



— Diocese of —  
**Hereford**

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**Prayer Diary**  
January to March 2025

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Bishop Richard calls us to come together in 2025 for a **Year of Engagement**. This invitation is offered to everyone. Like our Year of Prayer and Year of Faith, there will be events, teaching and study days to join in and opportunities to create your own local events. The Year of Engagement is based on the five marks of mission:

The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ:

- *To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom*
- *To teach, baptise and nurture new believers*
- *To respond to human need by loving service*
- *To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation*
- *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth*

We continue to pray that more lives will be transformed and that more people will come to know Christ across our diocese's communities, villages, and towns.

### A Prayer for the Year of Engagement

God of love, who came into the world  
so that your kingdom might come on earth as it is in heaven:  
in this year of engagement,  
send us out into our communities and beyond  
to live and work to your glory.

By the power of your Spirit, may we tell of your love,  
teach others to follow your example, and tend to those in need.

Use us as instruments of your transformation in the world.

Grant us the courage to challenge injustice,  
the determination to advocate for peace,  
and the humility to offer reconciliation.

Help us treasure and care for your creation.

May your will be done, and may that begin with us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Hereford Archdeaconry

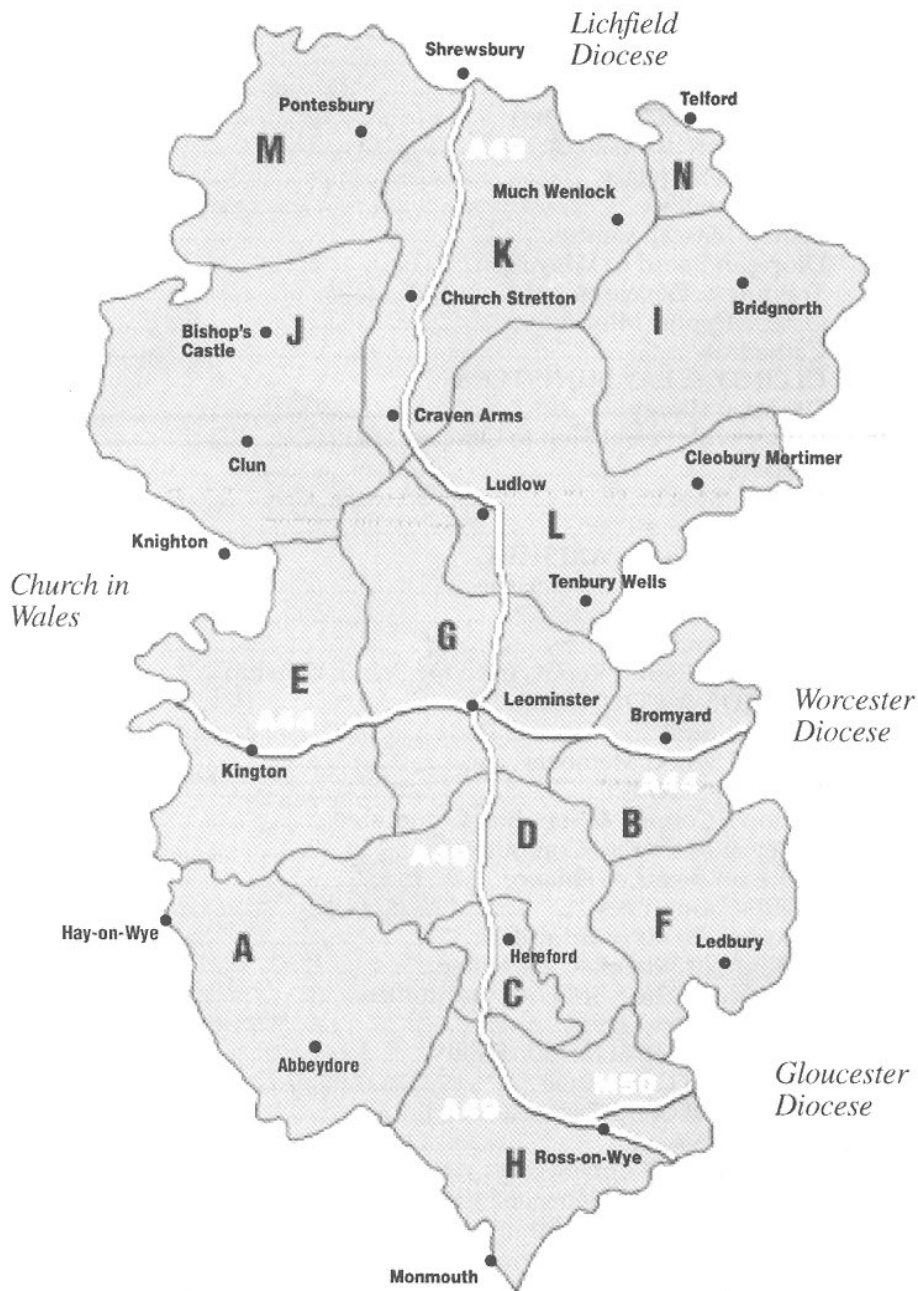
### *The Deaneries*

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

## Ludlow Archdeaconry

- J Clun Forest
- K Condover
- L Ludlow
- M Pontesbury
- I/N Severn Borders

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



# The Prayer Diary - January to March 2025

The main part of this Prayer Diary covers the quarter from Sunday 29th December to Saturday 29th March, week by week, under the following headings:

- **Anglican** - Biddings for each day taken from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer (adapted and updated where possible), so that we are praying with the Anglican Church round the world. The new version of the Cycle of Prayer, spread over more than two years, allows us once again to pray for just one diocese each day.
- **Hereford** - Again, a bidding for each day: each quarter these will feature half of our deaneries and parishes, 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** - Focuses for prayer during the week, on themes and issues in healthcare, the community, education and the changing seasons, along with events, meetings, and activities within our Diocese and perhaps more widely.
- **Today** - Events and activities from the Diocesan Diary - please note that many of these are provisional, depending on what restrictions remain in place.
- **Prayer** - A prayer or reflection appropriate to the week.

This is the last Prayer Diary I shall edit, as I retire at the end of January and (for the time being at least) will no longer be ministering in Hereford Diocese. For the next edition which covers the quarter April to June, please contact the Bishop's Office as first point of call.

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
DHMAT	-	Diocese of Hereford Multi Academy Trust
DBE	-	Diocesan Board of Education
HDRA	-	Hereford Diocesan Readers' Association
IGM	-	Intergenerational Mission / Missioner
IMD	-	Initial Ministerial Development
LC	-	Lay Chair (of Deanery)
LLM	-	Local Lay Minister
LMC	-	Ludlow Mascall Centre (formerly BMC)
Lmis	-	Local Missioner
LPV	-	Local Pastoral Visitor
LWL	-	Local Worship Leader
MAP	-	Mission Action Plan
MDO	-	Mission (MAP) Development Officer
MDR	-	Ministerial Development Review
PAT	-	Post Admission Training for Readers
PEV	-	Provincial Episcopal Visitor
RD	-	Rural Dean
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 29th December - 1st of Christmas</b>	
Anglican	The Episcopal Church - Most Revd Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop.
Hereford	Pray that all we decide and do as a diocese may be firmly grounded in prayer, and give thanks for all that encourages and enlivens our prayer life and spirituality - for the sense of blessing and of a deepening sense of the power of prayer that is the springboard for mission and service.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Chichester, Bishop Martin Warner, Bishop Ruth Bushyager, Bishop Will Hazlewood; <i>Finland:</i> Mikkeli, Bishop Mari Parkkinen.
The Wider View	Pray for the places of war and conflict in our world, and for the many child victims of war, and displaced families - for their protection, for the provision of essential supplies such as food and clean water, for the necessary medical care, and all who are grieving. Pray for the safety of humanitarian aid workers, for refugees, and for the many vulnerable people who because of age or disability cannot flee; and most of all, pray for peace.
This Week	<p>At the <b>New Year</b>, pray that this may be a year of co-operation and mutual support among nations, and that peace may dawn in the many places where communities are divided or where conflicts rage. Pray most of all for a spirit of kindness and compassion, within which the voices of those crying out of fear and need are heard, understood and responded to.</p> <p>The <b>Naming and Circumcision of Jesus</b> is recalled on New Year's Day. Pray for all new families, for families struggling or in danger, and also that we may bear the name of Jesus with care and courage in the living of our own lives. Pray that the <b>Year of Engagement</b> in our diocese may be a fruitful time of growth, of outreach into the communities we are called to serve, and of the confident sharing of a faith expressed in caring action.</p> <p>Many people may elect to keep <b>Dry January</b>, after the excesses of the past season. Pray for all our keeping of resolutions, that we may persevere and not give up at the first hurdle. Pray also for those people who are striving to reduce or eliminate a serious dependence on alcohol or on other drugs, and those who offer advice, help and support.</p> <p>January is kept as an awareness month for <b>modern slavery and human trafficking</b>: pray for a better awareness of these evils around the world and within our own society, and for all who are working to rescue and release those who find themselves trapped in forms of slavery.</p> <p>Pray for those who will use January as <b>Veganuary</b>, and seek to move to a diet free of meat and dairy products. Pray too that all of us, whatever our diet of choice, may be aware of the nutritional value, origin, and impact on the environment, of the food we eat.</p> <p>The <b>Festival of Sleep Day</b>, kept on Friday, was designed as a light-hearted celebration, but there is a serious side. Pray for all who struggle to get proper sleep, because of other medical issues or mental or emotional tension.</p> <p>Saturday is <b>World Braille Day</b> - give thanks for this important aid to communication, and pray for all who live with forms of impaired vision.</p>

