at STB as we continue to encounter Jesus, build community and see transformation.

Durgapur (North India)

FRI 13 AUGUST All Saints with Holy Trinity, Loughborough

Wendy Dalrymple, Emily Sharman (C); Liz Piki (lay worker); Penny Pullan (R); Bob Smith, Martyn Davison (R-PTO)
Loughborough CE Primary School
Pray for Liz as her curacy begins with us and for Emma Trounson as she returns to her role as Director of Mission through Music. We give thanks for the gifts that they bring to our church and community.

Durham: Bishop Paul Butler

SAT 14 AUGUST The Good Shepherd, Loughborough

Sue Willetts (C); Tony Harper, Andy Willetts (R); Jackie Rotter (R-PTO)
Please pray for us as we begin to re-shape the church for the future, especially for Fiona (context-based ordinand), Sue and the team, as they develop the ministry to our Messy Church Congregation, deepening discipleship for all.

Dutse (Nigeria)
Today is celebrated as the feast day of The Blessed Virgin Mary in most of the Christian world.

In Christian theology, Mary conceived Jesus through the Holy Spirit while a virgin, having been told at the Annunciation by the angel Gabriel she would bear the Messiah. She accompanied Joseph to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. Mary was present when, at her suggestion, Jesus worked his first miracle during a wedding at Cana by turning water into wine [Jn 2:1–11]. She is also depicted as present among the women at the crucifixion, standing near "the disciple whom Jesus loved" along with Mary of Clopas and Mary Magdalene [Jn 19:25–26]. Mary is the only one other than the eleven apostles to be mentioned by name as part of the early church [Acts 1:14]. Her death is not recorded in Scripture but according to Catholic and Eastern Christian teachings, at the end of her earthly life, God raised Mary bodily into heaven (the Assumption).

Although Mary has been seen as an important figure since the earliest days of Christianity, different traditions within Christianity have diverse views of her. Some Protestants pay little attention to her, while Catholic and Eastern Orthodox Christians in particular venerate her highly. This takes the form of prayer for intercession with her Son, Jesus, and includes composing poems and songs in Mary’s honour, painting icons or carving statues of her, and conferring titles on Mary that reflect her position among the saints.

Among her many titles are the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God (primarily in Western Christianity), the Theotokos (‘God-bearer’ - primarily in Eastern Christianity), Our Lady (Medieval Italian: Madonna), and Queen of Heaven (Regina caeli). Mary also has the highest position among all women in Islam and features in the Quran. She is said to have miraculously appeared to believers many times over the centuries.

Give thanks:
- for Mary’s example of courage, obedience and humility

Please pray:
- for churches dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary across our diocese

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
**MON 16 AUGUST**  Bishop’s Retreat Day

We pray for clergy and lay ministers gathering at Launde Abbey today for a retreat day with Bishop Martyn.

*Easton (USA)*

**TUES 17 AUGUST**  Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro

*Bishop Stanley Hotay*

Please pray for DMK as they continue to seek to plant churches that plant churches into areas that have not heard or encountered the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for Pastors and Evangelists as they are often ministering in remote areas.

*Eau Claire (USA)*

**WED 18 AUGUST**  St Mary in Charnwood, Nanpantan

*Adele Adshead (C); Helena Wilkinson (R); Richard Harries, Richard Meredith (R-PTO)*

Give thanks for our many small groups and activities and pray for their flourishing as they seek to re-start. Pray too for development of the church site as a hub offering welcome to all.

*Central Ecuador*

**THURS 19 AUGUST**  Mountsorrel Christ Church & St Peter; St Leonard’s, Swithland

*Colin Resch, Helen Hodson, Gary Lee, Edmund Stacey (R-PTO), Linda Vesty & Alison White (Children & Family Workers)*

*Christ Church & St Peter’s CE Primary School, Mountsorrel; St Leonard’s CE Primary School, Swithland*

Our Churches are evaluating our work with children and families. Please pray for God’s blessing on this and for the provision of funding for a youth worker to join our team.

