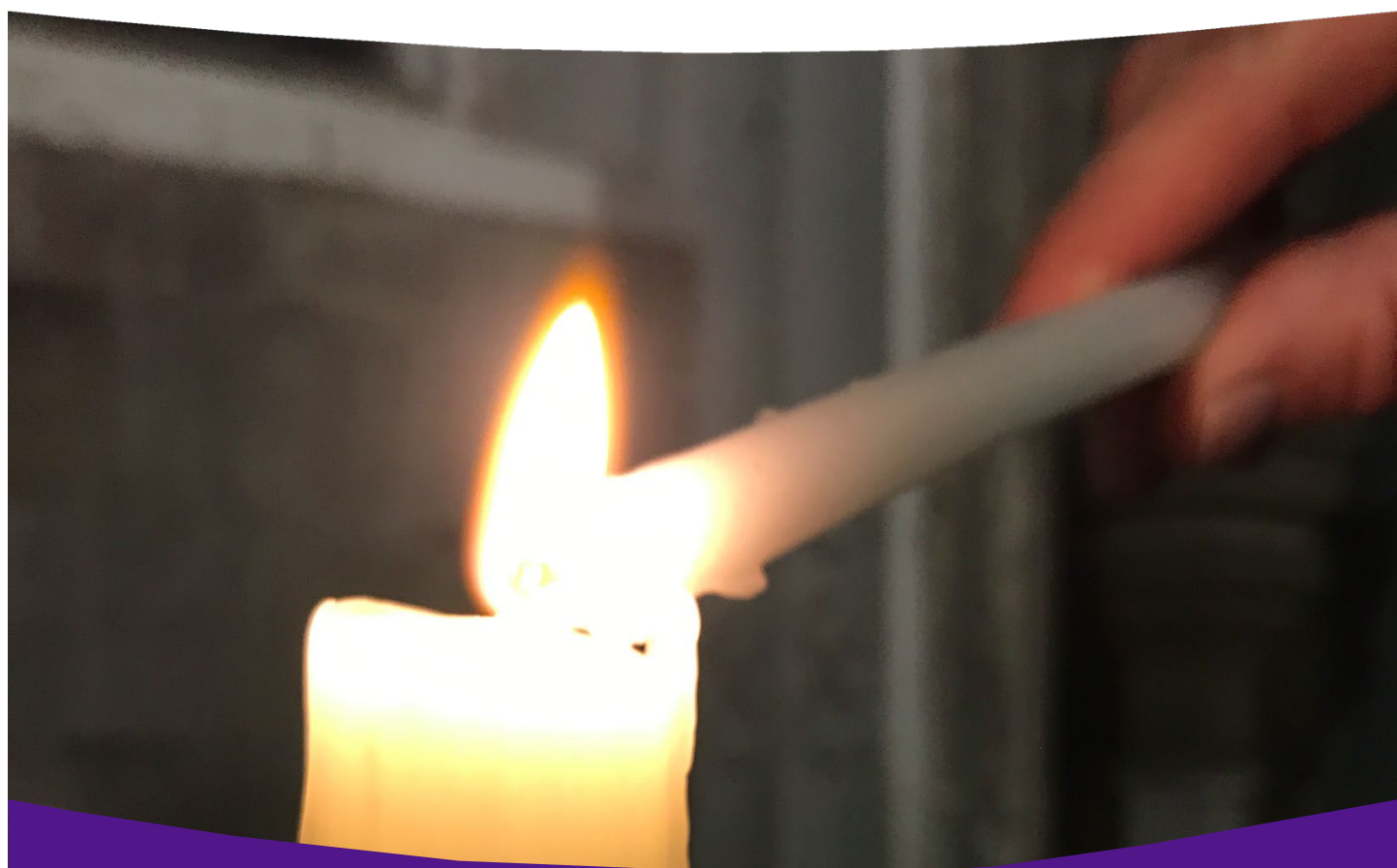




# Diocese of Hereford

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## Prayer Diary

April to June 2023

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God who in Jesus calls us -  
open hearts and minds to your invitation.  
God of the pilgrim way - be our companion day by day.  
God of the still, small voice - teach us to pray.  
Grant that in our calling, our following, our pilgrimage,  
we may see your kingdom of truth and peace -  
and delight to bring others to your love.  
We make this prayer through Jesus, the Lord.  
(The “Follow” Prayer)

God of generosity, whose Son Jesus gathers us as one  
around the table of rejoicing;  
be with us as we gather in his name.  
Give us hope, encouragement, unity, expectancy,  
and, by our time together,  
draw us closer to one another and to you.  
We make this prayer through Jesus,  
the Lord.  
(The “Gather” Prayer)

## Hereford Archdeaconry

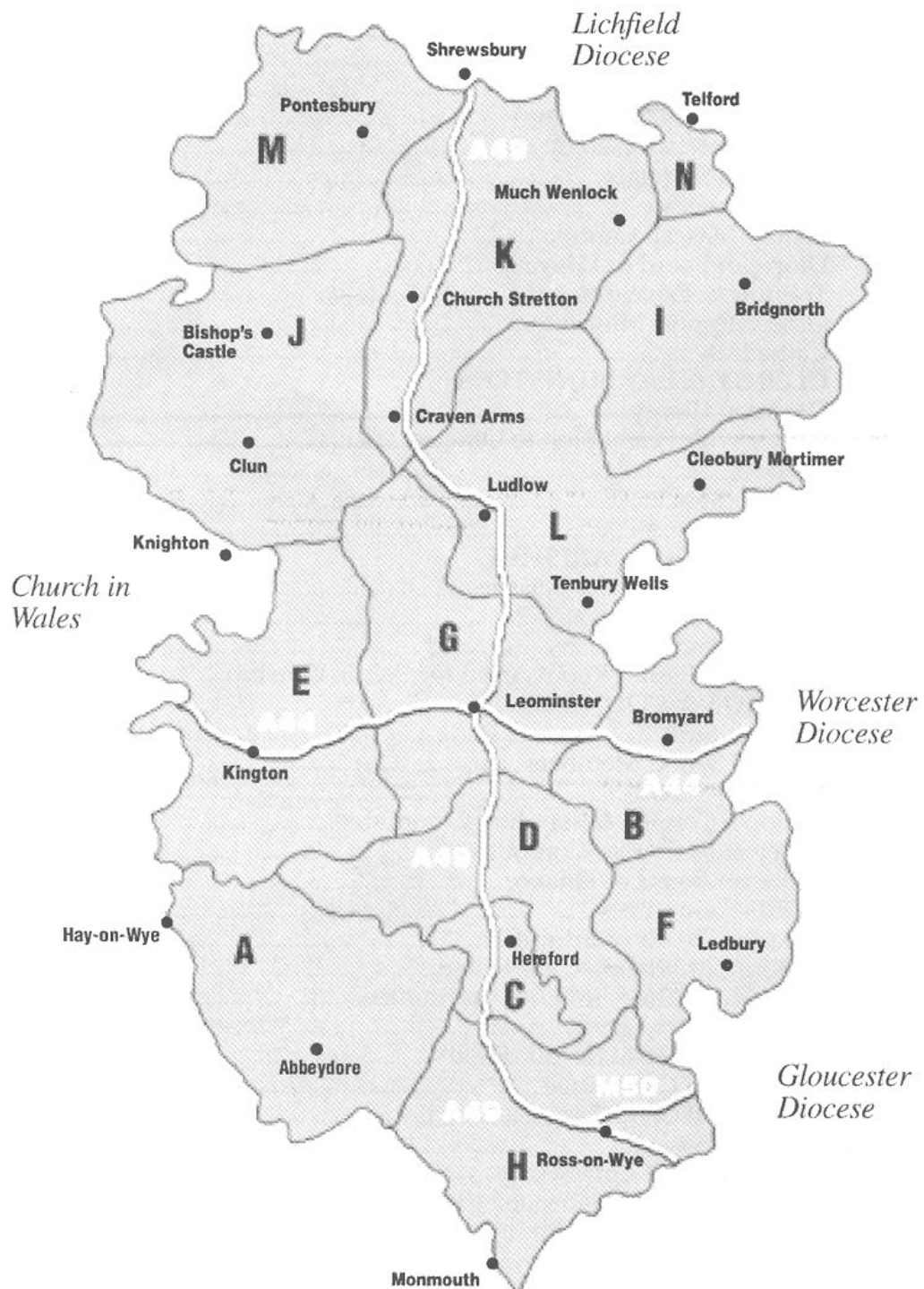
### *The Deaneries*

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- B Bromyard
- C Hereford City
- E Kington & Weobley
- F Ledbury
- G Leominster
- H Ross & Archenfield

## Ludlow Archdeaconry

- I Bridgnorth
- J Clun Forest
- K Condover
- L Ludlow
- M Pontesbury
- N Telford Severn Gorge

(D - These parishes now part of Leominster, Ledbury or Ross & Archenfield Deaneries)



# The Prayer Diary - April to June 2023

The main part of this Prayer Diary covers the quarter from Sunday 26th March to Saturday 24th June, week by week, under the following headings:

- **Anglican** - A bidding for each day, taken from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer and updated as fully and accurately as possible, so that we can pray with confidence with and for the Anglican Communion worldwide.
- **Hereford** - A bidding for each day, featuring each quarter half of the deaneries and benefices of our diocese, along with diocesan organisations, areas of work, and officers.
- **Porvoo** - This weekly bidding pairs the Lutheran churches of the Nordic and Baltic areas and the Anglican churches of the British Isles and of Spain and Portugal, which have signed the Porvoo Declaration recognising each others' ministries. Also included is the Latvian Church, which has not yet taken a decision on signing the Declaration, and the Church of Denmark, which has not signed but wishes to develop links with the churches which have signed.
- **The Wider View** - Biddings and promptings for prayer relating to world mission and development, including our own World Church links, among them our companion links with the Kirchenkreis Nürnberg in Germany, and the Tanzanian dioceses of Tanga, Dar es Salaam, Masasi and Newala.
- **This Week and Today** - Focuses for prayer during the week, on themes and issues in healthcare, the community, education and the changing seasons, along with events, meetings etc from the Diocesan calendar.
- **Prayer** - A prayer or reflection appropriate to the week.

Please send entries for the next edition which covers the quarter July to September 2023 to me at [wkrowell@btinternet.com](mailto:wkrowell@btinternet.com) - clearly marked in the subject area as Prayer Diary. The more I know about events and activities, the more accurate and focused our prayer biddings can be. Please also let me know if you spot any mistakes or omissions - they do happen, alas, but I will always do my best to make sure this Diary is as accurate as possible!