<b>Monday 30th December</b>	
Anglican	Kutigi (Lokoja, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Jeremiah Kolo.
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Sarah Whitelock, Communications Director, and the members of the Communications Team, enabling effective sharing of information and news within and beyond the diocese.
<b>Tuesday 31st December: <i>John Wyclif, Reformer; New Year's Eve</i></b>	
Anglican	Kwara (Kwara, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Olusegun Adeyemi.
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Those who help compile and produce this Prayer Diary, the Facebook Prayer Station established by Derek Chedzey, Mark Melluish as Mission Enabler, and all that ensures prayer support for mission and ministry.
<b>Wednesday 1st January: Naming &amp; Circumcision of Jesus; New Year's Day</b>	
Anglican	Kwoi (Abuja, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Paul Zamani.
Hereford	<i>Health Chaplaincy:</i> Hospital Chaplaincy in Hereford County Hospital & the Wye Valley NHS Trust: Philip Roberts, chaplain, and the honorary chaplains and lay volunteers. Pray also for the RC Chaplain, Dom Patrick Lobo, and all who offer spiritual support to patients and families.
<b>Thursday 2nd January: Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, bishops; Seraphim, monk and spiritual guide; Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, bishop and evangelist</b>	
Anglican	Kyoto (Japan) - Rt Revd Stephen Takashi Kochi.
Hereford	<i>Health Chaplaincy:</i> Chaplaincy teams at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, the Princess Royal Hospital, Telford, and other hospitals that provide healthcare to our area, including the smaller local hospitals within our Diocese.
<b>Friday 3rd January</b>	
Anglican	Kyushu (Japan) - Rt Rev Luke Kenichi Muto.
Hereford	<i>Health Chaplaincy:</i> Chaplaincy support at the 2gether NHS Foundation Trust, providing mental health and learning disability services in Herefordshire and Gloucestershire, including the Stonebow Unit in Hereford (chaplain - Revd Charles Stubbings).
<b>Saturday 4th January</b>	
Anglican	Lafia (Abuja, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Godwin Robinson.
Hereford	<i>Health Chaplaincy:</i> Chaplaincy support for those in mental health care in the northern part of our Diocese, within the Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust.
Today	Thanksgiving and Launch Service for the Year of Engagement, at the Cathedral.
Prayer <i>William Temple</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Grant, O Lord, that as the years change, we may find rest in your eternal changelessness. May we meet this New Year bravely, sure in the faith that, while people come and go, and life changes around us, you are always the same, guiding us with your wisdom, and protecting us with your love; through our Saviour Jesus Christ.</p>

<b>SUNDAY 5th January: 2nd of Christmas</b> (or kept as the Feast of the Epiphany)	
Anglican	The Church in Wales - Most Revd Andrew John, Archbishop.
Hereford	<i>The Abbeydore Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Jane Rogers; Lay Co-Chair – Bill Giles; Sub-Warden of Readers – Vacant. Rural Pioneer Priests serving across the Deanery: Simon Lockett, Luci Morriss, Cate Thomson; Deanery Mission Coordinator: Anne Lloyd.
Local Ministry	<i>In Abbeydore Deanery</i> : Fiona Garfield, Annie Robertson (both LWL/Lmis), Anna Giles (LWL), Christine Bates, Pam Roberts (both LPV), Alistair Morriss (Lmis), Jane Hopcraft (LWL/LPV).
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : London, Bishop Sarah Mullally, Bishop Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy, Bishop Emma Ineson, Bishop Anderson Jeremiah, Bishop Jonathan Baker, Bishop Ric Thorpe, Bishop Joanne Grenfell. <i>Norway</i> : Nidaros and Trondheim, Presiding Bishop Olav Fykse Tveit, Bishop Herborg Oline Finnset.
Today	Epiphany services, including the service at the Cathedral (with camels!).
The Wider View <i>Nuremberg</i>	Give thanks for the strong public witness of the Churches in Germany in issues of social justice and the environment, and pray for the growth of the Church with new members and a revival of faith. Pray for Bishop Elisabeth and her colleagues in developing new mission initiatives as parishes face amalgamation and longer vacancies. Pray for Pastors and Lay Ministers in both our Churches, that we may continue to learn from each other through our exchanges.
This Week	<p>At the feast of the <b>Epiphany</b>, give thanks for the light of Christ, given for the whole world to share. Pray for the Church where it is failing in mission, or tempted to be hard-hearted and divisive. Pray that we too may, with the Magi, come to offer gifts to the Child born to be King, particularly the gift of an obedient and self-offering faith.</p> <p>Pray for <b>Archbishop Justin</b> as he completes his duties on Monday, for the search for his successor and for the Anglican Communion at this time.</p> <p>The <b>Big Schools Birdwatch</b> begins on Wednesday and runs through to the half-term break. Give thanks for all that helps children to be aware of the natural world, to enjoy the sight and sound of birds and other creatures, and to help with their conservation and care.</p> <p><b>Paget's</b> is a disease of the bones, which can be symptom-free, or show symptoms resembling those of many other diseases. However, pain can be severe in some patients, and the disease can lead to major skeletal deformity and cause of permanent disability. Saturday is Paget's Awareness Day - pray for all who live with this condition, and for research and therapy.</p> <p>Pray for those who, within our more rural communities, <b>lack access to their own transport</b>. Give thanks for good neighbour and car share schemes that help with mobility and ensure people keep in touch.</p> <p>Pray for our <b>schools</b>, as the Spring Term begins: for children, for teachers and other staff; pray also for all members of governing bodies, and especially for the Foundation Governors of our Church Schools. Pray for finance chairs and teams, as budgets continue to be squeezed.</p>



<b>Monday 6th January: THE EPIPHANY</b>	
Anglican	Lagos (Lagos, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Ifedola Okupevi.
Hereford	<i>Black Mountains Group</i> - Clodock & Longtown with Craswall, Llanveynoe, St Margaret's, Michaelchurch Escley & Newton: Luci Morriss; Longtown Primary School; Michaelchurch Escley Primary School.
<b>Tuesday 7th January</b>	
Anglican	Lagos Mainland (Lagos, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Akinpelu Johnson.
Hereford	Ewyas Harold & Dulas, with Abbeydore, Bacton, Kentchurch, Llangua, Rowlestone & Llancillo, Walterstone, Kilpeck, St Devereux & Wormbridge: Mark Godson; Local Ministry Team; Ewyas Harold Primary School.
<b>Wednesday 8th January</b>	
Anglican	Lagos West (Lagos, Nigeria) - Rt Revd James Odedeji.
Hereford	<i>Cagebrook</i> - Kingstone with Clehonger, Eaton Bishop, Allensmore and Thruyton: Cate Thomson, Ann Hitchiner, Michael Westall; Kingstone High School; Clehonger CE Primary School, Kingstone & Thruyton Primary School.
<b>Thursday 9th January</b>	
Anglican	Lahore (Pakistan) - Rt Revd Nadeem Kamran.
Hereford	<i>Wye Dore</i> - Madley with Tyberton, Peterchurch, Vowchurch & Turnastone: Simon Lockett, Judy Dinnen.
<b>Friday 10th January: <i>William Laud, archbishop</i></b>	
Anglican	Lainya (Central Equatoria, South Sudan) - Most Revd Paul Benjamin Yugusuk.
Hereford	<i>Wye Dore Ministry Team</i> – Simon Lockett, Brenda Stokes, Judy Dinnen, Julie Lunn, Sam Morgan, Helen Byard, Joy Rickwood, Lyn Garwood, Barbara Llewellyn-Samuel, Jane Hirst; Fairfield High School, Peterchurch; Madley Primary School; Peterchurch Primary School.
<b>Saturday 11th January: <i>Mary Slessor, missionary</i></b>	
Anglican	On the Lake (Owerri, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Chijioke Oti.
Hereford	<i>Borderlink</i> – Blakemere, Bredwardine with Brobury, Clifford, Cusop, Dorstone, Hardwicke, Moccas & Preston-on-Wye: Luci Morriss, Jane Rogers; our benefice team of Lay Leaders, Messy Church and Clifford Primary School.
Prayer <i>From the Didache</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">We thank thee, our Father, for the life and knowledge which thou hast made known unto us through Jesus thy Servant. To thee be glory for ever. As the broken bread of Communion, once scattered upon the mountains, is gathered together and made one, so may thy Church be gathered together from the end of the earth, and brought into thy kingdom; for thine is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ, for ever.</p>

<b>SUNDAY 12th January: The Baptism of Christ</b>	
Anglican	Province of West Africa - Most Revd Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith, Archbishop.
Hereford	Pray for our outreach to families and young people, and for those within our churches who lead or help organise Messy Church, Muddy Church, Forest Church, Open the Book, and other activities and worship events with children, young people and families in mind. Pray also for traditional “children’s church” alongside main Sunday services, and for those involved in leading, and for all who go into our local schools.
Porvoo	<i>Finland</i> : Oulu, Bishop Jukka Keskitalo; <i>Norway</i> : Sør-Hålogaland (Bodø), Bishop Svein Valle; <i>England</i> : Coventry, Bishop Ruth Worsley (acting).
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	While freedom of religion is generally respected in Tanzania, and interfaith relations are largely peaceful, there are some areas of tension. In particular, political tensions between the mainland and Zanzibar often present along religious lines: Christians probably form a majority nationwide, but Islam is stronger in the coastal areas, and is practised by almost all Zanzibaris. Pray for good and peaceful relationships between all faiths, at a time when some more extremist voices are beginning to make themselves heard.
This Week	<p>Monday remembers George Fox, a founder of the <b>Society of Friends</b>. Give thanks for the distinctive contribution made by Quakers today, and pray for the Friends Meeting Houses active within our diocese.</p> <p>Pray for the new <b>Severn Borders Deanery</b> in our diocese as it is established, bringing together the churches and communities of the former Bridgnorth and Telford Severn Gorge deaneries. (Note: the parishes themselves will now be listed in the 2nd and 4th quarter Prayer Diaries).</p> <p>The <b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</b> begins on the last day of this week: pray for our preparations for marking this week, for all that brings together the different churches that serve our communities, and for the ecumenical community in Bose, Italy, that has prepared this year’s material.</p> <p><b>Plough Sunday</b> was traditionally held at the beginning of January, but may be marked on other Sundays of January these days - pray for those places where Plough Sunday worship or events take place, and for all that helps promote awareness of the needs and concerns of the farming community, its place within our economy, and the responsibility we share to use the natural resources around us in a way that honours their Creator.</p> <p>Pray for retired clergy and others with <b>permission to officiate</b>, giving thanks for the support they provide to licensed ministers, especially in our more rural groups of churches.</p> <p>Pray for <b>road safety</b> at this dark time of the year when road surfaces may be icy or flooded, and for cyclists and pedestrians on our country lanes.</p> <p>Pray for all who <b>represent our communities</b> in the various echelons of government, those elected to Parliament and, in our Welsh parishes, to the Senedd, for County Councillors, and for the many who offer their services as Parish, Community (in Wales) or Town Councillors.</p>