*Edinburgh: Bishop John Armes*

**FRI 20 AUGUST**  Quorn

*David Bowler (C); Dawn Daly, Sue Osmond (R)*

*St Bartholomew’s CE Primary School; Rawlins College (Academy)*

Pray for us as we discern the way forward with "Shaped by God Together", and our work with children, young people, families and schools. We are mindful of those who have been bereaved and those still nervous about their and others’ health.

*Edmonton (Canada)*

**SAT 21 AUGUST**  Shepshed & Oaks in Charnwood

*Lydia Humphreys, John Bird (C); Michael Torne (R); Diane Melton, Adrienne Saunders (PA); Richard Rock (R in training); Philippa Taylor (Ordinand in training)*

*St Botolph’s CE Primary School; Newcroft Primary School*

We give thanks for all who have served over lockdown and made live-stream services possible. We pray the Holy Spirit will guide us into this new chapter in the life of the Benefice.

*St Edmundsbury & Ipswich: Bishop Martin Seeley*
Siân Rigby, Together Leicester Development Worker, writes:

**Debt and financial difficulties** are a source of significant shame for many who experience them, with significant stigma. Despite this there are many places to get free, qualified and professional help to resolve debt and financial difficulties. Many of these organisations also have telephone support services and websites.

People often develop trusted relationships through a Place of Welcome, foodbank or food pantry, or simply through your pastoral visiting and even conversations in the street. These relationships make it easier to ask for help and support.

Christians Against Poverty partner with churches to set up Debt Centres where a trained debt advisor journeys with people towards a debt free life. Alternatively, a church can work towards being and FCA registered debt advice centre that is part of the Community Money Advice network. You can find our local ones here: https://www.communitymoneyadvice.com/freedom-from-debt/find-a-centre

Hope 67 was set up by a church in Coalville following conversations with myself and is supported by Churches Together in Coalville. During 2020, the CMA model continued to be explored with support from Money Matters in Leicester. In January, Hope 67 began working with the foodbank at New Life Church to serve people living in the LE67 district.

If these seem like far too big a task for you and your church, there are other things you can do. Together Leicester can support you by training you to provide accurate information, with which you can equip the people you work with to make their own informed decisions about money related issues. If you would be interested in this, please contact Siân at sian.rigby@togetherleicester.org.uk

**Please pray for:**

- those struggling financially, especially those who may have lost their jobs as a result of the pandemic
- those agencies and volunteers working with those in debt
- the work of Hope67 in Coalville

*The Anglican Church of South America*
**MON 23 AUGUST**  Diocese of Wyoming  
*Bishop Paul-Gordon Chandler*

Pray for Bishop Paul-Gordon and the staff team as they broaden the diocesan vision from creative approaches to being and doing church, to focus more widely on “mission, outreach and evangelism.”

_Egba (Nigeria)_

**TUES 24 AUGUST**  Bartholomew the Apostle

We pray that as Bartholomew was given grace to believe and preach God’s word, so the Church may also love that word and faithfully preach and teach it.

_Egba West (Nigeria)_

**WED 25 AUGUST**  Woodhouse & Woodhouse Eaves

*Lisa Temperley-Barnes (C); Claire Zanker (R); William Leeson, Marion Porter (PA-PTO)*  
*St Paul’s CE Primary School, Woodhouse & Woodhouse Eaves*

We give thanks for recent growth in our church family, for baptisms, weddings and new opportunities to make Christ’s love known. Please pray for the launch of our fresh expression for young people and for our Funding Campaign at St Paul’s.

_Egbe (Nigeria)_

**THURS 26 AUGUST**  Thorpe Acre with Dishley

*In vacancy, Jenny Bickley (PA-PTO)*

We give thanks for those who are helping to maintain the life of the church through the vacancy. We pray that a suitable minister will be found for this benefice and for a willingness to consider new ways of being church today.

_Egypt_

**FRI 27 AUGUST**  Permission to Officiate in Akeley East

We pray for Ruth Brooker, Lesley Butler, Martin Charles, Tony Cox, Steve Delaforce, Charles Dobbin and Sue Forshaw ministering with PTO in Akeley East deanery.

_Eha-Amufu (Nigeria)_

**SAT 28 AUGUST**  Permission to Officiate in Akeley East

We pray for Paul Hackwood, Margaret Harper, Glenn Martin, Reg Stretton, Angela Tarry, Rosie and Eric Whitley, and Peter Yorkstone, ministering with PTO in Akeley East deanery.

