

**Praying for New Worshipping Communities**





AD = Area Dean C = Clergy All schools listed here are CoFE H = Headteacher EH = Executive Head HoS = Head of School P= Principal L: Leader

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>OUR VISION – 150 NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES BY 2030 .....</b> New Worshipping Communities are being imagined, supported and nurtured, through existing churches, Mission Hubs and Diocesan enablers ... programmes like Myriad, Greenhouse and Leading Your Church into Growth help create spaces to explore.				1 <b>Church can be expressed in many different ways ....</b>	2 <b>OUTDOOR expressions of church</b>	3 <b>Fosse Deanery</b> AD – in vacancy LC – Margaret Howard
<b>EASTER 3</b> 4 <b>Alveston, Hampton Lucy with Charlecote and Loxley &amp; Newbold Pacey</b> C - Linda MacDermott	<b>Bank Holiday</b> 5 Alveston Primary School. H: Anne Clewley	6 Hampton Lucy Primary School H: Lucy Jackson.	7 Loxley Primary School, Loxley. H: Tim Dale.	8 <b>Dassett Magna churches</b> C - Barry Jackson	9 <b>SCHOOL-BASED expressions of church</b>	10 The Dassett School, Fenny Compton. H: Suzanne Corry.
<b>EASTER 4</b> 11 <b>Edgehill churches</b> C – Barry Jackson	12 Kineton Primary School, H: Margaret Pollard.	<b>Moreton Morrell</b> 13 C – Barry Jackson	14 Moreton Morrell Primary School. H: Sarah Eadon.	15 <u><b>Bishop’s Core Staff</b></u>	16 <b>CULTURALLY DIVERSE expressions of church</b>	17 <b>St Mark’s Academy, Coventry</b> P: Rachel Atkinson L: Jonny Davies
<b>EASTER 5</b> 18 <b>Stratford-upon-Avon</b> C – Patrick Taylor	19 Holy Trinity Primary School, Stratford-u-Avon. H: Jo Herrero.	<b>Shottery</b> 20 C – Craig McClellan	21 Shottery St Andrew’s Primary School. HT: Louise Withers.	22 <u><b>Diocesan Finance Group</b></u>	23 <b>PLAYFUL and CREATIVE expressions of church.</b>	24 St.Peter’s Primary School, Barford. H: Mary Baker.
<b>EASTER 6</b> 25 <b>Barford with Wasperton Sherbourne</b> C – <i>Interregnum</i>	26 <b>Wellesbourne &amp; Walton D’Eiville with Lighthorne</b> C – Greg Bartlem	27 Wellesbourne Primary School. HoS: Tim Hewitt	28 Mission Hubs – St Laurence, Foleshill; All Saints, Bedworth; St Andrew’s, Rugby.	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b> 29 <b>The beginning of Thy Kingdom Come prayer through to Pentecost (8 June)</b>	30 Mission Hubs – St John, Westwood; St Paul, Leamington Spa; Alcester Minster.	31 Urban Church Plants in Bedworth, Wyken, Tile Hill and Hillfields

# PRAYER DIARY

## Prayer

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your **kingdom**: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. All Amen.



THY KINGDOM COME

Light Up The World In Prayer

29<sup>th</sup> May – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## SPECIFIC DAYS IN MAY 2025

**3 – Fosse Deanery** Area Dean, in vacancy. Give thanks for strong mutual support and collegiality amongst the clergy of the deanery. Pray for the successful appointment of a new Area Dean as Patrick Taylor stepped down at Easter.

**4 – Alveston, Hampton Lucy with Charlecote and Loxley & Newbold Pacey**  
– C Linda MacDermott

**St. James' and St. Peter's Alveston** Thank God for the many Church led activities across the parish. For Soft Play, Lego Café, Woolly Wednesday, Tea & Chat and the Youth and Senior Choirs. We pray that God uses us to show the Love of God to all we meet. PTO. Rev Richard Smith, Rev Barry Coleman

**St. George's Newbold Pacey** We are praying and seeking God about what the future may hold as St. George's Retreat Church. We have already held two days of workshops and are planning more quiet days and retreats and workshops in the coming months. Giving thanks for our forward-thinking congregation who want to build up the church for the future. R: Richard Woodfin