You may find the following explanation of the initials used helpful:

CGH	-	Cuddesdon in Gloucester & Hereford (formerly WEMTC)
CMD	-	Continuing Ministerial Development
CMS	-	Church Mission Society
DAC	-	Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches
DDVO	-	Diocesan Director of Vocations and Ordinands
DHET	-	Diocese of Hereford Educational Trust
DBE	-	Diocesan Board of Education
IM	-	Intergenerational Missioner
IMD	-	Initial Ministerial Development
LMC	-	Ludlow Mascall Centre (formerly BMC)
MAP	-	Mission Action Plan
MDO	-	Mission (MAP) Development Officer
PAT	-	Post Admission Training for Readers
SIAMS	-	Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools
TEC	-	The Episcopal Church (of the United States)
USPG	-	United Society - Partners in the Gospel

<b>SUNDAY 26th March: 5th of Lent - Passion Sunday</b> (Passiontide begins)	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of South America, Most Revd Nick Drayson, Presiding Bishop.
Hereford	Pray for all that encourages and nurtures vocation within our Diocese, and for those who advise, discern and mentor, helping people to seriously consider their sense of God's call to ministries of various kinds, and to access the training and experience they need.
Porvoo	<i>Ireland:</i> Armagh, Archbishop John McDowell; <i>Denmark:</i> Funen, Bishop Tine Lindhardt.
The Wider View	Pray for world peace, and for every community where division and violence are ruining lives. As the war in Ukraine continues, pray for those caught up in a war they have not sought or provoked, and that their courage and resilience may hold firm.
This Week	<p><b>World Theatre Day</b> (27th March) is celebrated to raise awareness about the importance of theatre arts and their important role in entertainment, and to highlight how they can be used to foster peace and economic development. The theme this and every year is "Theatre and a Culture of Peace." Give thanks for drama as a means of opening and educating minds and encouraging awareness of and response to the issues of the day.</p> <p>30th March is <b>World Bipolar Day</b>: this condition affects around one in fifty people in the UK, and the day aims to raise awareness and counter the stigma that can attach to mental illness. This year the theme has to do with community kindness. Pray for all who live with this condition.</p> <p>Saturday is <b>All Fool's Day</b>. It's an opportunity for fun, and a time to be careful not to be tricked yourself - but Paul described himself and his companions as "fools for Christ's sake" (1 Cor 4.10); may we too have the courage to be fools for Christ, daring to live in a way that isn't hooked on possessions and on the conventions of the world.</p> <p>From this Sunday we enter <b>Passiontide</b>. We honour Jesus as he accepts the way of the cross, and seek to travel with him on that road. Lent has been a time to "deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow him." May our lives mirror and convey his self-giving and self-offering love.</p> <p>Clocks go forward this Sunday and <b>British Summer Time</b> begins. The weather may or may not play ball, but as we see the emerging beauties of Spring in the world around us, may we give thanks for the wonder and the richness of God's creation. This perhaps is also a good time to commit ourselves afresh to value and conserve the environment around us. Pray that as churches we may take a lead in reducing energy use and living more sustainably.</p> <p>Pray also for <b>gardeners</b>, as beds are dug, crops planted and seeds sown. Pray for all who work in market gardens, in our local garden centres and nurseries, and in the hospitality and tourism sector generally, as the new season begins.</p>

<b>Monday 27th March</b>	
Anglican	Rupert's Land (Rupert's Land, Canada) - Rt Revd Geoffrey Woodcroft.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for organists and other musicians in our churches, for choirs and worship groups and for all that helps lift our hearts in praise.
<b>Tuesday 28th March</b>	
Anglican	Rutana (Burundi) - Rt Revd Pontien Ribakare.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for all who prepare our churches for worship, those who greet people as they arrive, help newcomers, and work to ensure that our buildings are clean, well-presented and safe for all.
Today	Rural Deans of both Archdeaconries meet in Hereford.
<b>Wednesday 29th March</b>	
Anglican	Ruvuma (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Raphael Haule.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for tower captains and bell ringers, and for the training of new ringers. Pray that every tower may ring for the coronation.
Today	Bishop's Study Day at Ludlow: "How to Pray" (with Pete & Sammy Grieg)
<b>Thursday 30th March: John Donne, priest and poet</b>	
Anglican	Ruwenzori (Uganda) - Rt Revd Reuben Kisengo.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for all who assist with the celebration and administration of the Eucharist, and those who help ensure that people unable to receive communion in church may do so within their own homes.
<b>Friday 31st March: John Donne, priest and poet</b>	
Anglican	East Ruwenzori (Uganda) - Rt Revd George Turyasingura.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Give thanks for our churches as places where the wider community can gather to celebrate at joyful times, or to mourn at times of tragedy or shared sorrow. Pray for prayer corners and other quiet places, and that our churches may be places of welcome for all who seek refuge.
<b>Saturday 1st April: Frederick Denison Maurice, priest</b>	
Anglican	South Ruwenzori (Uganda) - Rt Rev Jackson Nzerebende Tembo.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for all that enables the worship we offer to be joyful, attractive and relevant, and for all who help to plan and lead worship, especially as we approach Holy Week and Easter.
Today	"Exploring Prayer" at Craven Arms.
Prayer  <i>On being a fool for Christ</i>	<p>"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain that which he cannot lose."</p> <p>May I live my life, Lord, according to this principle, even if in the eyes of others I may seem a fool.</p> <p>Help me never to be turned from your way of generous love, and to bear a constant witness to the Gospel of Christ.</p> <p>May I be ready to accept taunts and hardships and rejection, for in you I find the pearl that is beyond price.</p> <p>Help me to share your love in all I think and say and do, to the glory of your holy name.</p>

<b>SUNDAY 2nd April: Palm Sunday</b>	
Anglican	Episcopal Church of South Sudan - Most Revd Justin Badi Arama.
Hereford	<i>Ledbury Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – <i>to be confirmed</i> ; Lay Co-Chair – Kevin Hewison; Sub-Warden of Readers – Chris Blanchard.
Porvoo	<i>Sweden</i> : Uppsala, Archbishop Martin Modéus, Bishop Karin Johannesson; <i>Wales</i> : Llandaff, Bishop Mary Stallard (bishop elect).
The Wider View	Pray for girls and women in Afghanistan increasingly denied access to what we would consider basic human rights, including access to education and opportunity, and to freedom of expression. Pray for the safety of those who bravely speak out and protest.
This Week	<p>Pray for the various events of <b>Holy Week</b>. May we place the cross of Christ at the centre of our life and action, as the sign of a love that cannot be ended or beaten, that is for all, and gives everything of itself that we may live. Pray too for choirs and musicians preparing and performing music for this Holy Week and for our Easter celebration.</p> <p>Pray for <b>ecumenical Acts of Witness</b>, pilgrimage walks and other similar events taking place this week, especially on Good Friday. Pray too for events for children and families, such as Messy Easter.</p> <p>On Wednesday the <b>Chrism Eucharist</b> takes place at the Cathedral. Give thanks for the sacramental ministry of the priesthood, and for this service as a time to renew our commitment to whatever ministry we are called to, and to offer ourselves afresh in God's service and as Christ's disciples.</p> <p>April is kept as <b>Stress Awareness Month</b>: pray for all who suffer from stress and related illnesses, for understanding, support and therapy - and, where needed, safe refuge.</p> <p>April is also a month when we are asked to focus on <b>Bowel Cancer</b>. Huge strides have been made in treating this cancer, but too often fear or embarrassment mean that people put off reporting symptoms. Pray for greater awareness and that people may be more ready to seek help.</p> <p><b>World Health Day</b> is kept on Friday, taking the theme of "Health for all", and celebrating its 75th anniversary. Called by the World Health Organisation, the day challenges us to imagine a world in which clean air, water and food are available to all, and economies are focused on health and wellbeing. Pray for those places where present health provision falls well short of such aims.</p> <p>On <b>Holy Saturday</b> (Easter Eve), may we feel something of the desolation felt by the first disciples and followers of Jesus, as the man in whom they saw the light of God's love is laid, lifeless, in the tomb, and as they reproach themselves for having allowed this to happen. Pray too for the holy places of the Holy Land, and for all who visit as pilgrims.</p>
<b>Monday 3rd April: Monday of Holy Week</b>	
Anglican	Sabah <i>Malaysia</i> (South-East Asia) - Most Revd Melter Jiki Tais.
Hereford	Ledbury with Eastnor – Keith Hilton-Turvey, Tony Hodder, Joan Wakeling; Local Ministry Team – Keith Hilton-Turvey, Tony Goodall, Tony Hodder, Tim



	Keyes, Heather Lucas, Christabel Panter. John Masefield High School; Ledbury Primary School; Eastnor Parochial CE Primary School; Ledbury Community Health and Care Centre.
<b>Tuesday 4th April: Tuesday of Holy Week</b>	
Anglican	Sabongidda-Ora (Bendel, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Augustine Ohilebo.
Hereford	<i>The Hop Churches</i> – Ashperton, Bosbury, Canon Frome, Munsley, Stoke Edith, Stretton Grandison, Tarrington and Yarkhill: Mandy Williams, Linde Melhuish: Clergy with PTO: Nicky Seabright, David Good, Len Moss; Lay Reader: Michael Llywelyn-Jones; Bosbury CE Primary School; Ashperton Primary Academy.
Today	Bishop's Staff quiet day.
<b>Wednesday 5th April: Wednesday of Holy Week</b>	
Anglican	Saldanha Bay <i>South Africa</i> (Southern Africa) - Rt Revd Raphael Hess.
Hereford	<i>The Cider Churches</i> – Aylton, Putley, Pixley, Wellington Heath, Little Marcle, Much Marcle and Yatton: Val Tait; Elizabeth Reed, William Simmonds; Readers – Jonathan Andrew, Eric Porter; Much Marcle CE Primary School.
Today	Chrism Service at the Cathedral.
<b>Thursday 6th April: Maundy Thursday</b>	
Anglican	Salisbury (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Stephen Lake; Suffragans - Rt Revd Karen Gorham (Sherborne), Rt Revd Andrew Rumsey (Ramsbury).
Hereford	Colwall with Upper Colwall & Coddington: Melanie Horton; Readers: Andrew Richardson; Retired Ministers: Bernard Ingram, Anne Spargo, Ros Trafford-Roberts, Tim Wright; Local Ministry Team – Melanie Horton, Barbara Ashton, Stuart Hands, Trish Hockett, Joy Conlon; Colwall CE Primary School; The Elms School; The Downs School.
<b>Friday 7th April: Good Friday</b>	
Anglican	El Salvador (Central America) - Most Revd Juan David Alvarado.
Hereford	Cradley, Mathon & Storridge: Robert Ward; Cradley CE Primary School; Retired ministers: Nicholas Menon, Ven George Howe.
<b>Saturday 8th April: Easter Eve</b>	
Anglican	Sambalpur (North India) - Rt Revd Pinuel Dip.
Hereford	Fownhope, Mordiford, Brockhampton, Woolhope & Checkley: Chris Moore. St Mary's CE Primary School, Fownhope (Tim Milne); Mordiford CE Primary School (Sue Warmington).
Prayer  <i>John Johansen-Berg</i>	Spirit of God, you call your people to patient endurance - that we might not fail in the time of testing, that we might not grow weary in well-doing, that we should not abandon our first love. Help us to find our constant inspiration in you, that the lamp may be kept burning as we witness by your grace.