_Ekiti (Nigeria)_
On 2nd September, we remember the **Martyrs of Papua New Guinea**. Although this commemorates eight Anglican clergy or missionaries killed in the Japanese invasion in 1942, in total over three hundred Christians of different denominations and nationalities died in the attacks.

The government had advised all non-natives to leave, but Bishop Strong wrote to his Church “even if anyone had required us to leave, we should then have had to obey God rather than men. We could not leave unless God, who called us, required it of us, and our spiritual instinct tells us He would never require such a thing at such an hour”.

Knowing their presence would endanger local people, the missionaries lived in hiding in the bush and cared for war casualties on both sides. It is not known what happened to them all, but the growth of the Church in Papua New Guinea is evidence of their witness of faith. Furthermore reconciliation followed - in the 1980s Japanese Bishops met to hear the stories of the Martyrs and congregations raised donations towards a College in PNG.

Two of those remembered were born in Leicestershire. After serving for five years in Australia, Vivian Redlich was priest in charge of Sangara district in PNG from 1941. Away recuperating from illness, despite the personal risk, he returned to his parish, slipping through Japanese lines, and was then forced into hiding. He wrote a letter to his father (then Rector of Little Bowden) which is now in St Paul’s Cathedral “I’m trying to stick whatever happens. If I don’t come out of it, just rest content that I’ve tried to do my job faithfully.”

Bernard Moore had initially gone to PNG to work as a layman in teacher training but had then been ordained. Alongside his ministry, he managed the small boat carrying supplies and mail to outlying districts.

**We give thanks for:**
- the witness and sacrifice of the Martyrs of Papua New Guinea and those others who have died for their faith

**We pray for**
- those who minister in hostile environments and live with these risks daily for the sake of the gospel today
- the Church in Papua New Guinea

*Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*
**Bishop Isaiah Chambala**

Pray for Kiteto Christian college and the new academic year. Pray particularly for pastors who often struggle to find the fees to pay for schooling their children.

Ekiti Kwara (Nigeria)

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**TUES 31 AUGUST  Deanery of North West Leicestershire**

**Area Dean: Gill Pinnington; Lay Chair: Noreen Mewies**

Pray for those parishes in vacancy; for clergy and leaders as they begin to open buildings more fully; for our clarity and response to the Shaped by God process.

Ekiti Oke (Nigeria)

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**WED 1 SEPTEMBER  Broom Leys**

**Brett Murphy (C); Jenny Holland (PA)**

We give thanks for those who have helped maintain the life of the church through the vacancy. We pray for Brett Murphy, beginning his ministry today, and for this new chapter in the life of this benefice.

Ekiti West (Nigeria)

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**THURS 2 SEPTEMBER  Bishop’s Leadership Team meeting**

Please pray for those leading the diocese at this time, as the Bishop’s Leadership Team meets today.

Eldoret (Kenya)

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**FRI 3 SEPTEMBER  Coalville with Bardon Hill & Ravenstone**

**Gill Pinnington (C); Geoff Pinnington (R)**

All Saints CE Primary School, Coalville

Pray for our churches as we open our doors; for each PCC as we respond to the Shaped by God Together process.

Port Elizabeth (Southern Africa)

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**SAT 4 SEPTEMBER  Bishop Guli’s welcome service in Chelmsford**

Please pray for those gathering at Chelmsford Cathedral today to welcome Bishop Guli as their diocesan bishop.

Ely: Bishop Stephen Conway
Many churches, in response to the environmental crisis, are giving a particular focus to environmental concerns during the month of September and up to 4th October (Creationtide). The timing includes harvest festival, a natural time to think of our dependence on the natural world, as we give thanks for growth, harvest and food. Churches are finding a huge variety of creative ways to give extra focus to Creation during this period. For some, this means focussed preaching throughout the month; others set aside an additional Sunday for a Creation theme, in addition to Harvest Festival. For others, engagement with the wider community on this shared concern is the priority.

Creationtide is a great opportunity for churches to engage and partner with children and young people on an issue which they are often passionate about. You could encourage them to reflect on what caring for creation means to them, and how they want their voice to be heard in the climate justice conversation.