<b>Monday 13th January:</b> Hilary, bishop; <i>Kentigern (Mungo)</i> , bishop; <i>George Fox</i>	
Anglican	Lango (Uganda) - Rt Revd Alfred Olwa.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Elizabeth Hackney, Lead Intergenerational Missioner, and Kathy Bland, Intergenerational Church Enabler, and for the continued development of work with children and young people across our diocese.
<b>Tuesday 14th January</b>	
Anglican	West Lango (Uganda) - Rt Revd Alfred Acur Okodi.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all that helps update us on partnership and development matters, development needs and opportunities worldwide, and organisations and societies working in areas of challenge and need.
<b>Wednesday 15th January</b>	
Anglican	Langtang (Jos, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Stanley Fube.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all that encourages awareness and good practice on disability issues across our churches, and for Garry Ward in his work as Diocesan Disability Adviser.
Today	DAC meets via Zoom.
<b>Thursday 16th January</b>	
Anglican	Lebombo <i>Mozambique</i> (Mozambique & Angola) - Rt Revd Dean Augusto.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Hospice chaplains and their teams - at St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, Hereford, and at the Severn Hospice sites in Shrewsbury, Telford and Newtown that serve the north of the Diocese. Give thanks for the work of the hospice movement with patients and their families.
<b>Friday 17th January:</b> Antony of Egypt, hermit; <i>Charles Gore</i> , <i>Community of the Resurrection</i>	
Anglican	Leeds (York, England) - Rt Revd Nick Baines; Area Bishops: Rt Revd Toby Howarth (Bradford), Rt Revd Smitha Prasadam (Huddersfield), Rt Revd Arun Arora (Kirkstall), Rt Revd Anna Eltringham (Ripon), Rt Revd Tony Robinson (Wakefield).
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all that keeps us aware of issues in social responsibility and care for the environment, as essential to a holistic programme for mission, and for the work of Joe Simons and Stephen Hollinghurst.
<b>Saturday 18th January:</b> Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins; <i>Amy Carmichael</i> , <i>writer</i>	
Anglican	Leicester (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Martyn Snow; Suffragan - Rt Revd Saju Muthalaly (Loughborough).
Hereford	Pray for the churches of other denominations with whom we share ministry, giving thanks for the fellowship we share and the ways in which we can work together in the service of Christ. Pray for those of other denominations who worship regularly in our churches, particularly in more rural areas.
Prayer <i>Week of Prayer closing prayer</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Almighty God, accept our praise and thanksgiving for what already unites us.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hasten the hour when we will recognise each other in the one communion you willed, and for which your Son prayed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Blessed be God, now and for ever.</p>

<b>SUNDAY 19th January: 2nd of Epiphany</b>	
Anglican	Province of the West Indies - Most Revd Howard Gregory, Archbishop.
Hereford	<i>The Bromyard Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Dawn Hyatt; Lay Co-Chair – Roger Wilkins.
Local Ministry	<i>In Bromyard Deanery</i> : Mark Franklin, Robert Hollis, Penelope Seabrook, Roger Wilkins, Peter Mercer-Wilson, Di Morgan, Lindy Howlett, Moyra Taylor, Louise Manning, Martin Hewitt, Michael Symonds (all LWL), Judy Orgee (LPV).
Porvoo	<i>Finland</i> : Tampere, Bishop Matti Repo; <i>England</i> : Manchester, Bishop David Walker, Bishop Matthew Porter, Bishop Mark Davies.
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	Pray for all who are training for the ordained ministry at St Marks College in Dar es Salaam, and for continued support from within our Diocese for this important work.
This Week	<p>This Sunday is kept each year as <b>World Religion Day</b>, and aims to promote understanding and peace between all religions, encouraging people to learn about other faiths and their followers. Pray for good relationships between faith communities in our own nation, and for the places and situations in which religions become a cause of division and strife.</p> <p>Pray for special services and other events to mark the <b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</b>. This is the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea - pray that we may value and affirm our shared beliefs, as well as respecting and valuing the variety of expression of faith within our various traditions. Thank God for the new ecumenical initiatives developing in Germany following the Lutheran-Roman Catholic Agreement on Justification.</p> <p><b>Blue Monday</b> is supposedly the most depressing day of the year. In fact, for some people this is a very stressful time of the year: pray for all who are struggling with mental health issues.</p> <p><b>Brew Monday</b> is a response to this - a day sponsored by the Samaritans to encourage us to talk through the stresses and strains of living. Give thanks for the work of the Samaritans, and for all who are there to listen and perhaps offer refuge at difficult and desperate times.</p> <p>Monday is also <b>Martin Luther King Day</b>. As Donald Trump takes office as President (this is also Inauguration Day), pray that under his leadership the United States may continue to be a society in which all are valued and affirmed, and may actively promote peace and justice in the world.</p> <p>Pray for all who live with forms of <b>dementia</b>, and for families and carers, for those for whom severe dementia is seriously disabling, for specialist care where this is needed, for research into causes, ways of slowing the process of dementia, and affective therapies. Pray also for training and awareness to ensure that churches and community organisations are dementia-friendly.</p> <p>Saturday marks the <b>Conversion of Paul</b>: may we be aware of the ways in which we encounter in our own lives God's claim upon us, and that we may recognise the presence and the call of our Lord - and, perhaps, to change the direction of our travel.</p>

<b>Monday 20th January: Richard Rolle, spiritual writer</b>	
Anglican	Lesotho (Southern Africa) - Rt Revd Vicentia Refiloe Kgabe.
Hereford	<i>Frome Valley Group</i> – Bishop’s Frome with Castle Frome, Acton Beauchamp, Evesbatch, Stanford Bishop, Much Cowarne, Ocle Pychard: Steven Baggs, Richard Allaway; Burley Gate CE Primary School; Burley Gate Pre-School.
<b>Tuesday 21st January: Agnes, child martyr</b>	
Anglican	Lexington (Province IV, TEC) - Rt Revd Mark Van Koevering.
Hereford	Bromyard and Stoke Lacy: Philip Miller, David Hall; Queen Elizabeth Humanities College Bromyard, Brockhampton Primary School; St Peter’s Primary School; Froome Bank Hospital; The HOPE Family Centre: Sarah Eardley, Centre Manager.
<b>Wednesday 22nd January: Vincent of Saragossa, deacon and martyr</b>	
Anglican	Liberia (West Africa) - Rt Revd James Sellee.
Hereford	Bredenbury with Grendon Bishop and Wacton, Collington, Edwyn Ralph, Little Cowarne, Pencombe with Marston Stannett, Thornbury and Ullingswick: Elizabeth Sidwell, Mari Nowell, Bredenbury Primary School; Pencombe CE Primary School; Rowden House Special School.
Today	Suicide Prevention Training (online).
<b>Thursday 23rd January</b>	
Anglican	Lichfield (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Michael Ipgrave; Area Bishops: Rt Revd Tim Wambunya (Wolverhampton), Rt Revd Sarah Bullock (Shrewsbury), Rt Revd Matthew Parker (Stafford); Suffragan (PEV): Rt Revd Paul Thomas (Oswestry).
Hereford	<i>Greater Whitbourne</i> – Edvin Loach with Tedstone Delamere, Tedstone Wafer, Upper Sapey, Wolferlow & Whitbourne: Dawn Hyett (Interim Minister), Chris Evans, Local Ministry Development Group.
Today	Mental Health Training for those working with Young People (and tomorrow).
<b>Friday 24th January: Francis de Sales, bishop and teacher of the faith</b>	
Anglican	Lincoln (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Stephen Conway; Suffragans - Rt Revd David Court (Grimsby), Rt Revd Nicholas Chamberlain (Grantham).
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all who help advise on how to present our church buildings and interpret them for tourists and visitors, so that in ways that work we are both telling the story of our past and sharing our present faith.
<b>Saturday 25th January: Conversion of St Paul Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends</b>	
Anglican	Litoral Ecuador <i>Ecuador</i> (Province IX, TEC) - Rt Revd Cristobal Leon Lozano.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all that helps deepen and enrich the relationship between church and school in our communities.
Today	“Explore Day” at the Pioneer Centre, near Cleobury Mortimer.
Prayer <i>Karl Rahner</i>	You who are love itself, give me the grace of love, give me yourself, so that all my days may finally empty into the one day of your eternal life.