<b>SUNDAY 9th April: EASTER SUNDAY (1st of Easter)</b>	
Anglican	The Episcopal Church of Sudan - Most Revd Ezekiel Kondo, Archbishop.
Hereford	Pray for all that inspires, enables and resources our ministry with children, young people and families; pray too for our church schools, and for all that helps develop effective and fruitful links between church and school.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Derby, Bishop Libby Lane, Bishop Malcolm Macnaughton; <i>Ireland:</i> Clogher, Bishop Ian Ellis; <i>Denmark:</i> Aalborg, Bishop Thomas Reinholdt Rasmussen.
The Wider View	Give thanks for the speeding up of Covid vaccination in Tanzania, and for the establishment of Covid vaccination centres in HIV clinics. Pray for this growth to continue as those who have been sceptical accept the value of vaccination and as long range vaccination plans come on stream.
This Week	<p>Pray as <b>Easter</b> dawns, that the alleluias we sing may be part of who we are as God's resurrection people, and that his light and love may dawn anew in our lives. Pray for all our Easter worship, for our outreach and welcome to those who come specially to our churches, and those visiting over the holiday weekend, and for all who in flowers and music and artistry make our church buildings a tribute to our risen Lord and our worship within them a gift of joyful and heartfelt praise.</p> <p>This is <b>Parkinson's Awareness Week</b>, which aims to increase media coverage of this condition, and to improve awareness. The greater the coverage the more people know what it is like to live with the disease, or to care for somebody who has it. Pray for those who live with this disease, for carers and families, treatment and therapy, and for local Parkinson's clubs providing social support and raising funds.</p> <p>Pray for all who take on <b>voluntary tasks</b> and responsibilities within our churches and communities. They may not be aware of doing great things, but the small things they do form a vital part of what links communities together and keeps things working well for the common good. Give thanks for initiatives like food banks, warm hubs and coffee and chat sessions that have helped people get through the winter - many of which will continue to be important through the spring and summer too.</p> <p>Pray for our outreach to the <b>residential and nursing homes</b> that serve our communities, and pray for staff, residents and those who visit as volunteers. Pray for all who regularly receive communion in such homes or in their own homes, and for all who at home or in places of care are part of our extended congregations, and those who help to visit and keep in touch.</p> <p>Pray for children and families making the most of the <b>Easter break</b>, and for the safety of those who are travelling. Pray too for those young people who will be taking important exams in the coming weeks, for whom this will have been a time of revision and preparation.</p> <p>Pray for all who are <b>mourning</b> the loss of a loved one at this time, that they may find joy and hope in the Easter message of triumphant love.</p>

<b>Monday 10th April:</b> Monday of Easter Week	
Anglican	Santiago (Chile) - Most Revd Héctor (Tito) Zavala.
Hereford	<i>The Bartestree Cross Group</i> - Lugwardine with Bartestree, Weston Beggard, Dormington, Withington & Westhide: <i>vacant</i> ; IM - Christine Cattanach; Lugwardine Primary School; Withington Primary School; St Mary's RC High School.
<b>Tuesday 11th April:</b> Tuesday of Easter Week	
Anglican	Santiago (Philippines) - Rt Revd Frenzel Ray Piluden.
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> Andrew Teale, Director of Education, Sian Lines, Deputy Director, Toni Enefer, Business and Governance Officer, Mark Harrington, Education Development Officer, and William Talbot-Ponsonby, Cathedral Schools and Family Learning Officer; for all who work with them, and all members of the Diocesan Board of Education.
<b>Wednesday 12th April:</b> Wednesday of Easter Week	
Anglican	Sapele (Bendel, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Blessing Erifeta.
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> The 78 church schools and academies of our Diocese - heads, teachers and other school staff; children, young people and their families.
Today	Bishop's Staff.
<b>Thursday 13th April:</b> Thursday of Easter Week	
Anglican	Saskatchewan (Rupert's Land, Canada) - Rt.Revd Michael Hawkins; Bishop of Missinippi (Indigenous Bishop): Rt Revd Adam Halkett.
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> All who offer themselves as school governors, and especially the foundation governors of our church schools.
<b>Friday 14th April:</b> Friday of Easter Week	
Anglican	Saskatoon (Rupert's Land, Canada) - Rt Revd Christopher Harper.
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> Parent-Teacher and friends associations, and all who help support our schools financially, including helping to fund extracurricular activities.
<b>Saturday 15th April:</b> Saturday of Easter Week	
Anglican	Sebei (Uganda) - Rt Revd Paul Kiptoo Masaba.
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> All that develops and deepens links between churches and schools; chaplaincy and similar work in high schools and further education.
Prayer  <i>An Easter prayer</i>	<p>We stand, Lord, at the empty tomb in wonder, to see that the stone has been rolled aside: in the stillness of the dawn, increase our faith, our hope, our love.</p> <p>Give us faith to overcome the world, and to face unafraid all that in life and death confronts us. Give us hope to look beyond the things that cannot last, and to grasp the things that are unseen and eternal.</p> <p>Give us the love that will bind us in fellowship, with one another and with you, our risen Lord; for to you be all praise and glory, dominion and power, now and for ever.</p>

<b>SUNDAY 16th April: 2nd of Easter</b>	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Tanzania - Most Revd Maimbo Mndolwa, Archbishop.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Paul Roberts; Lay Co-Chair – Lydia Davies; Sub-Warden of Readers – Culain Morris. Link with Weissenburg (Nuremberg).
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : Blackburn, Bishop Philip North, Bishop Jill Duff; <i>Scotland</i> : Brechin, Bishop Andrew Swift; <i>Lutheran Church in Great Britain</i> : Bishop Tor Berger Jørgensen.
The Wider View	Pray for our friends in Nuremberg as they continue to prepare to host the German Kirchentag in this coming June, and for the twenty-one people who will be travelling from this Diocese, led by Bishop Richard, to take part.
This Week	<p>Monday is <b>Haemophilia Awareness Day</b> worldwide, raising awareness of those who live with haemophilia and other bleeding disorders. Pray for all who have this disease; give thanks also for all who give blood and for voluntary organisations such as Blood Bikes, helping ensure that all who may urgently need transfusions can receive them securely and safely.</p> <p>Saturday is kept as <b>Mother Earth Day</b>, another reminder that we share a single fragile planet, and that ecosystems require care and conservation. This is the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration: pray that we may take seriously the urgency of the task, and the reality of climate change.</p> <p><b>Anselm</b>, Abbot of Bec, became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1093, and was twice exiled during his archbishopric for championing the rights of the Church against the authority of the king. He was greatly admired for his learning and for the austere simplicity of his life. Pray for the work today of those who study and teach theology, especially those who, like Anselm, encourage us to reflect on the meaning of the cross as a place of atonement.</p> <p>Give thanks for the many <b>footpaths and bridleways</b> that enable access to the countryside (and for town footpath routes too), especially at this loveliest time of the year. Pray for those who lead organised walks, for walking groups and clubs, and for those who, as footpath wardens etc, look after paths and stiles, and make sure they are clear and safe. And at this time of the year, with young lambs in the fields, pray we may respect those who farm the land and use footpaths with care and sensitivity.</p> <p>Pray for the <b>agricultural markets</b> that serve our communities, for auctioneers and auction staff and all who work in them. Pray too for local farmer's markets and farm shops, enabling direct sales into the local community, and for the purchaser to know the origin of the foods they buy.</p> <p>Pray for those who enjoy <b>knitting, sewing</b> and other crafts of this sort, and for "knit and natter" groups and similar enterprises that help people to meet up and enjoy time together.</p> <p>As the <b>summer term</b> gets under way, pray for our schools at a time of change and stress, and for administrators, senior teachers and governing bodies, many of whom are faced with deficit budgets and funding gaps.</p>

<b>Monday 17th April</b>	
Anglican	Sekondi (Ghana, West Africa) - Rt Revd Alexander Kobina Asmah.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Clergy with PTO:</i> Michael Denny, Richard Spencer, Pauline Rees, James Forrester, Celia Rees, Andrew Mayes, Gareth Jones, John Thewlis, David Hewlett, Alison Leigh.
Today	DAC meets at Cawley Hall, Eye.
<b>Tuesday 18th April</b>	
Anglican	Seoul (Korea) - Most Revd Peter Lee Kyeong-ho.
Hereford	<i>The Burghill Group:</i> Rector – Phill Brown; Reader - Susannah Peppiatt. Burghill; Moreton-on-Lugg; Stretton Sugwas; Pipe-cum-Lyde. Burghill Academy, Stretton Sugwas CE Academy. Stretton Sugwas Nursing Home.
<b>Wednesday 19th April:</b> Alphege, archbishop and martyr	
Anglican	Seychelles (Indian Ocean) - Most Revd James Wong.
Hereford	Canon Pyon with Kings Pyon, Birley & Wellington: Vicar - <i>vacant</i> , Assistant Curate - David Wyatt; Associate Priest - Anne Price. Canon Pyon CE Academy; Wellington Primary School.
<b>Thursday 20th April</b>	
Anglican	Sheffield (York, England) - Rt Revd Pete Wilcox; Suffragan - Rt Revd Sophie Jelley (Doncaster).
Hereford	Kingsland with Eardisland, Aymestrey & Leinthall Earles: Julie Read; Nick Read, Associate Agricultural Chaplain; Associate Priest - Katie Smith; Reader - Rosemary Capon; Kingsland Primary School.
<b>Friday 21st April:</b> Anselm, archbishop and teacher of the faith	
Anglican	Shinyanga (Tanzania) - Rt Rev Johnson Chinyong'ole.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry:</i> Team Rector - Guy Cole; Team Vicars - Matthew Burns, Mark Long; Curate - Jonathan Roberts; Readers - Chris St Clair, Rob Walker; Lay Pioneers - Kathy Bland and David Bland; Rural Chaplain - Des Hall.
<b>Saturday 22nd April</b>	
Anglican	Upper Shire <i>Malawi</i> (Central Africa) - Canon Grant Timpuza Tebulo, Vicar-General, during the present suspension of Rt Revd Brighton Malasa.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry:</i> The Priory, Leominster; Community Hospital; Leominster County Primary School; Earl Mortimer College; Westfield School, Leominster.
Prayer <i>From Peru</i>	<p>God, food of the poor, Christ, our bread of sharing,  give us a taste of the tender bread from your creation's table,  of the bread newly taken from the oven of your heart,  food to comfort and nourish your people.</p> <p>Give us the loaf of fellowship that makes us human,  that joins us hand in hand in our working and sharing -  the warm loaf that makes us a family,  the sacrament of your body, for your wounded people.</p>