In the run up to the UN global climate change talks in November 2021 (COP26), the national Church are encouraging churches to hold a special Climate Sunday service or event, to make a commitment to tackle climate change, and to raise their voices to call on world leaders to do the same.

You could hold a climate-focused service to explore the theological and scientific basis of creation care and action on climate, to pray, and to commit to action. You could make a commitment as a local church community to taking long term action to reduce your own greenhouse gas emissions. You could use your voice to tell politicians that you want a cleaner, greener, fairer future at the heart of plans to rebuild a strong economy.

Please pray for:
- better stewardship of the earth
- those planning special Climate Sunday services or events
- our own diocesan response, including our commitment to reducing carbon emissions

Please pray also for today’s commissioning of The Beacon plant in Hinckley.

Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan
**MON 6 SEPTEMBER** Diocese of Trichy

*Bishop D Chandrasekaran*

Pray for all those ministering in outlying rural areas, and for those reliant on subsistence farming.

*Embu (Kenya)*

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**TUES 7 SEPTEMBER** Hugglescote with Donington, Ellistown & Snibston

*in vacancy; Christine Hall, Trevelyn Hodson (R-PTO); David Hitchcock (Pio)*

We give thanks for those who are helping to maintain the life of the church through the vacancy; we pray that a suitable incumbent will be found for this benefice; for growth in faith, hope and love.

*Enugu (Nigeria)*

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**WED 8 SEPTEMBER** Diocesan Board of Education meeting

Please pray for the Board of Education meeting this evening and for the living out of their vision “Transforming the lives of children and young people through effective, distinctive, rooted and inclusive education”.

*Enugu North (Nigeria)*

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**THURS 9 SEPTEMBER** Ibstock with Heather

*Andrew Hartropp (C); Claire Hartropp, Carole Oswin (R); Judith Coleman (PA)*

**St Denys CE Infant School, Ibstock**

Pray that, as we move out of lockdown, we will get to know and support one another better, and grow in confidence in the gospel reaching out in mission to those around us. Pray for our new ‘Welcome Time’ initiative in our villages.

*Eson (Nigeria)*

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**FRI 10 SEPTEMBER** Whitwick, Thringstone & Swannington

*Darren Walker; Jeannette Bulmer (R); Carol Albrighton, Barry Albrighton (R-PTO)*

**Swannington CE Primary School & St John the Baptist CE Primary School, Whitwick**

We give thanks for those who are helping to maintain the life of the church through the vacancy; and pray for Darren Walker as he prepares to become our incumbent, and for this new chapter in the life of our benefice.

*Etche (Nigeria)*

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**SAT 11 SEPTEMBER** The Woodfield Team

*Rick Tett, Wilma Colley (C); Debbie Kent (R); Glennys Kerr, Norma Morris-Chapman, Derek Tomlin (R-PTO); Elisabeth Harrison (Evng); David Harrison (R-PTO +Evng); Judy Selby (PA); Joan Smith (PA-PTO)*

**St John Moore CE Primary School, Appleby Magna**

**Snarestone, Measham & Packington CE Primary Schools**

For the relaunch of our work with children; give thanks that our churches have been open and there for church and wider community for most of this year. For the way ahead for the Team as Vivien Elphick moves into retirement.

*Etsako (Nigeria)*
We continue our occasional series introducing us to some of the diocese’s lesser known saints:

**Morrell** (also known as Maurilius) was born in AD363 and became a Benedictine monk after studying in Milan. He lived as a hermit for a time after which he was ordained as the fourth Bishop of Angers. The story goes that he ran away from his post after failing to deliver the last rites to a dying child. On his crossing to England, he threw his cathedral keys into the English Channel and went to work as a gardener for a noble. His followers in Angers persistently tracked him down, presented him with his cathedral keys - having found them in the mouth of a fish - and begged him to return, which he did. In 1154 the Count of Anjou (Angers) ascended the English throne, crowned as Henry II and dedicated a chapel in Hallaton (Hallowed-Town) to the saint of his hometown. It is unique in England as there are no other known sites dedicated to St. Maurilius. His feast day falls tomorrow – 13th September.