<b>SUNDAY 26th January: 3rd of Epiphany</b>	
Anglican	Province of Alexandria - Most Revd Samy Fawzy, Primate.
Hereford	Pray for all that helps resource the local church in mission and ministry, as we plan for new ways of being a serving and responsive church across our communities. Pray for Elizabeth Wild, Mark Melliush, Mark Godson, Mary Oxley and all involved with the Mission and Ministry team.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Birmingham, Bishop Michael Volland; <i>Ireland:</i> Cork, Cloyne and Ross, Bishop Paul Colton; <i>Denmark:</i> Elsinore, Bishop Peter Birch.
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	The agricultural sector in Tanzania is a significant contributor to the national economy, and agricultural products make up the the largest proportion of the country's exports. The government is working to increase agricultural production and to ensure food security, but climate change has led to longer than normal periods of drought and less predictable rains, and changes in weather patterns are a particular threat to the livelihoods of small subsistence farms. Pray for the development of new crops and farming methods to maintain stability, and for the protection and careful use of the nation's natural resources.
This Week	<p>Sunday is <b>Australia Day</b> - pray for the churches and communities of that land, where many users of this Diary will have families and friends.</p> <p>Sunday is also <b>World Leprosy Day</b>. Leprosy is still a major scourge in our world, and up to four million people are living with visible impairments or stigma because of the disease, and over 200,000 new cases are diagnosed annually. The disease is controllable, and poverty plays a large part in its persistence. Pray for all who live with leprosy, for every effort made to provide help, assist with disability, and counter stigma, and for the ministry of organisations like the Leprosy Mission.</p> <p>Monday is kept as <b>Holocaust Memorial Day</b>, on the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. Pray for all who suffer today in a world still scarred by genocide.</p> <p>Monday is also <b>Parent Mental Health Day</b>. This day aims to highlight the importance of parent mental health and its impact within the family, and to encourage parents and carers to reflect on their own mental health and how to balance it with looking after their family. Pray for those who feel stigmatised as failures, and for all that offers support and care when needed.</p> <p>The <b>Chinese New Year</b> begins on Wednesday (the Year of the Horse): pray for the Chinese communities within our diocese, and the Christian churches of China, including those that lack official sanction.</p> <p><b>National Puzzle Day</b>, also on Wednesday, prompts thanksgiving for puzzles of various kinds as entertainment but also in their role of enabling mental alertness.</p> <p>Pray for the <b>pubs, hotels and eating places</b> that serve our communities, especially at this time when many in the hospitality industry are struggling with falling revenues and higher costs.</p>

<b>Monday 27th January</b>	
Anglican	Liverpool (York, England) - Rt Revd John Perumbalath; Suffragan - Rt Revd Beverley Mason (Warrington).
Hereford	<i>Archdeacons:</i> Pray for Derek Chedzey, Archdeacon of Hereford, and Fiona Gibson, Archdeacon of Ludlow, in the responsibilities of their offices and in their wider roles within the Diocese, for Steven Baggs as Assistant Archdeacon in the Hereford Archdeaconry and for the appointment of an Assistant Archdeacon to work in the Ludlow Archdeaconry.
<b>Tuesday 28th January:</b> Thomas Aquinas, philosopher and teacher of the faith	
Anglican	Liwolo (Central Equatoria, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Joseph Aba Nicanor.
Hereford	<i>Rural Deans and Lay Co-Chairs:</i> Pray for all who serve in this way, and for all Deanery officers, members of Leadership Teams, Mission and Pastoral Committees. etc. Pray for the deanery as a unit of mission, and for new ways of working together both within and between deaneries.
Today	IME2 Event - Curates and Readers Schools Day; Intergenerational Mission Learning Community meeting via Zoom.
<b>Wednesday 29th January</b>	
Anglican	Llandaff (Wales) - Rt Revd Mary Stallard.
Hereford	<i>Church Wardens:</i> Pray for all who hold this office, and especially for wardens helping to steer their parishes and benefices through times of change and challenge, and where there are ministerial vacancies.
<b>Thursday 30th January:</b> Charles, king and martyr	
Anglican	Lodwar (Kenya) - Rt Revd Cleti Ogeto.
Hereford	<i>Parochial Church Councils:</i> Pray for the work of our PCC's and similar bodies, and for lay chairs, secretaries and treasurers working with clergy and wardens to provide leadership and support in ministry and mission.
<b>Friday 31st January:</b> <i>John Bosco, founder of the Salesian preaching order</i>	
Anglican	Lokoja (Lokoja, Nigeria) - Most Revd Emmanuel Sokowamju Egbunu.
Hereford	<i>Church and Community:</i> Pray for those, ordained and lay, who represent our churches on school governing bodies, village hall committees, local charities and other community groups.
<b>Saturday 1st February:</b> <i>Brigid, abbess</i>	
Anglican	Lomega (Loryko, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Onesimo Yugusuk.
Hereford	<i>Church and Community:</i> Pray for community organisations making use of our church buildings and church halls, and for church involvement in community endeavours of various kinds, from mums and toddlers to food banks, etc.
Today	Infuse youth worship and prayer event; Mission with Young people (Leominster).
Prayer <i>Reinhold Niebuhr</i>	O Lord, hear our prayers, not according to the poverty of our asking but according to the richness of your grace, so that our lives may conform to those desires which accord with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

<b>SUNDAY 2nd February: Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)</b>	
Anglican	The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia - Most Revd Don Tamihere (Aotearoa), Most Revd Justin Duckworth (New Zealand), Most Revd Sione Ulu'ilakepa (Polynesia) Archbishops.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Pray for our cathedral church as a centre of mission and ministry, art and music, a tourist destination, a place of pilgrimage and prayer, and the venue for Diocesan events, activity and common worship.
Porvoo	<i>Wales:</i> Bangor, Archbishop Andrew John, Bishop David Morris; <i>Ireland:</i> Dublin and Glendalough, Archbishop Michael Jackson.
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	In the Muheza district of Tanzania, a high level of HIV in the community is having an impact on maternal and child health. Many expectant women are HIV-positive, and this can lead to significant risks of mother-to-child transmission. Pray for the Church of Tanzania, seeking to improve the capacity of local health programmes and enhance community health services, to make them more effective in preventing the transmission of HIV. Pray for greater awareness, and for better access to healthcare for pregnant women, and for this work to be understood and supported across the wider community, to enable better health outcomes for women and their children.
This Week	<p>At <b>Candlemas</b>, pray that we may be lights in the world in Jesus' name, in faithfulness to our baptismal call to discipleship and service.</p> <p>Sunday is also <b>World Wetlands Day</b>. Wetlands are critically important ecosystems, that for example contribute to biodiversity, climate mitigation, and the availability of fresh water. But wetlands are being lost or degraded at a higher rate than forests, and this day helps raise awareness in order to reverse the rapid loss of wetlands and encourage action to conserve and restore them. Pray for the decisive action that is needed.</p> <p>"Know Yourself, Grow Yourself" is the theme for this year's <b>Children's Mental Health Week</b>, which starts on Monday. Pray for children and young people who struggle with mental health issues, and for a spirit of openness and kindness in which their voices can be heard and understood. Mental health is also the theme of <b>Time to Talk Day</b>, on Thursday - recognising the way in which mental health can remain something secret and not spoken of. Pray for greater openness and awareness.</p> <p>This is also <b>Tinnitus Awareness Week</b>. A huge number of people experience tinnitus, and for some it is severely disabling. Pray for all who live with this condition, for research and understanding, and for the work of audiologists.</p> <p>Tuesday is <b>World Cancer Day</b> - pray for all who are living with cancers of various kinds, for continued research, for the organisations that provide help and support, and for better understanding of the causes of cancer, to enable preventative strategies.</p> <p><b>Number Day</b> in schools this Friday helps raise awareness of, and financial support for, the vital work of the NSPCC in providing opportunities, via Childline, for children to report abuse or concerns, and receive help.</p>



<b>Monday 3rd February:</b> Anskar, archbishop; <i>Ordinary Time begins</i>	
Anglican	London (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd & Rt Hon Sarah Mullally; Area Bishops: Rt Revd Anderson Jeremiah (Edmonton), Rt Revd Joanne Grenfell (Stepney), Rt Revd Lusa Nsenga Ngoy (Willesden), Rt Revd Ric Thorpe (Islington), Rt Revd Emma Ineson (Kensington), Rt Revd Jonathan Baker (Fulham).
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Dean – Sarah Brown, and Residentiary Canons - Andrew Piper (Precentor), James Pacey (Chancellor); Jonathan Roberts, Succentor; Lay Canons of Chapter - Dr Duncan Jones, Benjamin Pardoe, David Howell and Clare Wichbold; Chief Operating Officer – Marc Leppard. Pray also for the maintenance and conservation of this great and important building, the furthering of its eco agenda and the future vision and ministry of the cathedral.
<b>Tuesday 4th February:</b> <i>Gilbert, founder of the Gilbertine order</i>	
Anglican	Long Island (Province II (2), TEC) - Rt Revd Lawrence Provenzano.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Administrative staff - Joanne Gibson, Liz Morawiecka, Alan Cartwright, Jillian Cooke, Abby Jones, Jess Stallwood and Owen Towndrow; Vergers - Tim Pryse-Davies, Alex Reed and Chris Murphy. Pray for the safety of all who visit and use the cathedral, and of staff and volunteers.
<b>Wednesday 5th February</b>	
Anglican	Los Angeles (Province VIII, TEC) - Rt Revd John Harvey Taylor.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Geraint Bowen, Organist and Director of Music; Peter Dyke, Assistant Director of Music; Lynette Edwards, Choir Chaperone, choristers, lay clerks and choral scholars; all who support the music of the Cathedral. Pray also for the Cathedral bell ringers.
<b>Thursday 6th February:</b> <i>The martyrs of Japan</i>	
Anglican	Louisiana (Province IV, TEC) - Rt Revd Shannon Duckworth.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> The commercial operations of the Cathedral in shop and cafe; Kirsty Price, Commercial Manager; William Talbot-Ponsonby, Head of Schools and Family Learning; Jennifer Dumbelton, Librarian; Elizabeth Semper O'Keefe, Archivist; the Cathedral Friends and the Mappa Mundi and Perpetual Trusts. Give thanks for the many volunteers and the welcome they extend in the cathedral and Mappa Mundi exhibition.
Today	Spiritual Direction - online event.
<b>Friday 7th February</b>	
Anglican	Western Louisiana (Province IV, TEC) - Rt Revd Jake Owensby.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Hereford Cathedral School – Dr Michael Gray, head teacher; Hereford Cathedral Junior School – Mrs Helen Hoffmann, head teacher.
<b>Saturday 8th February</b>	
Anglican	Luapula <i>Zambia</i> (Central Africa) - Rt Revd Robert Mumbi.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Belinda Stanley, Pastor, and all who share in the worship of the Cathedral.
Today	Muddy Forest meet-up, Craven Arms.
Prayer <i>Katherine Mansfield</i>	Lord, make me like crystal, that your light may shine through me.