<b>SUNDAY 23rd April: 3rd of Easter</b>	
Anglican	The Church of the Province of Uganda - Most Revd Stephen Kaziimba, Archbishop.
Hereford	Pray for the development of shared ministry in our churches, including the Local Ministry Scheme, study opportunities and shared resources and good practice: for all that helps stimulate faith, support teamwork and motivate action.
Porvoo	<i>Sweden:</i> Gothenburg, Bishop Susanne Rappmann; <i>Scotland:</i> Glasgow and Galloway, Bishop Kevin Pearson.
The Wider View	The number of migrants crossing the Channel in small boats has increased in recent months, but analysis suggests that most are not economic migrants, as some have claimed, but genuinely seeking asylum, with around two-thirds of claims accepted. Some of them have no access to alternative “safe and legal” routes. Pray that those who are fleeing from intolerable situations in their own lands may find safety and refuge, and not be turned away.
This Week	<p>Sunday is <b>St George’s Day</b> so far as most of the country is concerned, though in the liturgical calendar (see below) it is transferred to Monday. Pray that we have a pride in our country that embraces its traditions of tolerance, faith, the love of peace, mutual support and a concern for the welfare of our neighbour.</p> <p><b>St Mark’s Day</b> on Tuesday prompts prayer of thanksgiving for all who tell the story of Jesus, and that we might find effective ways of sharing today the story of saving love that Mark and the other Evangelists have given us.</p> <p><b>Christina Rossetti</b>, remembered on Thursday, wrote many compelling poems rooted in a deep and trusting faith. Give thanks for all who in verse and song share with us the story of their faith.</p> <p><b>MS Awareness Week</b> begins on Monday. This year’s theme explores the impact multiple sclerosis has on mental health. Pray for all who are living with this disease, and for their care and support, and for research into the disease.</p> <p>This week is also <b>World Immunisation Week</b>, with a particular focus on the immunisation of children. Pray for a better take-up of immunisation in parts of the developing world where there can be resistance to “western medicine”, and for cogent argument against the scepticism some have here following scare stories on social media.</p> <p>Tuesday is <b>World Malaria Day</b>, which aims to keep malaria high on the political agenda, mobilize additional resources, and empower communities. This disease continues to be a major killer, especially of the young, in much of the developing world - pray for the resources that are needed.</p> <p>Penguins are amazing birds, and <b>World Penguin Day</b> on Tuesday coincides with the average date on which Adelie Penguins in Antarctica start their northern migration. The day both celebrates penguins and aims to educate and encourage people to learn more about them and their environment, and the threats they face. Damage to the ecosystems they inhabit in fact damages us all, and the Antarctic especially should be a place of peaceful research rather than (for example) mineral exploitation: pray this may remain the case.</p>

<b>Monday 24th April: George, patron of England</b> <i>transferred from Sunday 23rd</i>	
Anglican	Shyira (Rwanda) - Most Revd Laurent Mbanda.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry:</i> Eastern Parishes – Pudleston-cum-Whyle, Hatfield, Docklow, Stoke Prior & Ford, Humber; Hope-under-Dinmore, Kimbolton with Hamnish, Middleton-on-the-Hill, Leysters, and Bockleton. St James CE Primary School, Kimbolton; Stoke Prior Primary School.
Today	MU Trustees meet in Hereford.
<b>Tuesday 25th April: Mark, evangelist</b>	
Anglican	Shyogwe (Rwanda) - Rt Revd Jered Kalimba.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry:</i> Western Parishes – Eyton, Ivington, Monkland, Dilwyn & Stretford; Eye, Croft with Yarpole & Lucton; Orleton and Brimfield. Dilwyn CE Primary School; Ivington CE Primary School; Luston Primary School; Orleton CE Primary School; Lucton School.
Today	Ludlow Archdeaconry Mission & Pastoral Sub-Committee.
<b>Wednesday 26th April</b>	
Anglican	Sialkot (Pakistan) - Rt Revd Alwin John Daniel.
Hereford	<i>The Maund Group:</i> Rector: Paul Roberts; Assistant Curate: Natalie Jennings; Intergenerational Missioner at Sutton: Christine Cattanach; Bodenham, Felton, Marden with Amberley and Wisteston, Preston Wynne, Sutton Saint Nicholas, Sutton St Michael; St Michael's CE Primary School Bodenham, Marden Primary Academy, Sutton Primary Academy.
<b>Thursday 27th April: Christina Rossetti, poet</b>	
Anglican	Singapore (South-East Asia) - Rt Revd Titus Chung Khiam Boon.
Hereford	<i>Wigmore Abbey:</i> Rector: <i>vacant</i> ; Readers – Alastair Gloag, Carole Gloag, Culain Morris; Brampton Bryan, Downton, Burrington, Aston, Elton, Leintwardine, Adforton, Wigmore, Leinthall Starks. Wigmore High School; Wigmore Primary School; Leintwardine Endowed Primary School.
<b>Friday 28th April: Peter Chanel, missionary in the South Pacific</b>	
Anglican	Sittwe (Myanmar) - Rt Revd James Min Dein.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all who provide spiritual direction, and for the caring, supportive and prayerful work involved. Pray we may be able to respond effectively and perceptively when people in ministry are experiencing difficulty or stress and are in need of support.
<b>Saturday 29th April: Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith</b>	
Anglican	Sodor & Man (York, England) - Rt Revd Peter Eagles.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all who lead and enable Bible study, fellowship and prayer groups within our local churches and groups.
Prayer <i>From the Scouts</i>	Heavenly Father, give us the bravery of St George, that we may stand up for what we believe. Give us strength to overcome the dragons in our lives and in the world. And wherever we see people in distress, give us the compassion to help and to care.

<b>SUNDAY 30th April: 4th of Easter</b>	
Anglican	The Episcopal Church - Most Revd Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop.
Hereford	Ludlow Deanery: Rural Dean – Ashley Buck; Lay Co-Chair – Sadie Chalkley; Sub-Warden of Readers – John Beesley.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Southwark, Bishop Christopher Chessun, Bishop Rosemarie Mallett, Bishop Martin Gainsborough, Bishop Karowei Dorgu; <i>Norway:</i> Björgvin, Bishop Halvor Nordhaug.
The Wider View	Pray for the “Train a Priest” scheme in Tanzania supported by our diocese, for more to come forward to help support this important work, and for those presently in training for priestly ministry.
This Week	<p>This Sunday is often thought of as <b>Good Shepherd Sunday</b>, as this is a theme in our Psalm and readings. Give thanks for this image as an expression of God’s saving and guiding love. Pray too today for the many sheep farmers and shepherds of our Diocese, in their dedication to the task.</p> <p>Sunday is also <b>International Jazz Day</b>, a UNESCO day designed to highlight jazz as an art form, and its diplomatic role of uniting people in all corners of the globe. Give thanks for composers and players, and for the impact of music on mind and soul.</p> <p>Monday honours the apostles <b>Philip and James</b>. Give thanks for the first apostles, who with courageous faith took the Good News out into the world of their day, and pray for the same commitment of faith and courage as we in our turn continue their mission.</p> <p>On Thursday we honour the <b>saints and martyrs of the Reformation era</b>, a time to be recalled with sadness, with church and society deeply divided, and many made martyrs. There is still disagreement and division within the Church, both between and within denominations; pray we may respect one another as fellow pilgrims even where we differ on issues in doctrine or practice.</p> <p><b>National Gardening Week</b> this week, run by the Royal Horticultural Society, raises awareness of gardening and horticulture, encourages us to garden as a healthy and productive outdoor pursuit. The theme this year is “celebrating the coronation”. Pray for gardeners, and especially for those who teach gardening to children and young people, and for school gardens.</p> <p>Tuesday is <b>World Asthma Day</b>. Pray for all who suffer from asthma, for greater awareness of the illness and understanding of its causes, and for all that may help improve air quality, especially in urban areas.</p> <p>National <b>Dawn Chorus Day</b> is also marked this week. The early morning chorus of birdsong is at its peak now - give thanks for its beauty, and for our ability to appreciate it, and pray we may value and protect our garden and countryside birds and their habitats.</p> <p>Pray for <b>Charles our King</b>, for Camilla the Queen Consort and members of the Royal Family as preparations are made this week for the Coronation, and as the ceremony itself takes place on Saturday; pray too for those who will be working to ensure the safety of all who will attend.</p>



<b>Monday 1st May: Philip &amp; James, apostles</b>	
Anglican	Sokoto (Kaduna, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Idris Ado Zubairu.
Hereford	<i>Tenbury Team Ministry</i> - Burford, Clee Hill, Coreley with The Knowle, Greete, Hope Bagot, Little Hereford, Nash & Boraston, Tenbury St Mary's, Tenbury St Michael's & Whitton: <i>vacant</i> ; Mark Inglis, Sue Foster; Reader - Kevin Bryant.
<b>Tuesday 2nd May: Athanasius, bishop and teacher of the faith</b>	
Anglican	Central Solomons (Melanesia) - Rt Revd Stephen Koete.
Hereford	<i>Tenbury Local Ministry Group</i> – clergy, Kathleen Bills, Michael Holmes, Mary Thomas and Ros Plested; Tenbury CE Primary School; Burford CE Primary School; Clee Hill Community Academy; Tenbury High Ormiston Academy; Saint Michael's College; Tenbury District Hospital: Chaplaincy Team.
Today	IME2 (Curate Training) Programme: The Prayer of a Priest.
<b>Wednesday 3rd May</b>	
Anglican	Soroti (Uganda) - Rt Revd Kosea Odongo.
Hereford	<i>Ludlow</i> (Ludlow St Laurence & Ludlow St John): Kelvin Price, Laurence Gittins, Wayne Davies; Readers - Stephen Ashford, Roger Hall; Reader Emeritus - John Robson. Ludlow Community Hospital; Ludlow CE Secondary School, St Laurence CE Primary School, Ludlow Infants School, Ludlow Junior School, Ludlow College.
<b>Thursday 4th May: English saints and martyrs of the Reformation era</b>	
Anglican	Southwark (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Christopher Chessun; Area Bishops - Rt Revd Karwei Dorgu (Woolwich), Rt Revd Rosemarie Mallett (Croydon), Rt Revd Martin Gainsborough (Kingston).
Hereford	<i>Bromfield Group</i> : Bitterley with Middleton; Stoke St Milborough & The Heath; Clee St Margaret & Cold Weston; Onibury; Bromfield; Stanton Lacy: Justin Parker. Bitterley CE Primary School, Onny CE Primary School.
<b>Friday 5th May</b>	
Anglican	Southwell & Nottingham (York, England) - Rt Revd Paul Williams; Suffragan - Rt Revd Andrew Emerton (Sherwood).
Hereford	<i>Ashfords Group</i> : Ludford, Ashford Carbonell, Ashford Bowdler, Caynham, Knowbury, Richards Castle: Lyn Money, Nick Helm; Lay leaders - Rob Downes, Susannah Hall. Bishop Hooper CE Primary School.
<b>Saturday 6th May</b>	
Anglican	Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (extra-provincial) - Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano.
Hereford	Ludlow Clergy with Permission to Officiate.
Prayer  <i>A Coronation prayer</i>	<p>Almighty God, we pray for Charles, by your grace our King:  let your wisdom be his guide,  and your arm strengthen him.</p> <p>Let truth and justice, holiness and righteousness,  peace and charity, abound in his days.</p> <p>Direct all his counsels and endeavours to your glory,  and to the welfare of all his people.</p>