**St Peter ad Vincula, Hampton Lucy** Please pray for our new family service which will be held in Hampton Lucy Village Hall, we are hoping it will attract many families from the village and children and parents/carers who attend the school. We thank God for a strong working relationship with the school. R: Malcolm Dawson

**St Leonard's Charlecote** We thank God for all of the lay involvement at Charlecote, those who deliver services, make the floral arrangements and look after the building and churchyard. We pray that we welcome more visitors into the church from Charlecote Park and that we can share a little of our faith with them. Lay leaders: Sue Lampitt & Erica Fairfax-Lucy

**St. Nicholas' Loxley** We are excited about our involvement at Loxley CofE Primary School, giving thanks for the new head Mr Tim Dale. We look forward to a closer working relationship and many church visits from the children. We pray for a successful Strawberry Fair this summer and give thanks for all the helpers who make it happen. Lay leaders: Sue Lampitt & Erica Fairfax-Lucy

**8 – Dasset Magna** We give thanks for faithful ministry of our many volunteers who give so much to the life of the church. Please pray that we would find the right Associate Minister to help us grow in love of God, our neighbours and each other. C – Barry Jackson; R – J Davies

**11 – Edgehill churches** We give thanks for our huge team of volunteers who give time, energy and talents bless the churches, the schools and the communities. We give thanks for the many children of all ages that are joining our communities and for the growth in our youth groups. Please pray for our ongoing work with children and families. Pray for wisdom as we continue to explore ways to encourage people into discipleship. C – Barry Jackson, Beren Hartless, Alison Abbott, Matthew Arnold; R – Pete Ashton

**13 - Moreton Morrell** – We give thanks for the dynamism in our church and the many volunteers that make Holy Cross church such a lively place. Thank you for the great connections between church, school and community. Please pray for guidance as we explore where God is at work and look to join in. C – Barry Jackson

**17** – pray for St Mark's Academy (Coventry) and all who study there, for a continued stream of graduates who go on to serve in the diocese as fruitful lay leaders. Also pray for Rachel Atkinson, the Academy Principal, St Marks Academy

**18 – Holy Trinity, Stratford-upon-Avon** Give thanks for growing congregations and new opportunities for outreach following the appointment of Matt Ford as Associate Minister for Outreach and Nurture. Ask for prayer for our Parish Nurse, Julie Parry as she begins her ministry here. C: The Revd Patrick Taylor, The Revd Matt Ford Associate Minister; The Revd. Emma Harrington, The Revd Thomas Powell Curates; Phil Harper Children and Families' Minister; Assistant Ministers (PTO):The Revd Kay Dyer, The Revd. John Hall-Matthews, The Revd. Diane Patterson, The Revd. Jenny Rowland, The Ven. Brian Russell, The Revd. Graham Wilcox, The Revd. Penny Harrison, The Revd David Runcorn, The Rt. Revd Jackie Searle, Readers Licensed to the Parish: Mr Paul Gifford, Mr Phil Harper, Mr David Harrison

**20 – St Andrew's, Shotton** C – Craig McClellan, Mike Stewart, Sarah Cushing, Nikki Moon, Paul Edmondson, Joy Hance, David Capron, Mary Cramer; R - Jan Walker.

**25 – Barford, with Wasperton & Sherbourne** *In vacancy.* C -John Horton. R -Ann Fawcett, Chris Farr, Malcolm Dawson.

**26 – St Peter's, Wellesbourne** Thank you Lord for our partnership with Wellesbourne Church of England Primary School (Head Tim Hewitt) for weekly assemblies and JAM (Jesus and Me) Club which meets weekly in the school. Thanks all for Liz Host Elofson our Children's and Families Leader. Please pray that our church continues to grow younger and more in love with Jesus. Vicar, Greg Bartlem; Curate, Helen Smith; CW: Jann Wallace and David Close

**St James Walton d'Eville** Thank you Lord for the many people who come to special services at St James Church, throughout the year our church is an oasis of calm in a busy world. Please pray that new regular quiet days led by Revds Helen Smith & Charmaine Host will bring significant moments in the faith journeys of those attending. Priest-in-Charge, Greg Bartlem; Curate, Helen Smith; CW: Lady Hamilton, Chris Baker