<b>SUNDAY 9th February: 4th before Lent Proper 1</b>	
Anglican	Anglican Church of Australia - Most Revd Geoffrey Smith, Primate.
Hereford	<i>The Clun Forest Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Stephanie Fountain; Lay Co-Chair – Andrew Wood; Sub-Warden of Readers – Julia Francis; Deanery Healing Adviser - Mary Hardham.
Local Ministry	<i>In Clun Forest Deanery</i> : Graham Trew, Richard Lewis, Karen Limbrick, Mark Limbrick, Clive Sawyer, Lesley Oldham, Lucy Swallow, Mark Swallow, Margaret Savery, Robert Flitney, Christine Flitney (all LWL), Maria Sawyer (Lmis), Sarah Smith, Debra Pope (both LWL/LPV).
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : Worcester, Bishop Martin Gorick (acting); <i>Norway</i> : Hamar, Bishop Ole Kristian Bonden.
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	As in many other developing countries, girls in Tanzania can face a range of barriers to educational development. These can include an unequal burden of domestic responsibility, negative attitudes within older family members, and early marriage. Opportunities for girls are restricted, and many may drop out of school at a young age. Pray for projects to tackle inequality, to encourage girls to feel safer and better valued at school, and to promote self confidence. Pray for better support among parents and families for the right for girls to receive a full education.
This Week	<p>Monday is <b>World Epilepsy Day</b>, a day devoted to raising awareness of this condition, ensuring that those who live with it receive the medical care they need, and also other needs are also met so they can live life to the fullest. Pray for all who live with epilepsy, especially where the condition is poorly understood.</p> <p>In the week of <b>Valentine's Day</b>, pray for all who are in love, and for those who will be married in our churches during the coming year; pray too for our support and help for those setting out on married life.</p> <p>Saturday remembers <b>Thomas Bray</b>: born and baptized in this diocese, he went on to found the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel: pray for the ongoing work of SPCK and USPG within our Church and Communion today.</p> <p><b>Real Bread Week</b> starts at the end of this week, and is an opportunity to pray for small food businesses within our diocese, and especially for artisan bakers. Pray too for the highest standards to be maintained in food production, and for farm shops and other similar outlets.</p> <p>Pray for all who <b>teach music</b> in our schools and colleges, and for all that encourages an awareness and love of music in young people. Pray also for choirs, musicians and bands within the life of our churches.</p> <p>As the days begin to open out, give thanks for the first signs of Spring about us, and pray for events like <b>snowdrop days</b> and walks at this time of the year.</p> <p><b>National School Governors Awareness Day</b> is on Thursday: give thanks for all who serve as governors in our schools, and for all who offer guidance and training to help governing bodies work effectively and supportively.</p>

<b>Monday 10th February: Scholastica, abbess</b>	
Anglican	Lucknow (North India) - Rt Revd Morris Edgar Dan.
Hereford	<i>Ridgeway Group</i> - Bishop's Castle with Mainstone, Lydbury North and Edgton, & Sarn: Stephanie Fountain; Readers – Cathy Owen, Sylvia Taylor, Jenny White; Retired Clergy - Ian Ball, John Daniels; LMDG - Angela Pooley, Rita Baker; Youth Pioneer - Nick Gurney; Community College, Bishop's Castle; Bishop's Castle Primary Schl; Lydbury North CE Primary Schl; Bishop's Castle Community Hosp.
<b>Tuesday 11th February</b>	
Anglican	Lui (Amadi, South Sudan) - Most Revd Stephen Dokolo.
Hereford	<i>Middle Marches Group</i> - Bedstone, Bucknell, Chapel Lawn, Clungunford, Hopton Castle, Llanfair Waterdine, Stowe: Retired Clergy - Linda Watson; Vision and Strategy Group: Pat Hancock, Richard Lewis, Maurice Moore, Margi Savery; St Mary's CE Primary School, Bucknell; Bedstone College.
Today	Hereford Archdeaconry Rural Deans (online).
<b>Wednesday 12th February</b>	
Anglican	Lusaka <i>Zambia</i> (Central Africa) - Most Revd Albert Chama.
Hereford	<i>Clun Valley Group</i> - Clun with Bettws y Crwyn, Newcastle, Clunton, Clunbury and Hopesay: Lois Beynon; Retired Clergy – Robert Payne; Lay Reader - Sonia Phippard; Local Ministry Team – Sandra Davies, Pam Pittwood; Newcastle CE Primary School; St George's CE School, Clun; Clunbury Primary CE School.
<b>Thursday 13th February</b>	
Anglican	Lusitanian Church <i>Portugal</i> (Extra-provincial) - Rt Revd Jorge Pina Cabral.
Hereford	<i>Onny Camlad Group</i> – Wentnor with Ratlinghope; Myndtown & Norbury, Lydham, More & Snead, Churchstoke & Hyssington: Giles Tulk; Carol Whittock (Mission Priest half-time); Retired Clergy – Michael Whittock; Onny Camlad Local Ministry Development Group: Carol Whittock, Margaret Wallsgrove, Anita Bright, Bob Berry. Churchstoke School; Norbury School.
<b>Friday 14th February: Cyril &amp; Methodius, missionaries; Valentine, martyr</b>	
Anglican	Luwero (Uganda) - Rt Revd Wilson Kisekka.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Mark Simmons and Rosa Speyer, parish giving advisers, and all that encourages regular and committed giving.
<b>Saturday 15th February: Sigfrid, bishop; Thomas Bray, founder of SPCK and SPG</b>	
Anglican	Northern Luzon (Philippines) - Rt Revd Hilary Pasikan.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Stephen Challenger, Property Secretary, Mike Williams, Diocesan Surveyor, Sophie Mead, Lorna Theophilus, and all who work on issues to do with property.
Today	Vocations Gathering, Mascall Centre.
Prayer <i>James Martineau</i>	Eternal God, you know neither morning nor evening, but wrap us in love both night and day: lift the curtain of night from the world and the veil from our hearts. Rise with the morning sun upon our souls and enliven our work and prayer. May we walk this day in the steps of him who worked in complete harmony with your will.

**SUNDAY 16th February: 3rd before Lent Proper 2**

Anglican	The Church of Bangladesh - Most Revd Samuel Sunil Mankhin, Moderator.
Hereford	Give thanks for the parish church as a Christian presence at the heart of each community, and pray that all may be places of welcome and support, responding to local need, change and challenge.
Porvoo	<i>Ireland:</i> Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe, Bishop Michael Burrows; <i>Denmark:</i> Roskilde, Bishop Ulla Thorbjörn Hansen.
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	Tanzania's Indian Ocean coast runs for some 800 miles, and is important to the development of the country. The Tanzanian fishing industry is mostly small scale, but the fish caught sustain more than two thirds of the population. It is, however, not resilient in the face of climate change, and recent research suggests that without substantial curbs in global emissions the "blue economy" of Tanzania - and the globally valuable biodiversity of its coastal region - may not be sustainable. Pray for a greater recognition of the impact of climate change on coastal communities, and for the ongoing work to understand the likely changes better, and provide support for those most affected.
This Week	<p>Monday remembers <b>Janani Luwum</b>, prompting prayer for all who as Christians oppose the misuse of power, for the Church where it experiences persecution, and for the churches of Uganda. Pray also for the Archbishop Janani Luwum Theological College in Gulu, Uganda, where Revd Sarah Cawdell is serving as Principal.</p> <p>Monday is also <b>Random Acts of Kindness Day</b>: started in Denver, Colorado in 1995 it is now observed worldwide. Kindness is at the heart of the Gospel, and is the practical expression of "love your neighbour as yourself." Give thanks for those who offer kindness to us, and for every opportunity we have to act with kindness to one another.</p> <p>Give thanks for the <b>pets</b> that, for many of us, are a big part of our lives. Pray for children learning how to look after domestic animals. Pray too for pets that are unloved and neglected, and for the work of the RSPCA and other animal rescue charities, and of our local veterinary practices.</p> <p>The third Friday in February is kept as <b>Care Day</b>, and focuses attention especially on young people who are involved in caring. Give thanks for the many young people who care for others, and pray for those young carers who feel cut off from their peers and from sources of support.</p> <p>Saturday is <b>Thinking Day</b>: pray for local Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, and for their leaders, and for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. This year's theme, 'Our Story,' celebrates the history and traditions behind the Girl Guiding movement in the UK and across the world.</p> <p>Pray for the <b>Livestock and Agricultural Markets</b> that serve our area, also acting as an important meeting place for those who work in the farming sector. Pray too for the work of the Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy.</p> <p>Pray for <b>benefices and parishes in vacancy</b>, giving thanks for those who as church officers and visiting ministers ensure that life goes on.</p>

<b>Monday 17th February:</b> Janani Luwum, archbishop and martyr	
Anglican	Lweru (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Godfrey Mbelwa.
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Katie Smith, Chaplain for the Deaf, and the Deaf Church meeting at St Peter's, Hereford. Pray for all that enables both those who are deaf and those hard of hearing to participate fully in worship and church life.
<b>Tuesday 18th February</b>	
Anglican	Macao <i>Missionary Area</i> (Hong Kong) - Most Revd Andrew Chan.
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Pray for all those presently training for forms of local ministry, and for the discernment and encouragement of vocations.
<b>Wednesday 19th February</b>	
Anglican	Machakos (Kenya) - Rt Revd Norman King'oo Wambua.
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Carl Steventon, Lisa Anderson and Rachel Arnold-Kent, and all involved in organising training, providing resources, and ensuring good practice in safer recruitment and in our response to safeguarding issues.
<b>Thursday 20th February</b>	
Anglican	Maciene <i>Mozambique</i> (Mozambique & Angola) - Rt Revd Agostinho Roberto Buque.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and Mission:</i> Pray we may make effective use of all types of media in outreach, mission and worship. Pray for all who edit and produce church and community magazines and newsletters, and keep our church notice boards, websites and social media pages up to date, and for those who help stream live worship or record worship for distribution.
<b>Friday 21st February</b>	
Anglican	Madhya Kerala (South India) - Rt Revd Sabu Cherian.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and Mission:</i> Life events: pray for all who come to our churches at important times in their lives, to celebrate together or to support each other at times of sadness and loss, and that we may be good to providing space and care, and responding to needs.
<b>Saturday 22nd February</b>	
Anglican	Madi & West Nile (Uganda) - Rt Revd Collins Andaku.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and Mission:</i> Pray for our care for the churchyards and other green spaces attached to our churches. Give thanks for the advice, support and practical help offered by "Caring for God's Acre", and for Harriet Carty as Diocesan Churchyard Environmental Advisor.
Prayer Charles Kingsley	Lift up our hearts, we beseech thee, O Christ, above the false show of things, above fear, above laziness, above selfishness and covetousness, above custom and fashion, up to the everlasting truth and order that thou art; that so we may live joyfully and freely, in faithful trust that thou art our Saviour, our example and our friend, both now and for evermore.