<b>SUNDAY 7th May: 5th of Easter</b>	
Anglican	The Church in Wales - Most Revd Andrew John, Archbishop.
Hereford	Give thanks for the ecumenical, interfaith and international links that are part of what defines and locates us as a diocese; pray for all that helps develop them.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Gloucester, Bishop Rachel Treweek, Bishop Robert Springett; <i>Sweden:</i> Västerås, Bishop Mikael Mogren.
The Wider View	Pray for peace in the Holy Land. Meeting earlier this year, Israeli and Palestinian delegates “affirmed their commitment to all previous agreements between them, and to work towards just and lasting peace”, but tensions continue to rise, arguably encouraged by extremist groups on both sides. Pray that a new intifada can be avoided, but also that justice will prevail.
This Week	<p>Monday is <b>Red Cross and Red Crescent Day</b>, on the birthday of Henri Dunant, founder of the Red Cross. Give thanks for the vital work of this organisation throughout the world today, in war zones and other places of urgent need.</p> <p>Monday is also <b>World Donkey Day</b>, celebrating this Biblical animal which is still an important and vital beast of burden in many parts of our world. The day also seeks to raise awareness of the abuse and neglect faced by millions of working donkeys.</p> <p><b>Europe Day</b> on Tuesday celebrates the peace and stability of the continent next door to us, of which we are actually a part, though we may sometimes pretend we are not. Events over the year past are a reminder of the fragility of peace. Pray for the rebuilding of trust across Europe, and that we may work closely with our neighbours to relieve the impact of war, oppose tyranny and the abuse of power, and build bridges of lasting peace.</p> <p><b>ME Awareness Week</b> begins on Tuesday: pray for all who are impacted by this disabling condition (myalgic encephalomyelitis), and for greater understanding. Pray also for research into “long Covid,” as clinicians seek to understand and interpret the similarities between these conditions.</p> <p>This is <b>local history month</b>. Give thanks for those who research and write about the history of our local communities, and pray for projects that ensure that stories and traditions are heard and recorded.</p> <p>Give thanks for the distinctive voice and witness of <b>Julian of Norwich</b>, whose day is Monday, and whose “Revelations of Divine Love” remain influential. Set down at a time of plague, and in response to her own unknown illness, her writing seeks to restore a sense of divine love as ever present and ultimately triumphant, affirming Christ’s participation in all our human suffering.</p> <p>Give thanks and pray for all who offer themselves to be <b>foster parents</b>, often providing safety and stability to children whose lives have been broken by trauma, neglect or cruelty. Pray too for all who support them in this work.</p> <p>Wednesday is <b>World Lupus Day</b>. Some five million people worldwide live with this severe autoimmune condition which can affect any organ in the human body. Pray for those who live with lupus, and for greater understanding.</p>

<b>Monday 8th May:</b> Julian of Norwich, anchoress and spiritual writer	
Anglican	Spokane (Province VIII, TEC) - Rt Revd Gretchen Rehberg.
Hereford	Cleobury Mortimer with Hopton Wafers, Neen Sollars & Milson, Neen Savage with Kinlet; Doddington: Ashley Buck, Sue Barrett, David Eve, Joe Simons; Readers - Charles Houston, Paul Kemp; Lacon Childe School; Cleobury Mortimer Primary School; Kinlet CE Primary School; St Mary's Youth Project: Mark Greaves.
<b>Tuesday 9th May</b>	
Anglican	Springfield (Province V, TEC) - Rt Revd Brian Kendall Burgess.
Hereford	<i>Corvedale Group:</i> Culmington, Diddlebury, Munslow with Broadstone, Holdgate, Tugford, Abdon: John Beesley; Corvedale CE Primary School.
Today	Bishop's Staff.
<b>Wednesday 10th May</b>	
Anglican	Port Sudan (Sudan) - Rt Revd Abdu Elnur Kodi.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for those within our communities who follow other faiths, and for all that helps and resources our awareness of and response to faith groups beyond our own.
<b>Thursday 11th May</b>	
Anglican	Sul-Occidental (Province I, Brazil) - Rt Revd Francisco de Assis da Silva.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all that supports and informs parish and ministry development within our Diocese; pray too for curates presently in training and for their training incumbents.
<b>Friday 12th May:</b> <i>Gregory Dix, priest, monk and scholar</i>	
Anglican	Sunyani (Ghana, West Africa) - Rt Revd Festus Yeboah-Asuamah.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Lizzie Hackney (Lead Intergenerational Missioner), and Kathy Bland (Intergenerational Church Enabler & Messy Church Regional Co-ordinator). Pray for all who working to develop new forms of ministry and new areas of mission, especially with young people and families.
<b>Saturday 13th May</b>	
Anglican	Sur (Chile) - presumably a proposed new diocese for the south of the country, but no information is available.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all that is done to help the local church to plan and develop projects and to realise visions, particularly in making our buildings more available, accessible and useable as centres of prayer and worship and as resources for community use.
Prayer  <i>From the writings of Julian of Norwich</i>	<p>In you, Father almighty, we have our preservation and our bliss.</p> <p>In you, Christ, we have our restoring and our saving.</p> <p>You are our mother, brother, and Saviour.</p> <p>In you, our Lord the Holy Spirit, is marvellous and plenteous grace.</p> <p>You are our clothing; for love you wrap us and embrace us.</p> <p>You are our maker, our lover, our keeper: teach us to believe that by your grace all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.</p>

<b>SUNDAY 14th May: 6th of Easter</b> <i>“Rogation Sunday”; Christian Aid Week begins</i>	
Anglican	The Church of the Province of West Africa - Most Revd Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith.
Hereford	<i>Pontesbury Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – William Rowell; Lay Co-Chair – Mike Kirk (Susan Lockwood, Co-Chair elect); Secretary - Ann Jones; Treasurer - Richard Jones; Intergenerational Missioner - Mark Hackney.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Guildford, Bishop Andrew Watson; <i>Denmark:</i> Viborg, Bishop Henrik Stubkjær.
The Wider View	Pray for the Most Rev. Maimbo Mndolwa, Primate of Tanzania and Bishop of our link Diocese of Tanga, newly re-elected for a further five year term as Archbishop. He has described the recent Church of England decision to allow blessings of same-sex marriages as “severely impairing the relationship between his Church and the Church of England” - pray that we may find ways to continue our work together despite differences in doctrine and practice.
This Week	<p>Sunday begins this year’s <b>Christian Aid Week</b>, which focuses on Malawi, just one of the many countries in Africa disproportionately affected by fuel and commodity prices and climate change. Food, fuel, fertiliser and school fees have doubled in price in the last twelve months, while famers are seeing their harvests fail as the climate crisis brings increasingly erratic weather. Pray for Christian Aid collectors, and for a good and generous response.</p> <p>This is also <b>Mental Health Awareness Week</b>: This year’s theme focuses on anxiety - a normal emotion in us all that can sometimes get out of control, so that it becomes seriously disabling. As well as encouraging awareness of anxiety as a mental health issue, the week campaigns for improvements in mental health provision. Pray for all who struggle with anxiety issues.</p> <p>Many school and college students will be taking <b>GCSE, A Level</b> and other important exams over the coming weeks, some of whom will struggle with the stress of exams, or find revision difficult. Pray for all who may be finding it a struggle, and that they may find support in teachers, parents and friends.</p> <p><b>Rogation Days</b> are traditionally times of prayer for the land around us, for the growing crops and for the farmers who work the land. Pray we may value, conserve and use well the natural resources set into our care, and that we may honour our Creator in our use of his handiwork.</p> <p><b>Ascension Day</b> on Thursday begins this year’s “Thy Kingdom Come” prayer vigil, as we pray for the mission of the Church, and for people we know, that they might come to faith. Pray for the various activities and events planned during the days from Ascension to Pentecost, and for the prayer walks on Ascension Day, and our Bishop, Archdeacons and Dean as they take part.</p>
<b>Monday 15th May: Matthias, apostle</b> <i>transferred from Sunday 14th; Rogation Day</i>	
Anglican	Swansea & Brecon (Wales) - Rt Revd John Lomas.
Hereford	<i>The Chirbury Hills Group:</i> Chirbury, Marton-in-Chirbury, Trelystan with Leighton, Middleton-in-Chirbury with Corndon Marsh: William Rowell; Worship Leaders - Kay Yeates, Ann Rowell; Chirbury VC School (within the Shropshire Hills Federation); Leighton CP School.