Like St. Morrell, we will often miss the mark and usually we give ourselves less grace and patience than we are prepared to give others and fail to extend the same kindness to ourselves as we do to others. However St. Maurilius’ story tells us, as do numerous stories from scripture, that while we may beat ourselves up, God is faithful to us as His children. We may feel beyond redemption or grace, but that just shows how limited our own view of grace is when compared to God’s. If we remain honest with ourselves and God, like the tax collector in Luke 18 who beat his chest in the temple and prayed “have mercy on me, a sinner”, we can have peace in the knowledge that God is faithful and gracious.

**Give thanks**
- for those who have gone before us in faith over many centuries

**Please pray**
- for the community at St Morrell, Hallaton
- for those who feel they have let others or God down

*The Anglican Church of Tanzania*
**MON 13 SEPTEMBER**  Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro

**Bishop Stanley Hotay**

Please pray for Munguishi Bible College and their Principal Revd Joseph Bea as they are looking at different ways of raising finance to support staff and students as well as their families. Pray for the crops that have been planted as well as the new flour mill.

*The Episcopal Church in Europe*

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**TUES 14 SEPTEMBER**  Holy Cross Day

We pray that we may daily take up our cross and follow Christ and give thanks for the salvation bought at such a cost.

*Europe: Bishop Robert Innes*

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**WEDS 15 SEPTEMBER**  Licensing of Amanda Digman

Please pray for the communities of Birstall and Wanlip as they welcome The Revd Amanda Digman, to be licenced this evening as Rector.

*Evo (Nigeria)*

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**THURS 16 SEPTEMBER**  The Flagstaff Family of Churches

*Mary Gregory, Tim Phillips (C); Stephen Clowes, Carol Eyley, Judith Lewis, Andy Smith (R); Sue Brown (R-PTO); Kathy Hart (PA-PTO); Steph Whiten (PA)*

*Viscount Beaumont’s School, Coleorton; St Hardulph’s School, Breedon on the Hill; Newbold CE Primary School*

Please give thanks for Revd Margaret Jacques (PTO) and Allan Jacques, joining the ministry team at St Helen’s, Ashby.

*Exeter: Bishop Robert Atwell*

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**FRI 17 SEPTEMBER**  Christ the Redeemer, Blackfordby & Woodville

*in vacancy; Peter Hillyar-Russ (R-PTO); Blossom Thompson (PA)*

*Blackfordby & Woodville CE Primary Schools*

We give thanks for those who are helping to maintain the life of the church through the vacancy; we pray that a suitable priest will be found for this benefice; for an increase of faith, hope and love.

*Ezo (South Sudan)*

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**SAT 18 SEPTEMBER**  Clergy with PTO in North West Leicestershire

Please pray for Lesley Birtwistle, Stephen Brook, Brenda Campbell, Jennie Drew and Barry Dryden, ministering with Permission to Officiate in North West Leicestershire deanery.

*Faisalabad (Pakistan)*
“When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words” (Matt 6:7)

The Jesus Prayer - “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner” - is deceptive in its simplicity, yet also contains profound depth and power. It acknowledges the divine mercy, the free grace of God, by which alone salvation is to be received.

The post-biblical origins of the Jesus Prayer are found in the deserts of Palestine, Egypt and Syria where the Desert Fathers and Mothers lived in simplicity, austerity and prayer. The repetition of the Jesus Prayer has remained part of the praying of both clergy and laity in the Orthodox tradition down the centuries and in more recent times has spread into the Western Christian tradition.

There are powerful examples of repetition of prayer in Scripture, including Isaiah’s vision of the temple (6:3) and John’s vision of the heavenly court, where the multitudes pray without ceasing (Revelation 4:8, 11; 5:12-14). In both cases, this is both intensely personal and deeply corporate in its expression. This is the quality of penitence and adoration that is found in the simplicity and profundity of repetition in the Jesus Prayer.

You must begin by becoming relaxed yet alert, slowing down your breathing until it is deep and rhythmic. Once aware of your heartbeat, begin to quietly repeat the words of the Jesus Prayer in time with it. Others find it easier to use the Prayer in time with their breathing, remembering that the Holy Spirit is the breath of God. Some use a prayer rope with fifty or 100 knots/beads to help mark the number of repetitions or to help still the mind as the fingers move from knot to knot.