**SUNDAY 23rd February: 2nd before Lent**

Anglican	Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil - Most Revd Marinez Rosa dos Santos Bassotto, Prime Bishop.
Hereford	<i>The Condover Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Christobel (Chris) Hargraves; Lay Co-Chair – Andrea Graham.
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : Peterborough, Bishop Debbie Sellin, Bishop John Holbrook; <i>Ireland</i> : Meath and Kildare, Bishop Pat Storey.
The Wider View	“We have just one world, but we live in different ones” (Dire Straits, <i>Brothers in Arms</i> ). The current trend towards nationalism in many parts of our world, driven in part by anxiety about the economy and household incomes, and expressed in protectionist policies and trade barriers, poses significant threats to many aspects of the established order, and to the urgent need for united action on issues like aiding development, health care, poverty and (perhaps most importantly) climate change. Pray we may value the international bodies that encourage and enable nations to work together for the good of all, and that we may not allow boundaries to become barriers.
This Week	<p><b>George Herbert</b> is remembered this week, as an inspirational writer, several of whose poems remain sung as hymns, and as a faithful and thoughtful country parson. Pray for vocations to rural ministry today, and for Christian poets and hymn writers whose work enriches our faith and enables our worship.</p> <p>Pray for all who experience <b>eating disorders</b> of various kinds, particularly those for whom this is a real danger to their physical health. Pray for better understanding, and for those who are able to counsel and support.</p> <p>Pray for those places within our communities where <b>new homes</b> are being built, in both towns and villages: for those moving in, perhaps from other parts of the country, as they settle and integrate, for sufficient affordable homes to ensure young families can get onto the housing ladder, and for churches to rise to the challenge of making creative contact with new arrivals.</p> <p>Pray for all who are involved in <b>amateur theatre</b>, for local am-dram groups, for those who teach theatre skills in our schools and colleges, and also for those who arrange outings to the professional theatre.</p> <p>Saturday this week is <b>Self Harm Awareness Day</b>. This is the intentional act of harming or injuring our body, perhaps done at times of intense stress or unhappiness. Self-harm is not always obvious - it also includes such things as substance abuse, our relationship with eating (see above), or deliberately acting in a way that puts oneself in danger. Pray for better understanding of this difficult area of human activity and mental disorder, and for those who self harm to be able to access sources of advice, care and refuge.</p> <p>Saturday is also <b>St David's Day</b>: pray for the people and churches of Wales, for our sisters and brothers of the Church in Wales, and for the Welsh parishes and churches that fall within our own diocese. May we take to heart the saint's closing words to his brothers - 'Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do.'</p>

<b>Monday 24th February</b>	
Anglican	Madras (South India) - Rt Revd George Stephen Jayaraj. (There is a long-running legal dispute between Bishop Jayaraj and the CSI Moderator, which appears to be ongoing.)
Hereford	Condover with Ryton, Frodesley, Acton Burnell & Pitchford: <i>vacant</i> ; Readers – Raymond Evanson, Jeremy Lowe; Condover CE Primary Sch.
Today	IGM Learning Community meeting.
<b>Tuesday 25th February</b>	
Anglican	Madurai-Ramnad (South India) - Rt Revd Jeyasingh Deva Sahayam Prabhakaran.
Hereford	Church Stretton with All Stretton and Little Stretton: Steve Johnson (Rector), Chris Hargraves, David Andrews; Readers - Gillian Taylor, Chris Lear; Children & Youth Worker - Sally Clilverd; Lay Worship Leader - Jane Biggs; Church Stretton School; St Lawrence CE Primary School.
<b>Wednesday 26th February</b>	
Anglican	Magwi (Eastern Equatoria, South Sudan) - Rt Revd James Obalokee Pirimo.
Hereford	<i>The Steeplewood Fold Group</i> - Dorrington with Leebotwood, Longnor, Stapleton, Smethcote & Woolstaston: Laura Hnatiuk; Reader – Mike James; St Edward's CE Primary School; Longnor CE Primary Sch.
Today	DAC meets via Zoom.
<b>Thursday 27th February: George Herbert, priest and poet</b>	
Anglican	Mahajanga <i>Madagascar</i> (Indian Ocean) - Rt Revd Darrell Critch. Bishop Critch previously served as a priest in the Anglican Church of North America, a Church not in communion with Canterbury.
Hereford	<i>The Apedale Group</i> - Hope Bowdler with Eaton-under-Heywood, Rushbury and Cardington: Lisa Harper, Sue Jelleyman; Rushbury CE Primary School.
Today	Infuse youth worship and prayer (via Zoom).
<b>Friday 28th February</b>	
Anglican	Maiduguri (Jos, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Emmanuel Morris.
Hereford	<i>The Craven Arms Benefice</i> – Stokesay with the Pilgrim Centre in Craven Arms, Halford with Sibdon, Acton Scott, & Wistanstow: Clive Munday, Vicar; Associate Minister, Mervyn Williams; Pioneer Priest, Steve Alston; Stokesay Primary School; Wistanstow CE Primary School.
<b>Saturday 1st March: David, bishop, patron of Wales</b>	
Anglican	Maine (TEC) - Rt Revd Thomas Brown.
Hereford	<i>Wenlock Team Ministry</i> – Much Wenlock with Bourton, Easthope, Stanton Long, Shipton; and Berrington with Betton Strange and Cross Houses, Church Preen, Cressage, Cound, Harley, Hughley, Kenley, Sheinton: Matthew Stafford (Team Rector), Lisa Harper (Team Vicar), Sam Rigby; Reader: Paul Trenberth; Brockton CE Primary School; William Brookes School, Much Wenlock; Much Wenlock Primary School; Christ Church CE Primary School, Cressage; Church Preen Primary School.
Prayer <i>Thomas a Kempis</i>	O Lord, in the simplicity of my heart I offer myself to thee today, to be thy servant for ever, to obey thy will, and to be a sacrifice of perpetual praise.

<b>SUNDAY 2nd March: Next before Lent</b>	
Anglican	Anglican Church of Burundi - Most Revd Sixbert Macumi, Primate.
Hereford	Pray for the care, conservation and creative use of our church buildings, both as places of worship and fellowship, and as resources for wider use by local communities. Give thanks for all whose voluntary care helps ensure our churches can be open, clean, attractive and safe.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Canterbury - <i>vacant at time of writing</i> , Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin; <i>Ireland:</i> Down and Dromore, Bishop David McClay.
The Wider View Nuremberg	Pray for the Church-based Wilhelm-Loehe school in Nuremberg, its teachers and pupils from primary level to Abitur (the A-level equivalent). Thank God for the partnership which some of our Herefordshire schools have enjoyed with them, and pray that these links will be strengthened.
This Week	<p>The <b>Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal</b> tends to happen around the same time as St David's Day (last Saturday). Pray for the appeal to be well supported, and pray for Marie Curie nurses in the vital but also demanding work they do.</p> <p>Monday is <b>Dyscalculia Awareness Day</b> - this condition is the numerical equivalent of dyslexia, and is equally a problem but less well known. Pray for all who struggle with numbers and mathematical concepts, and for them to receive the additional help they need at school or college.</p> <p>Pray for the various community and school events, often involving pancakes, that mark <b>Shrove Tuesday</b>.</p> <p>As <b>Lent begins</b>, pray for Ash Wednesday services and events, and for our keeping of this season of fasting and preparation. Pray for those leading and attending Lent groups and other activities.</p> <p>Pray for all who experience <b>hearing loss</b>, especially in young life, and for the support and specialist care they need.</p> <p>Pray for all who suffer from <b>endometriosis</b>, in which cells similar to the lining of the uterus grow in other parts of the body. This is often the cause of intense pain and can also lead to infertility; the cause is not fully established, but may be genetic or a malfunction of the immune system - pray for ongoing research into this disease and its causes.</p> <p>Thursday is <b>World Book Day</b>: recent surveys indicate that young people are reading less than ever before; even so, the predicted demise of the printed book hasn't happened. Pray for all who encourage reading and the love of books among the young. Pray too for our local libraries and for mobile library services, and for bookshops.</p> <p><b>Cruft's</b> begins on Thursday. Give thanks for the companionship of dogs, both as pets and as working animals; pray for highest standards in breeding and in showing, and for action against unlicensed puppy farms, etc.</p> <p>Pray for all who will use Lent as a time to <b>give up</b> something that plays too big a role in their life - a worthy objective - and pray too that we might also be ready to <b>take on</b> some new and useful endeavour or commitment.</p>



<b>Monday 3rd March</b>	
Anglican	Maiwut (Upper Nile, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Peter Kunen.
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Pray for the direction of vocation and the care of ordinands and those newly ordained. Ordinands and curates in training are listed on the back page of this Diary.
<b>Tuesday 4th March: Shrove Tuesday</b>	
Anglican	Makamba (Burundi) - Rt Revd Martin Nyaboho.
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Pray for the distinctive ministry of Readers across our diocese, and the development of local ministries: for vocations to forms of lay ministry and for those engaged in training and supporting.
Today	Hereford Archdeaconry RD's and Lay Chairs (online).
<b>Wednesday 5th March: Ash Wednesday Lent begins</b>	
Anglican	Makueni (Kenya) - Rt Revd Francis Mboya Matui.
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Fran Brealey, Dean of Women's Ministry, supporting women in ordained ministry and as accredited lay workers within the Diocese.
<b>Thursday 6th March</b>	
Anglican	Makurdi (Abuja, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Nathan Inyom.
Hereford	<i>Ministry:</i> Give thanks for the ministry offered by Self-Supporting Ministers (SSMs), and those who hold Permission to Officiate.
<b>Friday 7th March: Perpetua, Felicity and companions, martyrs</b>	
Anglican	Malabar (South India) - Rt Revd Royce Victor.
Hereford	<i>Ministry:</i> Pray for the development and practice of Anna Chaplaincy in our Diocese, in our care homes and with the elderly in the wider community.
<b>Saturday 8th March: Edward King, bishop; Felix, bishop; Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, poet</b>	
Anglican	Malaita Solomon Islands (Melanesia) - Rt Revd Michael Sau Bebeu.
Hereford	<i>Ministry:</i> "Who ministers to the ministers?" - pray for effective and sensitive support where ministry is tough, draining or lonely, or where things go wrong; for those who counsel, for places of respite and refuge, and that those who are struggling with a sense of failure may know they are still valued.
Today	Suicide Preventive Training (online).
Prayer <i>John Stott</i>	O God our heavenly Father, who so loved the world that thou didst give thine only Son to suffer death upon the cross: Pour thy love into our hearts, we humbly beseech thee, that we, loving thee above all things, may give up ourselves, our time, our talents, our money, to thy service; for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us, Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord.