<b>Tuesday 16th May:</b> <i>Caroline Chisholm, social reformer; Rogation Day</i>	
Anglican	Swaziland (Southern Africa) - Rt Revd Dalcy Badeli Dlamini.
Hereford	Ford; Alberbury with Cardeston & Wattlesborough; Great Wollaston, including Middletown: Greg Roberts; PTO - Maxine Neal; Reader – Susan Gaulton; Local Ministry Development Group - Clergy, Jane Weston, Sue Roberts, Alison Lewis, Elvire Mortimer. Trinity CE Primary School, Ford; Brynhafren CP School, Crew Green.
Today	DBE Bridgebuilding Network - Churches to Schools.
<b>Wednesday 17th May:</b> Rogation Day	
Anglican	Sydney (New South Wales, Australia) - Most Revd Kanishka Raffel; Regional Bishops: Rt Revd Peter Hayward (Wollongong), Rt Revd Peter Lin (South Western, Rt Revd Chris Edwards (North Sydney).
Hereford	Great Hanwood, Longden & Annscroft with Pulverbatch: Graham Phillips; PTO - Emma Phillips; Retired Clergy: Graham Earney, Colin Hurford; Readers Emeritus - Paul Charlesworth, Liba Taconis; Local Ministry Development Group in Hanwood – Margaret Hill, Tracy Jones, Margaret Nichols.
<b>Thursday 18th May:</b> <b>ASCENSION DAY</b> <i>“Thy Kingdom Come” prayer vigil begins</i>	
Anglican	Tabora (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Elias Chakupewa.
Hereford	<i>Youthchurch</i> Fresh Expression of Church for 11 to 18's; Messy Church in Pulverbatch and also in Hanwood. Longden CE School, St Thomas and St Anne's CE School, Hanwood.
Today	Ascensiontide Prayer Pilgrimage Walks (as part of the Year of Prayer).
<b>Friday 19th May:</b> Dunstan, archbishop, and restorer of monasticism <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>	
Anglican	Tai Tokerau (Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia) - Rt Revd Te Kitohi Wiremu Pikaahu.
Hereford	<i>Stiperstones Group:</i> Minsterley & Snailbeach, Habberley & Hope with Shelve: Greg Smith, Richard Lonsdale; PTO Clergy – Pam Bickley, Carolyn Chadwick, Stuart Carter; Long Mountain School, Minsterley School, Stiperstones School (within the Shropshire Hills Federation). Pray for these parishes in plurality with Pontesbury.
<b>Saturday 20th May:</b> Alcuin of York, deacon and liturgist <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>	
Anglican	Tairawhiti (Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia) - Most Revd Donald Steven Tamihere.
Hereford	Pontesbury: Greg Smith, Richard Lonsdale; PTO Clergy – Pam Bickley, Carolyn Chadwick, Stuart Carter; Pontesbury CE Primary School, Mary Webb School & Science College. Pray for this parish in plurality with the parishes of the Stiperstones Group, and for the Rea Valley Foodbank.
Today	“Exploring Prayer” day at Ross-on-Wye.
Prayer <i>Christian Aid</i>	God, gardener of Eden, who flung stars into space and nurtures the tiniest plant, lift our hopes and dreams above the loss and damage of our suffering planet, fill us with your life-giving hope, and inspire us with your creative Spirit now, and in the age to come.

<b>SUNDAY 21st May: 7th of Easter</b> - Sunday after Ascension Day <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>	
Anglican	Church in the Province of the West Indies - Most Revd Howard Gregory, Abp.
Hereford	Pray for the communications team in our diocese in their work and in the support they provide to the local church. Pray we may share the good news of our faith within our local area and beyond in a professional and persuasive way. Give thanks for the ways in which the changes forced upon us in the Covid years have enhanced our ability to use a wider range of media in our outreach and communication, and in worship.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Exeter, Bishop Robert Atwell, Bishop James Grier, Bishop Jackie Searle; <i>Norway:</i> Nord-Hålogaland, Bishop Olav Øygard.
The Wider View	Pray for the existing links between Hereford and Nuremberg, and that the Kirchentag may help to deepen and expand the links we have, and perhaps forge new ones. Pray as material is assembled from schools and elsewhere for display at the Markt der Möglichkeiten (Market of Possibilities), where we will have space on the Meissen Commission stand.
This Week	<p>Continue to pray through this week for the <b>mission of the Church</b>, and also that the Year of Prayer in our Diocese may lead to a strengthening of our prayer life, the discovery of new ways of praying together, and a livelier sense of our fellowship in Christ and our shared call to mission.</p> <p>Pray for <b>those to be ordained this year</b> as deacon or priest as they prepare for this new stage in their ministry. Pray for both present and future training incumbents, and for all entrusted with the care, encouragement and pastoral support of curates in training.</p> <p>Pray too as with the first apostles we wait to celebrate the gifting power of the Holy Spirit at <b>Pentecost</b> to encourage us in joy, and in the bold, loving and generous living out of our faith.</p> <p>In this week that commemorates <b>John and Charles Wesley</b>, pray for the Methodist churches in our communities, and give thanks for the legacy of hymnody and prayer by which the brothers have enriched our worship.</p> <p>This week also recalls <b>Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury</b>: give thanks for the Christian heritage of our nation, and pray for the See of Canterbury today, for Archbishop Justin, and for the worldwide Anglican Communion.</p> <p>Thursday is <b>International Missing Children Day</b> - some 70,000 children and young people under the age of 18 go missing each year in the UK alone; many are found or return home safely, but not all. Pray for children who are at risk, and for those who work to protect and empower young people to keep them from going missing, and to protect them from harm when they do.</p> <p>Thursday is also International <b>Skin Pigmentation Day</b>: dark spots that result from increased levels of melanin can form for a number of reasons, but may be a sign of skin cancer. Pray for increased awareness so that possible health threats are discovered in time to be successfully treated; pray also for those who have birthmarks and other permanent skin irregularities.</p>

<b>Monday 22nd May</b>		<i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>
Anglican	Taita-Taveta (Kenya) - Rt Revd Liverson Mng'onda.	
Hereford	Westbury, Worthen & Yockleton: David Moss, Ruth Leigh; Readers - Christine Jones, Ian Williams; Reader in Training - Claire Williams; Lay Leaders of Worship – Ann Jones, Vicky Jones, Rosemary Williams, Dave Stone; Long Mountain School, Worthen; Trinity School, Ford; Westbury School.	
Today	New Training Incumbents residential (until Thursday).	
<b>Tuesday 23rd May</b>		<i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>
Anglican	Taiwan (Province VIII, TEC) - Rt Revd Lennon Yuan-Rung Chang.	
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Stephen Herbert, Director of Finance, Sallyann Hales and Lorraine Aitken, and all who work with them.	
Today	DBE meeting.	
<b>Wednesday 24th May:</b> John and Charles Wesley, evangelists		<i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>
Anglican	Tamale (Ghana, West Africa) - Rt Revd Dennis Debukari Tong.	
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Pray that parishes may respond to the challenges of our time; pray for all who are working to improve giving and offer, and so reduce the deficit in our diocesan budget. Pray for our giving advisers, Mark Simmons and Rosa Speyer.	
Today	DAC meets in Hereford.	
<b>Thursday 25th May:</b> The Venerable Bede, scholar, historian; <i>Aldhelm, bishop</i>		<i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>
Anglican	Tanga (Tanzania) - Most Revd Maimbo Mndolwa.	
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Pray for all members of the Diocesan Board of Finance, its Executive and advisory bodies, for careful and prudent administration of our finances and for a secure funding base for ministry and mission.	
<b>Friday 26th May:</b> Augustine of Canterbury, archbishop; <i>John Calvin, reformer; Philip Neri, spiritual guide</i>		<i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>
Anglican	Central Tanganyika (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Dickson Chilongani.	
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Give thanks for the opportunities provided by the Parish Giving Scheme, and pray for its continued development and take up.	
<b>Saturday 27th May</b>		<i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>
Anglican	South-West Tanganyika (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Matthew Mhagama.	
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Pray for churches to maintain their commitment to home and world mission through this time, including effective rapid response to immediate concerns and events.	
Prayer	As we wait in silence, make us ready for Your coming Spirit:	
<i>From the "Thy Kingdom Come" Ascension Day service</i>	As we listen to Your word, make us ready for Your coming Spirit. As we worship You in majesty, make us ready for Your coming Spirit. As we long for Your refreshing, make us ready for Your coming Spirit. As we long for Your renewing, make us ready for Your coming Spirit. As we long for Your equipping, make us ready for Your coming Spirit. As we long for Your empowering, make us ready for Your coming Spirit.	

<b>SUNDAY 28th May: PENTECOST - Whit Sunday</b>	
Anglican	The Extra-Provincial Churches: the Anglican Church of Bermuda, the Church of Ceylon (Sri Lanka), the Parish of the Falkland Islands, the Lusitanian Church in Portugal, and the Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church. These fall under the metropolitan oversight of the Most Revd & Rt Hon Justin Welby.
Hereford	<i>Ross and Archenfield Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Sean Semple; Lay Co-Chair – Gill Wylie; Assistant Rural Dean – Tim Starling; Sub-Warden of Readers – vacant.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Hereford, Bishop Richard Jackson; <i>Lusitanian Church (Portugal):</i> Bishop José Jorge Pina Cabral; <i>Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad:</i> Archbishop Lauma Zušēvica.
The Wider View	Pray for all in our world whose lives and livelihoods have been impacted by natural disasters, severe weather and the changes caused by global warming. Give thanks for those who organise and co-ordinate emergency relief, and plan for longer term programmes of rebuilding. Pray for those caught in situations where the impact of natural disaster and climate change have been worsened by political unrest, ethnic or cultural divisions and corruption.
This Week	<p>Give thanks for the birth of the Church in the gifting of the Holy Spirit on the first Christian Day of <b>Pentecost</b>. Pray that the same infectious joy and delight in the love of Christ may be visible in every church today.</p> <p>This week also celebrates the <b>Visitation</b> of Mary to Elizabeth; reflect on the words of the Magnificat, that God raises up the humble, while those who seek only earthly power and kingship are toppled from their thrones. Pray for the Church to reflect the humility of Mary in our witness to the world.</p> <p>The commemoration on Tuesday of <b>Apola Kivebulaya</b> prompts prayer for the churches of Uganda and the Congo; this week also remembers the Ugandan martyrs of 1885-6, and of more recent years.</p> <p>Sunday is also <b>World Hunger Day</b>: the current food system fails to meet the needs of nearly 2.4 billion people, almost a third of the human population of our planet. This level of dysfunction affects not only people today, but has devastating implications for future generations. Pray for those who will end this day hungry, and that we may work together across nations to end world poverty and hunger.</p> <p>This is also <b>Children's Gardening Week</b>, celebrating the fun that gardens hold for children; pray for all that encourages children to spend time outside - being amongst nature can significantly improve mental and physical wellbeing in people of all ages.</p> <p>Monday is <b>Oak Apple Day</b> which celebrates the restoration of King Charles II to the throne: pray for our present King as the month of his coronation draws towards its close.</p> <p>In <b>half term week</b>, pray for children and families, including those children who may be neglected or at risk, and families struggling under the pressure of financial uncertainty.</p>