Please pray:

- for the growth and deepening of our prayer lives
- for a willingness to learn from other traditions
- “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner”

The Church of the Province of Uganda
MON 20 SEPT  College of Bishops
Please pray for the College of Bishops meeting today.
Falkland Islands

TUES 21 SEPT  Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Matthew was despised as a tax collector. We pray that, like Christ, we may not make judgements based on outward appearance or our own prejudices, but see others as fellow children of God and disciples.
False Bay (Southern Africa)

WED 22 SEPT  College of Bishops
Please pray for the College of Bishops meeting today.
Fianarantsoa (Indian Ocean)

THURS 23 SEPT  College of Bishops
Please pray for the College of Bishops meeting today.
Florida (USA)

FRI 24 SEPT  Clergy with PTO in North West Leicestershire
Please pray for Paul Harris, Julie-Ann Heath, Trevor Jordan and Trevor Parkerson, ministering with Permission to Officiate in North West Leicestershire deanery.
Central Florida (USA)

SAT 25 SEPT  Diocese of Wyoming
Bishop Paul-Gordon Chandler
Pray for the work with churches throughout the state to facilitate their creative outreaches, as well as focusing on the possibility of starting new alternative worshipping communities in areas of Wyoming where a need is evident.
Southeast Florida (USA)
With the uncertainties around the COVID pandemic, the decision was made to postpone the **ordinations** until Michaelmas. The services will not take place in the Cathedral due to the Leicester Cathedral Revealed project, so we will take an ‘ordinations roadshow’ around the diocese. The priests will be ordained in three services in Burbage, South Wigston and Syston on Saturday 2nd October; and the deacons in two services at Melton Mowbray on Sunday 3rd October.

Please pray for those to be ordained **priest:**

Nick Baker, Wigston
Matthew Creber-Davies, Cornerstone Team
Pauline Cummins, Earl Shilton with Elmesthorpe
Paul Emberton, Humberstone & Thurnby Lodge
Ros Harper, Burbage cum Aston Flamville
Maria Jukes, Oadby Great Glen Team
Rob Leveritt, Market Harborough Team
Dawn Matthew, Hinckley St John
Crystal McAllister, Upper Wreake
Biddy Saunders, Syston and Barkby

Please pray for those to be ordained **deacon:**

Paul Betts, Wigston
Kas Brown, St Philip Leicester
Luke Dobson, Holy Trinity Leicester
Tom Grant, Hope Hamilton & Thurnby Lodge
Stephen March

Charles Ndigrwa, St Christopher, Leicester
Rhianne O’Rourke, Coalville
Steve O’Rourke, Hugglescote with Donington, Ellistown and Snibston
David Palmer
Liz Piki, St Margaret’s Leicester
Manuela Schmuki, Leicester Cathedral
Ali Simpson-Smith, Emmaus Team
Steve Sweet, Thurcaston
Kate Szejnmann, Holy Apostles Leicester
Ben Williams, Lutterworth

**Please pray for**

- these twenty five soon-to-be priests and deacons and for their support networks
- their training incumbents, supervisors and training contexts
- those preparing behind the scenes on all the detailed planning for the ordination services

**The Episcopal Church:**

*Presiding Bishop Michael Curry*
Please pray for the deacons and priest candidates going on retreat at Launde Abbey until tomorrow evening.

Southwest Florida (USA)

Please pray for Rhona Passey, Terri Skinner, Edwina Wallace, Geoffrey Willett, and Haydn Williams, ministering with Permission to Officiate in North West Leicestershire deanery.

Fond du Lac (USA)

We pray that as the angels serve God in heaven, so we may likewise serve God here on earth, with their help and protection.

Fredericton (Canada)

We pray for clergy and lay ministers gathering at Launde Abbey today for a retreat day with Bishop Martyn.

Free State (Southern Africa)

Bishop Isaiah Chambala

Pray for those newly ordained in Kiteto Diocese, particularly the women ordained in January 2021 as they find their feet and discern God’s call in Tanzanian society.

Freetown (West Africa)

We pray for the ten candidates to be ordained priest today at Burbage, South Wigston and Syston.

Gahini (Rwanda)