**St Laurence Church, Lighthorne** Thank you Lord for our lovely PCC and the willingness of its members to go 'the extra mile'. Please pray for a successful recruitment for the post of Pioneer Minister, to oversee both St Laurence Church and a new Church plant to be developed in Upper Lighthorne Priest-in-Charge, Greg Bartlem; Curate, Helen Smith; R: Gillian Jones

**28 & 30** – For Mission Hub leaders and their influence across the Diocese

**31** – for Urban Plant teams in the Diocese

AM = Associate Minister C = Clergy R = Reader CW = Churchwarden

“The river of the water of life (Revelation 22) flows through the main street of the heavenly city. The ‘river of the water of life’ is its name. It is lined with trees, and comes from the throne of God. John describes it as sparkling as bright as crystal. The throne is the source of all power ... and the river, with the leaves of the trees, bring nourishment, regeneration and healing for all who draw near.... Here the river that watered the Garden of Eden wells up in the heavenly city to continue that story of nourishment. The difference now is that those who were banished from the garden are welcomed home.”

from Graham Usher, on Rivers in “**Places of Enchantment: meeting God in landscapes**” (SPCK, 2012)

This month sees us revive our annual focus on crying out for “*Thy Kingdom (to) Come*” – a happy conjunction with this month of prayer for New Worshipping Communities across our Diocese, and wider renewal in individual lives, churches and communities.

Venerable Barry Dugmore, the Archdeacon Missioner said after Diocesan Synod in November 2020: “*I am humbled yet filled with a sense of anticipation and excitement for the future following Synod's decision to endorse our growth strategy and our vision for 150 new worshipping communities. The activity of Holy Spirit is evident in so many ways in our communities, with people of all ages spiritually curious, and not yet part of a church community. As God's people we are invited to see with fresh eyes 'ripe harvest fields' and partner together for work of the Kingdom, sharing our hope in the Good News of Jesus Christ. I look forward to working with others on our continuing endeavour and adventure of faith to grow the heart of England.*”

### THY KINGDOM COME Resources for 2025

How about a Digital Detox during the period leading up to Pentecost?

[Digital Detox | Thy Kingdom Come](#)

You can download a prayer journal to use, from Ascension Day in May to Pentecost in early June.

[TKC Prayer Journal 2025 DIGITAL.pdf](#)

What else is new in 2025? Some wonderful, uplifting worship songs are included, with links to Spotify.

[New for 2025 | Thy Kingdom Come](#)

Rivers of Living Water

CONNECTING WITH BIRDSONG IN MAY. Adam Nicholson, one of the great contemporary writers on birds has just published ‘**Bird School: A beginner in the Wood**’ (Collins, 2025), a marvellous description of his studies of the birds near his home in Sussex. He got to know the birds (in great depth. Recall Jesus’s words, urging us to ‘*Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?*’ (Matthew 6.24) **Consider how you might listen more attentively to different birdsongs in your garden or on walks, this month.**



### EMERGING NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES, INCLUDE

Expressions of church that take place outdoors, such as Messy Church, Muddy Church and Forest Church, gardens and churchyards that become the focus for worship across different seasons.

Some new worshipping communities are located in our schools, or form around choirs in different ways.

New worshipping communities emerge amongst ethnically diverse groups connected with existing church buildings.

“Tucked between the old and new Cathedrals in the heart of Coventry, St Clare’s is a place of community, of worship and of resource. We are the pioneer church community of Coventry Cathedral, and also a Christian Resource Centre for the city and beyond.”

There are many other CREATIVE WAYS people are creating worshipping opportunities using ‘vehicles’ such as LEGO play and storytelling, Chocolate Church and, of course, Messy Church.

- Each month we focus on a different Deanery; this month it is Fosse Deanery. In June we pray for Coventry South, Shipston in July and Warwick & Leamington Spa in August. I look forward to receiving updates from anyone in these areas with specific prayer requests.
- Coming up – the **Themes** for the next 3 months are, Net Zero and Creation Care (June), Generous Giving (July) and Parish Support (August). Do consider sending prayer suggestions, and other thoughts.

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