<b>Monday 29th May</b>	
Anglican	Western Tanganyika (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Sadock Makaya.
Hereford	Ross with Walford and Brampton Abbots: Sean Semple, Tiffany Jackson, Curate, Caroline Pascoe, Associate Priest; Canon Freda Davies, Reader, Colin Leggate, Chaplain to Commerce, Industry and Business. Brampton Abbots CE School; Ashfield Park Primary School; St Joseph's RC Primary School; Walford Primary School; John Kyrle High School; Ross Community Hospital.
<b>Tuesday 30th May:</b> Josephine Butler, social reformer; <i>Joan of Arc</i> ; <i>Apolo Kivebulaya, priest</i>	
Anglican	Tarime (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Mwita Akiri.
Hereford	<i>StowCaple Benefice</i> - Sellack, Kings Caple, Bridstow, Peterstow, Foy, How Caple, Sollershope: Crispin Pemberton; Bridstow CE Primary School, Kings Caple Primary School.
<b>Wednesday 31st May: The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth (The Visitation)</b>	
Anglican	Tasmania (Tasmania, Australia) - Rt Revd Richard Condie.
Hereford	<i>Ariconium Benefice</i> – Aston Ingham, Hope Mansel, Linton, The Lea, Upton Bishop & Weston-under-Penyard: David Howell; Reader –Tony Morgan; Weston-under-Penyard CE Primary School; The Lea CE Primary School.
<b>Thursday 1st June:</b> Justin, martyr at Rome	
Anglican	Toungoo (Myanmar) - Rt Revd Saw Shee Sho.
Hereford	<i>Wye Reaches Group</i> - Dixton & Wyesham, Whitchurch & Ganarew, Bishopswood: Tim Starling; Associate Priest - Penny Powdrill, Assistant Priest - Jill Stephens; Whitchurch CE Primary School; Kymin View Primary School, Wyesham.
Today	Hereford Archdeaconry Mission & Pastoral Subcommittee; Hereford Rural Deans.
<b>Friday 2nd June</b>	
Anglican	Te Waipounamu (Maori, Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia) - Rt Revd Richard Wallace.
Hereford	<i>Wye Brooks Benefice</i> - Goodrich w Welsh Bicknor, Marstow, Llangarron, Llangrove, Welsh Newton w Llanrothal: Ben Bentham; Assistant Curates - Penny Powdrill and Jill Stephens; Goodrich CE Primary School; Llangrove CE Primary School; and the Benefice LMDG.
<b>Saturday 3rd June: The Martyrs of Uganda</b>	
Anglican	Temotu Solomon Islands (Melanesia) - Rt Revd Willie Tungale.
Hereford <i>Prayer requests from Ross &amp; Archenfield Deanery</i>	Pray for parishes to be engaged as a deanery pastoral plan is formulated, for wisdom to know how to revive small rural parishes, and for church front line workers - laity, retired clergy, NSMs and incumbents - who sacrificially continue their ministries despite the challenges of the time.
Prayer  <i>Pentecost prayer from the St Hilda Community</i>	<p>We do not understand, eternal God, the ways of your Spirit in the lives of women and men.</p> <p>She comes along secret paths to take us unawares.</p> <p>She touches us in joy and sorrow to make us whole.</p> <p>She hides behind coincidence to lead us forward, and uses our human accidents as occasions for influence.</p> <p>We do not understand, but we welcome her presence and rejoice in her power.</p>

<b>SUNDAY 4th June: TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	
Anglican	The Province of Alexandria - Most Revd Samy Fawzy.
Hereford	Pray for all that ensures and enables the protection and safe care of all who attend our churches and work within them, for children and vulnerable adults, and for best practice in selection and appointment. Pray for Mandy McPhee, Safeguarding Officer, and her colleagues, for safeguarding officers in our local benefices and churches, and that we may respond with care and sensitivity to every situation of hurt or need that may arise.
Porvoo	<i>Iceland:</i> Bishop Agnes Sigurdardottir, Bishop Kristjan Björnsson, Bishop Gisli Gunnarsson; <i>Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church:</i> Bishop Carlos Lopez Lozano.
The Wider View	Pray for the churches of Europe, including the German Church and our friends in Nuremberg, as they respond to the crisis in Ukraine, and to the continuing needs of the many refugees taking shelter among us as the war in their homeland continues, particularly as they cope with separation from loved ones and worry for their safety.
This Week	<p>Pray for the national <b>Kirchentag</b> (church conference) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, taking place in Nuremberg: for all who will be attending, from across Germany and beyond, including the party from our own Diocese, and for all who will be speaking, mounting displays, leading worship etc.</p> <p><b>Boniface</b>, commemorated on Monday, was a significant figure in the evangelism of Germany. Give thanks for the deep historic links between the British and German churches, and for our friendships today.</p> <p>Pray for those administer the many <b>small local charities</b> within our communities that provide help for the elderly and housebound, or for young people at college or doing apprenticeships. Pray too for good neighbour and community car schemes etc, offering voluntary help to those who need it.</p> <p><b>Trinity Sunday</b> reflects on the dynamic interplay of love that unites Father, Son and Holy Spirit: pray that this sense of mutual belonging may be active and visible within every church today, inspiring us in mission and service.</p> <p><b>SANDS</b> awareness month throughout June raises awareness of the impact of neonatal death and stillbirth. Pray for all who have experienced the devastating loss of a child at or soon after birth, and those who counsel and support them.</p> <p><b>Garden Wildlife Week</b>, which concludes during this week, reminds us that gardens are hugely important wildlife habitats: pray for all that encourages the development of wildlife-friendly gardens.</p> <p>Wednesday is <b>Tourettes Awareness Day</b>. Tourettes Syndrome is an often disturbing neurological condition that currently affects over 300,000 children and adults in the UK: pray for understanding and therapy.</p>
<b>Monday 5th June: Boniface (Wynfrith), bishop and martyr</b>	
Anglican	Tennessee (Province IV, TEC) - Rt Revd John Bauerschmidt.
Hereford	<i>St Weonards Benefice:</i> St Weonards, Orcop, Garway, Tretire w Michaelchurch & Pencoyd, Hoarwithy & Hentland: <i>vacant</i> ; St Weonards Primary School;

	Garway Primary School. Pray for discernment in appointment.
Today	Safeguarding Working Group; Hereford Deanery Readers Quiet Evening at St Michael's, Breinton.
<b>Tuesday 6th June:</b> <i>Ini Kopuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood</i>	
Anglican	East Tennessee (Province IV, TEC) - Rt Revd Brian Lee Cole.
Hereford	<i>Wormelow Hundred Benefice and South Wye Rural benefice:</i> Much Birch, Little Birch, Much Dewchurch, Llanwarne, Llandinabo, Dewsall with Callow, and Ballingham, Dinedor, Holme Lacy & Little Dewchurch: Mark Johnson; Much Birch CE Primary School; Hereford Steiner Academy, Much Dewchurch.
<b>Wednesday 7th June</b>	
Anglican	West Tennessee (Province IV, TEC) - Rt Revd Phoebe Roaf.
Hereford	<i>Church governance:</i> Pray for all involved with the conservation and care of our church buildings, and for their development to meet changing needs, via the faculty legislation. Pray for DAC members, church architects and surveyors, skilled craftspeople, for the Diocesan Registry, and for all who offer advice, support and direction to local churches looking to make changes.
Today	Jetzt ist die Zeit ("The Time Has Come"): Kirchentag in Nuremberg - party attending from our diocese led by Bishop Richard; Ludlow Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Subcommittee.
<b>Thursday 8th June: Corpus Christi</b> - Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion	
Anglican	Terekeka (Central Equatoria, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Paul Modi.
Hereford	<i>Church governance:</i> Pray for all members of Deanery Synods, for Rural Deans and Lay Co-Chairs, for Deanery Treasurers and Secretaries, and for all involved in the development of strategies for mission and pastoral outreach. Pray for those newly elected to serve on Deanery Synods from next month.
Today	Jetzt ist die Zeit.
<b>Friday 9th June:</b> Columba, abbot and missionary	
Anglican	The Northern Territory (Queensland, Australia) - Rt Revd Greg Anderson.
Hereford	<i>Church governance:</i> Pray for the members and officers of the Diocesan Synod and Board of Finance, and for those who serve on Bishop's Council.
Today	Jetzt ist die Zeit.
<b>Saturday 10th June</b>	
Anglican	Texas (Province VII, TEC) - Rt Revd Andrew Doyle; Suffragans - Rt Revd Kathryn Ryan, Rt Revd Jeff Fisher (Eastern Region); Assistant - Rt Revd Hector Monterroso.
Hereford	<i>Church governance:</i> Pray for those who represent our Diocese on General Synod, other provincial or national bodies, and within our partnership links.
Today	Jetzt ist die Zeit.
Prayer <i>Corpus Christi</i>	As bread is broken and wine outpoured, may the precious body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be our assurance of salvation; may we be joined with him and with one another, and may our lives be made new in him.

<b>SUNDAY 11th June: Barnabas, Apostle or 1st after Trinity, Proper 5</b>	
Anglican	The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia: Most Revd Don Tamihere (Maori); Most Revd Philip Richardson (Pakeha); the post of Archbishop for Polynesia (Tikanga Pasefika) is at present vacant.
Hereford	<i>Telford Severn Gorge Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Dawn Taffinder; Lay Co-Chair – Carilyn Simkin; Sub-Warden of Readers – Garry Ward.
Porvoo	<i>Scotland:</i> Argyll and the Isles, Bishop Keith Riglin; <i>Ireland:</i> Connor, Bishop George Davison; <i>Denmark:</i> Lolland-Falster, Bishop Marianne Gaarden.
The Wider View	Dar es Salaam was the location for an international conference earlier this year, facilitated by USPG, to debate the issue of human trafficking. Pray this may be a step towards bringing this abhorrent practice to a close, and that churches may work together to help transform lives, families and communities, and restore autonomy, self-worth, freedom and prosperity.
This Week	<p>The apostle <b>Barnabas</b>, commemorated on Sunday or Monday, has a name which means “Son of Encouragement”. Pray for the ways in which we can encourage one another as disciples, in our practice and in our prayer. Pray for those in our communities who feel lonely and isolated for whatever reason. <b>Loneliness Awareness Week</b> this week encourages supportive communities to form; loneliness is a natural human emotion, and we are hardwired to need social connections. By talking about loneliness in families and among friends, we can support ourselves and others.</p> <p><b>Richard Baxter</b>, remembered on Wednesday, declined the offer of the See of Hereford, since to accept it would have required him to assent to aspects of the governance of the church which he could not approve. May we always be true to our higher allegiance to Christ, in our decisions and our work.</p> <p>Pray for all who live with diabetes in <b>Diabetes Awareness Week</b>. This condition can seriously impact both physical and mental health, but it is often not well understood by those who do not have it. This week aims to spread awareness, educate people about what it’s really like to live with diabetes and raise money to support research into the disease.</p> <p>Pray for <b>new members of PCC’s</b> and Deanery Synods, and those taking on new responsibilities as churchwardens etc, following this year’s round of Annual Parochial Church Meetings and as Visitations begin.</p> <p>Thursday is <b>National Beer Day</b> - pray for the many craft breweries that are at work within our Diocese, and also for local growers of barley and hops.</p> <p>Thursday is also <b>National Clean Air Day</b>; every year, air pollution contributes to up to 36,000 deaths in the UK. Air pollution is one of the most important environmental health risks - pray we may do more to counter it.</p> <p>Saturday is the <b>World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought</b>. In many parts of our world dry lands are becoming deserts. The Sahara Desert is now some 10% larger than it was a century ago. Droughts are slow-onset disasters caused by climate change and water shortage, with 700 million people at risk of displacement by 2030. Pray for those who live in vulnerable places.</p>