<b>SUNDAY 9th March: 1st of Lent</b>	
Anglican	Anglican Church of Canada - Most Revd Anne Germond (acting).
Hereford	<i>The Hereford City Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – vacant; Lay Co-Chair – Peter Maxwell; Sub-Warden of Readers – Malcolm Robertson; Treasurer - Rosemary Lording.
Local Ministry	<i>In Hereford City Deanery</i> : Claire Morgan, Melody Carter (both Lmis), Mike Honeysett (LLM).
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : Chelmsford, Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop Roger Morris, Bishop Lynne Cullens, Bishop Adam Atkinson; <i>Sweden</i> : Karlstad, Bishop Sören Dalevi.
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	Compared to many of its neighbours in East Africa, Tanzania hosts a comparatively small number of refugees, despite historically having been seen as a safe haven, with something of an open door policy. There are some quarter of a million refugees at present, and the policy on admitting refugees has hardened in recent years. Refugees can be seen as a security threat, as having themselves been engaged in violent action, or their communities having been infiltrated by extremist groups, along with the fear that neighbouring states may accuse Tanzania of harbouring forces hostile to them. Pray for all who offer help and support to migrants, including churches, and that mistrust and suspicion may not deepen between hosts and migrants.
This Week	<p>In this week of <b>Ember Days</b>, pray for all who are studying and training for various forms of ministry at this time, for the fostering and nurturing of vocations and for the work of Elizabeth Wild and Mark Godson.</p> <p>This is <b>British Science Week</b> - pray for the work of science and technology, for scientific research, and for the peaceable use of scientific development. Pray for young people expressing an interest in science subjects, and give thanks for all who teach and encourage.</p> <p>Pray for <b>gardening and allotment societies</b> in our towns and villages, as the year moves round towards Spring. Pray for school gardens and their use to teach and encourage a love of growing things.</p> <p><b>Nutrition and Hydration Week</b> focuses attention on the many older people, particularly those who remain living in their own homes, who can very easily become malnourished and dehydrated. This may happen to as many as one in ten local residents: the week aims to encourage awareness of the importance of good nutrition and hydration, as well as sharing ideas to help older people manage and improve their own nutrition and hydration.</p> <p>Wednesday is <b>No Smoking Day</b>. Pray for all who are trying to give up a dependence on tobacco, for whom this day may be the springboard they need. Give thanks for those who provide <b>meals in our schools</b>, and for breakfast clubs and after school clubs. Pray for parents and families who need these provisions but struggle to afford them.</p> <p>Pray for all who require <b>kidney dialysis</b>, and for the places where this is provided within our communities.</p>

<b>Monday 10th March</b>	
Anglican	Malakal (Upper Nile, South Sudan) - Most Revd Joseph Garang Atem.
Hereford	St Martin, Hereford & St Peter, Bullinghope; Anne Dowdeswell, Lauren Bell; PTO: Jackie Nevill, Michael Ranyard; Community Pastor - David Bland; Local Min Team Hereford Academy: Chaplain - Barry Stevens; Riverside Prim. Sch; Marlbrook Prim. Sch; St Martin's Prim. Sch; Our Lady's RC Prim. Sch; Blackmarston Sch.
<b>Tuesday 11th March</b>	
Anglican	Lake Malawi (Central Africa) - Rt Revd Francis Kaulanda.
Hereford	<i>West Hereford Team Ministry</i> – St Nicholas, Holy Trinity, All Saints and St Michael's, Breinton: <i>vacant</i> ; Readers – Stuart Vince, Chris Webb, Malcolm Robertson, Michael Weaver, Diane Bates, Keith Bladon; PTO Clergy; Families Worker: Genevieve Barker; Team Faith in Action Group; Whitecross High Sch; Trinity Primary Sch; Lord Scudamore Academy.
<b>Wednesday 12th March: Ember Day</b>	
Anglican	Northern Malawi (Central Africa) - Rt Revd Fanuel Magangani.
Hereford	St Peter with St Owen & St James: Andy Morgan; PTO - Paul Gill, Val Turner; Readers – Peter Strevens, Mary Bennett; St Thomas Cantilupe CE School, St James CE School. Wardens - Peter Stevens, Richard Paske, Andy Newton, Stephen Turner; Treasurer: Andy Butterfill; Heather Martin, Geri Miller, Tom Milton (Head of Operations), Sandra Zhukova (Ukrainian Project).
<b>Thursday 13th March</b>	
Anglican	Southern Malawi (Central Africa) - Rt Revd Alinafe Kalemba.
Hereford	Holmer with Huntington: Wayne Davies; Holmer CE Academy.
<b>Friday 14th March: Ember Day</b>	
Anglican	West Malaysia (South East Asia) - Rt Revd Stephen Abbarow; Suffragans - Rt Revd Jason Selvaraj, Rt. Revd Stephen Soe Chee Cheng.
Hereford	Tupsley with Hampton Bishop: Andy Dodwell; Reader - Deborah Hartland; Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School; St Paul's CE Primary School; Hampton Dene Primary School; Broadlands Primary School; St Francis Xavier RC Primary School; Aylestone Business & Enterprise College.
<b>Saturday 15th March: Ember Day</b>	
Anglican	Malek (Jonglei, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Peter Joh Abraham Mayom.
Hereford	<i>The Magnis Group</i> - Credenhill with Brinsop & Wormsley, Mansel Lacy & Yazor, Kenchester, Bridge Sollers & Bishopstone: Rana Davies-James, Angie Deane; Lay Worship Leader – Mike Honeysett; Donna Jones (children's ministry), Dorrie Coates. St Mary's CE Primary School, Credenhill.
Prayer <i>Columbanus</i>	<p>O beloved Saviour, show yourself to us who knock,  that knowing you, we may love you alone,  desire only you, think always of you alone,  meditating day and night on your words.</p> <p>Awaken in us such a love  as may be rightly and fittingly rendered to you.</p> <p>O God, may your love take possession of our whole being,  and make it totally yours.</p>

<b>SUNDAY 16th March: 2nd of Lent</b>	
Anglican	The Province of Central Africa - Most Revd Albert Chama, Archbishop.
Hereford	Pray for all who visit our churches as tourists, pilgrims, visiting family graves or researching their history. As we tell the story of the past history of our churches, may we also be present our buildings as places where a living, serving and welcoming faith for today is centred.
Porvoo	<i>Latvia:</i> Archbishop Jānis Vanags, Bishop Einārs Alpe, Bishop Hanss Martins Jensions, Bishop Rinalds Grants, Bishop Uldis Gailitis; <i>England:</i> <i>Lichfield,</i> Bishop Michael Ipgrave, Bishop Timothy Wambunya, Bishop Sarah Bullock, Bishop Matthew Parker, Bishop Paul Thomas; <i>Wales:</i> St David's, Bishop Dorrien Davies.
The Wider View <i>Nuremberg</i>	Thank God for the continuing exchanges we enjoy with our partners in Weissenburg Deanery, as well as through the visits of the Cathedral Voluntary Choir to Nuremberg and the participation of our German friends in the Golden Valley Pilgrimage.
This Week	<p>Pray for the churches and people of <b>Ireland</b>, in this week that honours St Patrick. Pray for our Anglican sisters and brothers of the Church of Ireland. The feast of <b>Joseph of Nazareth</b> (Wednesday) is by tradition a time to pray for manual and artisan workers and places of work. Pray especially for those who like Joseph work with wood.</p> <p><b>Cuthbert's</b> day on Thursday prompts thanksgiving for the beauty of Celtic styles of worship, and also for places of refuge and retreat, for those who lead retreats and quiet times, and for the rhythms of the natural world.</p> <p><b>Thomas Cranmer</b> is remembered on Friday: give thanks for the beauty of his liturgy, remembering that its intention was to allow all to join together in worship, understanding what they were saying and doing.</p> <p>Friday is also <b>Red Nose Day</b> - pray for all who in schools and communities will be helping to support Comic Relief.</p> <p>In <b>English Tourism Week</b> pray for the many people in our communities who depend on the tourist sector, and for all that is done to promote visitors to our part of the world.</p> <p>Pray for all who find it hard to manage their money, as this is <b>Debt Awareness Week</b>. Managing debt is a challenge faced by many, and the week aims to break the perceived stigma regarding financial problems, as well as providing practical advice and solutions.</p> <p>As we approach the <b>Spring Equinox</b>, give thanks that the longer days are at last upon us! Give thanks for birdsong, daffodils and other signs of Spring; pray too for all who study and forecast the weather, at what can be a very changeable season.</p> <p>The <b>International Day of Forests</b> is on Friday: pray for the conservation of forests and the special wildlife they contain.</p> <p>Pray for <b>dentists</b>, dental hygienists and all who work to ensure and improve oral health, especially among children.</p>