<b>Monday 12th June</b>	
Anglican	Northwest Texas (Province VII, TEC) - Rt Revd James Scott Meyer.
Hereford	Broseley with Benthall, Jackfield, Linley with Willey & Barrow: <i>vacant</i> ; David Shinton, Justin Bailey; Reader – Rebecca Wood; Local Ministry Development Group: Ann Wall, Sheila Whittles, Mary Kendal, Rebecca Wood, Brian Allaway. Barrow 1618 Free School; Broseley CE Primary School; John Wilkinson Primary School. Give thanks for the faithful ministry of Chris Penn, and pray for these parishes as they seek to appoint a new incumbent.
<b>Tuesday 13th June:</b>	
Anglican	West Texas (Province VII, TEC) - Rt Rev David Reed.
Hereford	Coalbrookdale, Ironbridge & Little Wenlock: Ernest Okeke; Reader – Carilyn Simkin; Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge CE Primary School.
Today	Bishop's Staff.
<b>Wednesday 14th June:</b> <i>Richard Baxter, puritan divine</i>	
Anglican	Thika (Kenya) - Rt Revd Julius Wanyoike.
Hereford	<i>Madeley</i> : St Michael's Madeley – Alan Walden, Iain McIntyre, Rosemary Freeman; Reader – Jan Holt.
<b>Thursday 15th June:</b> <i>Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer</i>	
Anglican	Thoothukudi - Nazareth (South India) - Rt Revd Samuel Devasahayam, presently suspended from office; Rt Revd Timothy Ravinder, Moderator's Commissary during the period of suspension.
Hereford	Sutton Hill and Woodside – Dawn Taffinder. Intergenerational Worker - Beckie Dotson.
Today	DHET directors.
<b>Friday 16th June:</b> Richard of Chichester, bishop; <i>Joseph Butler, bishop and philosopher</i>	
Anglican	Tirunelveli (South India) - Rt Revd Abraham R.G.S.T. Barnabas.
Hereford	John Fletcher of Madeley Primary School; William Reynolds Primary School; Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School; Haughton Special Primary School; John Randall Primary School; St Mary's RC Primary School; Woodlands Primary School; Abraham Darby Academy; Madeley Academy.
<b>Saturday 17th June:</b> <i>Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, social reformers</i>	
Anglican	Toamasina Madagascar (Indian Ocean) - Rt Revd Jean-Paul Solo.
Hereford	Pray for all who exercise a ministry of prayer and in this way provide support and sustenance to the life, work and mission of their local church.
Today	IME2 (Curate Training) Programme: Three Counties Show.
Prayer  <i>Loneliness (Franciscan)</i>	<p>Father, I pray for all who are lonely; for those who have lost the loving presence of a friend or companion, and for those to whom it has never come.</p> <p>I pray for those who have no-one to pray for them. Whoever and wherever they are, give them a share of my blessings, and a sense of the closeness of your love, that they may know they are not forgotten.</p>

<b>SUNDAY 18th June: 2nd after Trinity Proper 6</b>	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Australia - Most Revd Geoffrey Smith, Primate.
Hereford	Pray that all the ministry we offer may affirm the rights, abilities and value of every person, whatever their age, gender, ethnicity or background, and that this may be reflected as a mission priority within our planning, decision making and selection and appointment processes.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Diocese in Europe, Bishop Robert Innes, Bishop David Hamid; <i>Sweden:</i> Visby, Bishop Erik Eckerdal; <i>Denmark:</i> Copenhagen, Bishop Peter Skov-Jakobsen.
The Wider View	Poorer nations are impacted more severely by rising prices of fuel and basic commodities. Inflation in Tanzania is running at just under 5%, the highest for five years (though inflation of basic foodstuff prices is much higher) - but across much of Africa inflation is well into double figures, causing significant social stress. Pray for those who are struggling, and for churches, schools etc, as they struggle themselves but also seek to provide support.
This Week	<p>On <b>Father's Day</b> (marked this Sunday) pray for all who have the gift and care of children; give thanks too that we can pray with confidence to God as Our Father.</p> <p>Tuesday is <b>World Refugee Day</b>, celebrating the strength and courage of those forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. It is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for the plight of refugees, and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives.</p> <p>This week remembers <b>Alban</b>, first martyr of Britain, whose story dates from Roman times. Give thanks for the long legacy of Christian witness in these islands, and for those who like Alban have been faithful unto death.</p> <p>This week also commemorates <b>John the Baptist</b>, who prepared of the way for the Lord; pray that the Church of today may, like him, be fearless in speaking words of prophecy and challenge where change is needed.</p> <p>This is <b>National Picnic Week</b>, and though the June weather may not play ball, give thanks for the opportunities that do come our way to picnic in our summer countryside.</p> <p>Pray also for our local <b>vineyards and wine producers</b>.</p> <p>Wednesday is <b>World Music Day</b>; give thanks for our ability to make and enjoy music, for music as a means of conveying emotions and enabling praise, and for the ways in which those who compose music find inspiration in the natural rhythms and sounds of the earth and its creatures.</p> <p>This week includes both the <b>Summer Solstice</b> and the traditional Midsummer Day. Our Diocese includes many pre-Christian sites which were perhaps important for worship at these times, and may remind us to value the rhythm of the seasons, and that the desire to worship is planted deep within us.</p> <p>Pray for all who serve on our <b>local and county councils</b>, and for all who are active in local politics and community organisation. Pray too for those who produce community magazines, and pass on information and advice.</p>

<b>Monday 19th June: Sundar Singh, evangelist and teacher of the faith</b>	
Anglican	Tohoku (Japan) - Rt Revd John Masato Yoshido.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for those “on the fringe” of our churches, and for churches looking for new ways of reaching out within the wider community.
Today	Visitation at Weobley.
<b>Tuesday 20th June</b>	
Anglican	Tokyo (Japan) - Rt Revd Francisco Xavier Takahashi Hiroyuki.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for our support for the World Church via mission and aid associations and through our local contacts and links, giving thanks for all we can discover and receive from such friendships.
<b>Wednesday 21st June</b>	
Anglican	Toliara Madagascar (Indian Ocean) - Rt Revd Samitiana J. Razafindralambo.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for all newly coming to faith, for their welcome and nurture. Pray for churches using Alpha, Emmaus, Life on the Frontline and other courses to lead people into faith, to encourage them in discipleship, or to help them to have the confidence to share their faith with others.
Today	DAC meets at Cawley Hall, Eye.
<b>Thursday 22nd June: Alban, first martyr of Britain</b>	
Anglican	Tonj (Northern Bahr el Ghazal, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Peter Yuol Gur.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> All that encourages and supports social responsibility, care and action within our Diocese. Pray for churches seeking to lighten their carbon footprint and to be more environment-friendly, including participation in the Eco Church scheme sponsored by La Rocha.
<b>Friday 23rd June: Ethelreda, Abbess of Ely</b>	
Anglican	Torit (Eastern Equatoria, South Sudan) - Most Revd Ogeno Charles Apoka.
Hereford	Pray for all who will visit our churches through the summer, some to worship with us, others just looking in, and for our ministry to them.
<b>Saturday 24th June: The Birth of John the Baptist</b>	
Anglican	Toronto (Ontario, Canada) - Rt Revd Andrew Asbil; Suffragans - Rt Revd Riscylla Shaw, Rt Revd Kevin Robertson.
Hereford	Pray for our cathedral and the other “great churches” of our Diocese, and those who help ensure they are safely open to visitors and welcoming to all who arrive.
Today	“Exploring Prayer” day at Tupsley.
Prayer  <i>Thanksgiving for music</i>	<p>Lord God, you are worthy of all praise;  We thank you for the gift of music  to lift our hearts and enhance our worship.  May we know what it is to be lost in the wonder of your praise;  and bring us at last to the place  where angels and archangels and all the choirs of heaven  sing your praise for evermore;  in Jesus’ name.</p>

## **Curates in Training:**

David Wyatt (year 4 - Canon Pyon)  
Iain McIntyre (year 4 - Madeley)  
Jo Jennings (year 3 - West Hereford)  
Lawrence Gittins (year 3 - Ludlow)  
Tiffany Jackson (year 3 - Ross)  
Joe Simons (year 3 - Cleobury Mortimer)  
Katie Smith (year 3 - Kingsland)  
David Andrews (Year 2 - Church Stretton)  
Luke Aylen (Year 2 - Ss Peter & James, Hereford)  
Lauren Bell (Year 2 - St Martin, Hereford)  
Lois Beynon (Year 2 - West Hereford Team)  
Erin Butler (Year 2 - Holmer with Huntington)  
(Joe) Stanley Chipper (Year 2 - Tupsley etc)  
Wayne Davies (Year 2 - Ludlow)  
Angie Kateley (Year 2 - Abbeydore)  
Natalie Jennings (Year 2 - Maund Group)  
Ruth Leigh (Year 2 - Westbury, Worthen & Yockleton)  
Richard Lonsdale (Year 1 - Pontesbury etc)  
Linde Melhuish (Year 1 - Hop Churches)  
Jonathan Roberts (Year 1 - Leominster)

## **Ordinands in Training:**

Michael Aylmer (Cuddeston)  
Fiona Honeysett (CGH)  
Tracy Jones (CGH)  
Sarah Lupton (Queen's, Birmingham)  
Rosie Roberts (Queen's, Birmingham)  
William Talbot-Ponsonby (CGH)  
Alex Herbert (CGH)  
Kate Edwards (CGH)  
Vicky Dunlop (CGH)  
Geoff Holder (CGH)  
Philippa Wright (CGH)  
Ewan Gillings (St Stephen's House)  
Alex Day (Cuddesdon)  
Joanna Day (Cuddesdon)  
Charlotte Patrick (Trinity Bristol)

## **Warden and Sub-Wardens of Readers:**

Warden: Elizabeth Wild

### **Sub-Wardens:**

Abbeydore - vacant  
Bromyard – Culain Morris  
Hereford - Malcolm Robertson  
Kington & Weobley - vacant  
Ledbury - vacant  
Leominster - Culain Morris  
Ross & Archenfield - vacant  
Bridgnorth - Garry Ward  
Clun Forest - Jonathan Kemp  
Condover - vacant  
Ludlow - John Beesley  
Pontesbury - vacant  
Telford Severn Gorge - Garry Ward

### **Pray for our Readers in Training:**

Claire Williams - Westbury  
Wendy Maddocks - Kingsland

## **Intergenerational Missioners:**

Wayne Davies - Ludlow  
Christine Cattanaach - Bartestree/Maund  
David Bland - South Wye  
Beckie Dotson - Sutton Hill & Woodside  
Mark Hackney - Pontesbury Deanery