<b>Monday 17th March:</b> Patrick, bishop, patron of Ireland	
Anglican	Malek Rup (Eastern Bahr el Ghazal, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Peter Marial Agok.
Hereford	Hereford VI Form College (Chaplain – Deborah Jackson); Herefordshire & Ludlow College; Hereford College of Arts; Royal National College for the Blind; Holme Lacy College.
<b>Tuesday 18th March:</b> <i>Cyril, bishop and teacher of the faith</i>	
Anglican	Malindi (Kenya) - Rt Revd Reuben Katite.
Hereford	<i>The local church</i> - Those who prepare our churches for worship, and ensure that our buildings are clean, attractive and safe.
Today	IME2 Event - Curates' Preaching Evening; CMD - Handling Conflict Constructively (Diocesan Office).
<b>Wednesday 19th March:</b> Joseph of Nazareth	
Anglican	Manawa o Te Wheke (Aotearoa) - Rt Revd Ngarahu Katene.
Hereford	<i>The local church</i> - Those who read, lead intercessions, assist at communion, and assist in worship in other ways - and the people who organise the rotas!
Today	Oversight Ministry Conversation (Mascall Centre).
<b>Thursday 20th March:</b> Cuthbert, bishop and missionary	
Anglican	Manchester (York, England) - Rt Revd David Walker; Suffragans - Rt Revd Mark Davies (Middleton), Rt Revd Matthew Porter (Bolton).
Hereford	<i>The local church</i> - Organists, choristers, and musicians.
<b>Friday 21st March:</b> Thomas Cranmer, archbishop and Reformation martyr	
Anglican	Mandalay (Myanmar/Burma) - Rt Revd David Nyi Nyi Naing.
Hereford	<i>The local church</i> - Those who lead prayer and study groups, fellowship and discussion groups etc, and all who take part in the variety of midweek activities that can help link church and community.
<b>Saturday 22nd March</b>	
Anglican	Manicaland Zimbabwe (Central Africa) - Rt Revd Erick Ruwona.
Hereford	<i>The local church</i> - All who work with children, young people and families, and all that helps our churches with schools, nurseries, play groups etc within our communities. Pray also for safeguarding officers in our parishes.
Today	Mission with Young People (Bishop's Castle).
Prayer <i>Timothy Dudley-Smith</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Father, who formed the human family to live in harmony and peace,  we acknowledge before you our divisions,  quarrels, hatred, injustice and greed.  May your Church demonstrate before the world  the power of the Gospel to destroy divisions,  so that in Christ Jesus there may be no barriers  of wealth or class, age or intellect, race or colour,  but all may be equally your children,  members one of another,  and heirs together  of your everlasting kingdom. </p>

<b>SUNDAY 23rd March: 3rd of Lent</b>	
Anglican	Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America - Most Revd Juan David Alvarado, Primate.
Hereford	<i>The Kington &amp; Weobley Deanery</i> : Rural Dean, Lay Co-Chair and Sub-Warden of Readers vacant at the time of going to press.
Local Ministry	<i>In Kington &amp; Weobley Deanery</i> : Alison Hird, Freda Lymath, Ann Edwards, Patricia MacCurrach, Elaine Roche, David Miller, Charmion Garritty, Rachel Penney, Marilyn Saville, Janet Greenfield, Judith Hayes, Susan Hawthorne, Judith Davies, Michael Hawthorne (all LWL).
Porvoo	<i>Sweden</i> : Lund, Bishop Johan Tyrberg; <i>Ireland</i> : Cashel, Ossory and Ferns, Bishop Adrian Wilkinson; <i>England</i> : Ely, Bishop Dagmar Winter (acting).
The Wider View	Many African countries continue to rely heavily on foreign aid, but studies suggest that such aid may not only fail to reduce poverty and encourage growth - it may even act against these objectives. Africa is the only continent in which the inflow of aid substantially outstrips that of private capital, and many are now saying that reform is needed. The “free” money of aid can skew the economy, and the misallocation of resources, along with corruption and poor governance mean aid is often not used well. It has been argued that aid is ineffective in where there’s bad governance, and unnecessary where governance is good. Official aid can create dependency, foster corruption, and often has minimal impact on the delivery of long-term growth. Pray for a move away from aid being seen as a source of regular income, and for action to promote private sector development and entrepreneurship. Pray also for a more effective model of foreign aid targeted to help build robust economic and democratic institutions.
This Week	<p>Tuesday is the <b>Feast of the Annunciation</b>: give thanks for the faithful obedience of Blessed Mary. Pray also for the work and witness of the Mothers’ Union, and for the MU branches of our diocese.</p> <p>Pray for all in our world who suffer from <b>tuberculosis</b>, for immunisation campaigns, research and treatment.</p> <p>The annual <b>Great British Spring Clean</b> is now under way. Picking up litter makes an immediate difference to the appearance of our streets and our country lanes, and can be done by anyone. Give thanks for all who regularly pick litter, including the many who do so as volunteers and for the Keep Britain Tidy campaign. Pray we may also reduce the amount of wrapping used, so less litter is dropped to begin with.</p> <p>FND (<b>Functional Neurological Disorder</b>) is a brain network disorder that can affect people of any age, with symptoms that can be severe and disabling. It is poorly understood, and there is a need to educate both the general public and healthcare professionals. Tuesday is an awareness day to promote this.</p> <p>Pray for the <b>sheep farmers</b> of our diocese. Many may have finished lambing by now, but for others the lambing season is in full swing, described as “the annual season of long hours and short tempers.”</p>

<b>Monday 24th March:</b> <i>Walter Hilton, mystic; Paul Couturier, priest; Oscar Romero, bishop &amp; martyr</i>	
Anglican	Maper (Eastern Bahr el Ghazal, South Sudan) - Rt Revd William Mading Machar.
Hereford	Eardisley with Bollingham & Willersley, Brilley, Michaelchurch, Whitney, Winforton, Almeley & Kinnersley: Marcus Small, Katie Smith; Reader - David Greenwood; Almeley Primary School; Eardisley CEP School.
<b>Tuesday 25th March: The Annunciation of Our Lord to Mary</b>	
Anglican	Mara (Tanzania) - Rt Revd George Okoth.
Hereford	Kington with Huntington, Old Radnor, Kinnerton & Titley: Sally Welch; PTO - Paul Buckingham, Tony Jardine; Paul C. Roberts; Reader - Rob MacCurrach; Kington Primary School; Lady Hawkins High School; Kington Court Hospital.
Today	IGM Learning Community meeting via Zoom.
<b>Wednesday 26th March:</b> <i>Harriet Monsell, founder of the Community of John the Baptist</i>	
Anglican	Maralal (Kenya) - Rt Revd David Lebarleyia.
Hereford	Letton with Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, Mansel Gamage & Monnington-on-Wye; Weobley with Sarnesfield & Norton Canon: Philip Harvey; PTO - Susan Verwey, John Thewlis, Charles Overton, Mike Kneen, Paul Francis; Staunton-on-Wye Endowed Primary School; Weobley Primary School; Weobley High School.
Today	DAC meets in Hereford.
<b>Thursday 27th March</b>	
Anglican	Marathwada (North India) - Rt Revd Madhukar Kasab.
Hereford	<i>Arrowvale Group</i> - Pembridge with Moorcourt, Shobdon, Staunton-on-Arrow, Byton & Lyonshall: Anna Branston; Reader – Ian Smith; Pembridge CE Primary School; Shobdon Primary School.
Today	“Truth Be Told” roadshow.
<b>Friday 28th March</b>	
Anglican	Maridi (Western Equatoria, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Moses Zungo.
Hereford	Presteigne with Discoed, Kinsham, Lingen & Knill: Stephen Hollinghurst, Debbie Venables; Clergy with PTO: Barney Bell, Susie Bishop, Michael Tavinor. The John Beddoes Secondary School, and Presteigne Primary School.
Today	“Truth Be Told” roadshow.
<b>Saturday 29th March</b>	
Anglican	Marsabit (Kenya) - Rt Revd Daniel Qampicha Wario.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for the work of the Ludlow Mascall Centre and for all who use the facilities provided there.
Today	Infuse youth worship and prayer event.
Prayer <i>George Herbert</i> <i>[my favourite prayer-poem]</i>	Thou that hast given so much to me give one thing more: a grateful heart . . . not thankful when it pleaseth me, as if thy blessings had spare days, but such a heart whose pulse may be thy praise.

## **Curates in Training:**

David Andrews (Year 4 - Church Stretton)  
Lauren Bell (Year 4 - St Martin, Hereford)  
Lizzy Womack (Wigmore Abbey)  
Richard Lonsdale (Year 3 - Pontesbury etc)  
Linde Melhuish (Year 3 - Hop Churches)  
Jonathan Roberts (Year 3 - Cathedral [Succentor])  
Andrew Falconer, (Year 2 - Colwall etc)  
Fi Honeysett, (Year 2 - Leominster East Parishes)  
Sarah Lupton, (Year 2 - Cleobury Mortimer)  
Owen Pembery, (Year 2 - Fownhope etc)  
Rosie Roberts (Year 2 - Kingsland w. Eardisland etc)  
Freddie Strong (Year 2 - Gt Hanwood, Longden etc)  
Angie Forster (Year 1 - Highley group)  
David Hall (Year 1 - Bromyard)  
Tracy Jones (Year 1 - Gt Hanwood, Longden etc)  
Sam Rigby (Year 1 - Wenlock Team)  
William Talbot-Ponsonby (Year 1 - Leominster Team)

## **Ordinands in Training:**

Alex Herbert (CGH)  
Kate Edwards (CGH)  
Vicky Dunlop (CGH)  
Geoff Holder (CGH)  
Philippa Wright (CGH)  
Ewan Gillings (St Stephen's House)  
Christine Cattanach (CGH)  
Susannah Peppiatt (CGH)  
Ian Williams (CGH)  
Suanna Rosier (CGH)  
Pauline Mack (CGH)  
Susan Hodgetts (CGH)  
Vicky Jones (CGH)

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

Warden: Mark Godson

### **Sub-Wardens:**

Abbeydore - vacant  
Bromyard – Culain Morris  
Hereford - Malcolm Robertson  
Kington & Weobley - vacant  
Ledbury - vacant  
Leominster - Culain Morris  
Ross & Archenfield - vacant  
Clun Forest - Julia Francis  
Condover - vacant  
Ludlow - vacant  
Pontesbury - Julia Francis  
Severn Borders - Garry Ward