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**Prayer Diary**  
July to September 2024

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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

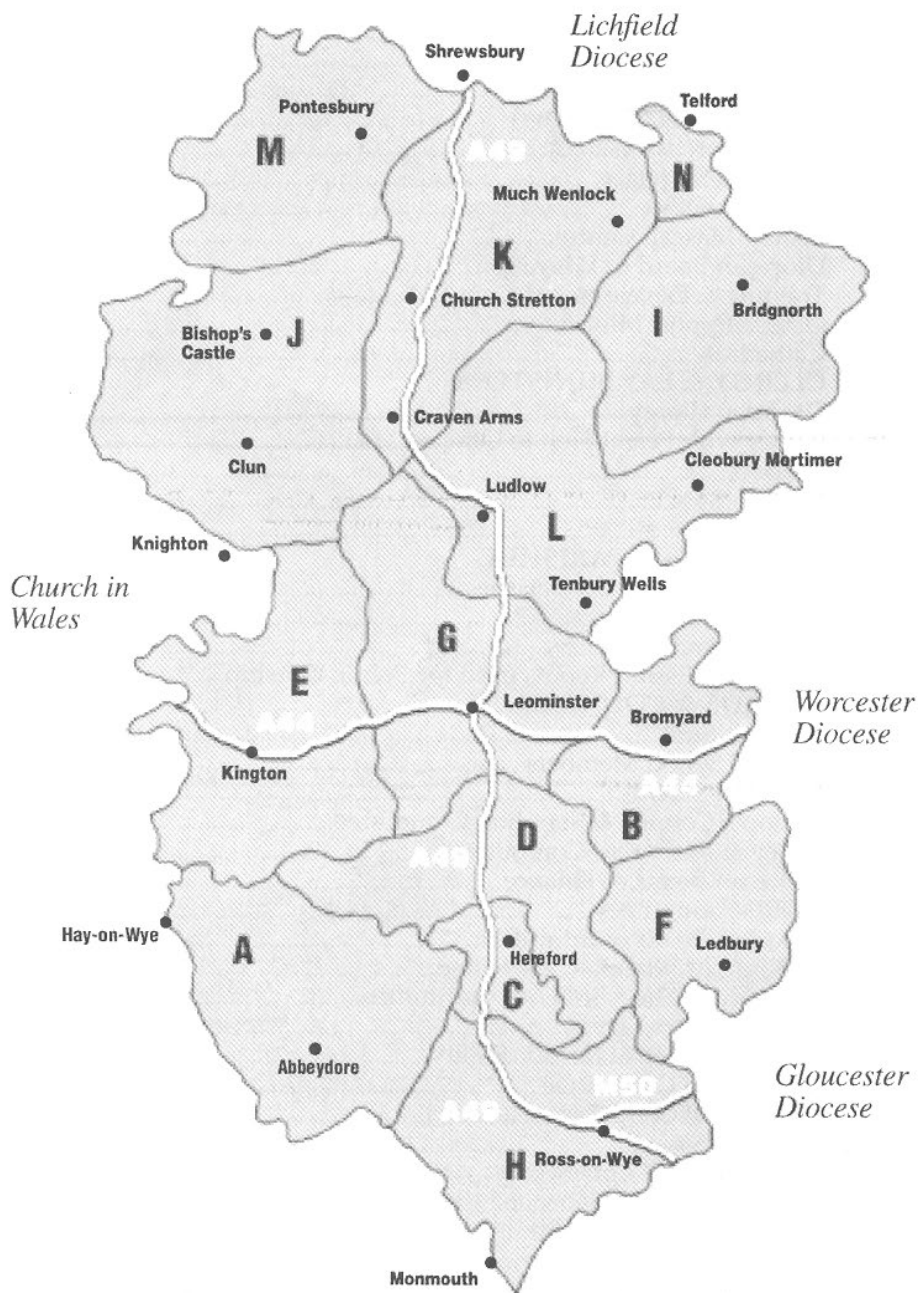
### *The Deaneries*

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

## Ludlow Archdeaconry

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

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



# The Prayer Diary - July to September 2024

The main part of this Prayer Diary covers the quarter from Sunday 23rd June to Saturday 21st September, 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.

Please send entries for the next edition which covers the quarter October to December 2024 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 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
DHMAT	-	Diocese of Hereford Multi Academy Trust
DBE	-	Diocesan Board of Education
HDRA	-	Hereford Diocesan Readers' Association
IM	-	Intergenerational 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
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 23rd June: 4th after Trinity Proper 7</b>	
Anglican	The Church of England - Most Revd & Rt Hon Justin Welby, Primate of All England; Most Revd & Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell, Primate of England.
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, and especially for the sense of blessing and of a deepening sense of the power of prayer that the Year of Prayer has given us.
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : Diocese in Europe, Bishop Robert Innes; <i>Sweden</i> : Visby, Bishop Erik Eckerdal; <i>Denmark</i> : Copenhagen, Bishop Peter Skov-Jakobsen.
The Wider View	Pray for all who are trapped in the conflict zones of our world: for their protection, for the provision of essential supplies, such as food and clean water, for those who are injured that they may receive the care they need, and all who are grieving. Pray that refugees may find safe places to stay, and for the many vulnerable people who cannot flee, because of age or disability.
This Week	<p>The <b>ordination</b> retreat takes place this week, conducted by Kate Patterson. Pray for those to be ordained on Saturday 29th, the feast of Ss Peter &amp; Paul, for families, friends and the parishes in which they will be serving -</p> <p>As Priest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Andrew Falconer - Colwall group</li> <li>Fiona Honeysett - Leominster East Parishes</li> <li>Dr Owen Pembery - Fownhope group</li> <li>Rose Roberts - Kingsland group</li> <li>Freddie Strong - Great Hanwood / Longden group</li> </ul> <p>As Deacon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Angela Forster - Highley w Billingsley, Glazeley and Deuxhill and Chelmarsh</li> <li>David Hall - Bromyard and Stoke Lacy</li> <li>Tracy Jones - Great Hanwood and Longden and Annscroft w Pulverbach</li> <li>Samuel Rigby - Wenlock team</li> <li>William Talbot-Ponsonby - Leominster</li> </ul> <p>Monday celebrates the birth of <b>John the Baptist</b>: pray for the voice of prophecy to be heard in and from the Church today, and for all who by their witness prepare the way for Christ in the world.</p> <p>The <b>Ember Days</b> are an opportunity to pray for all who feel called to ministry in particular ways - for those presently in training, waiting to begin, or considering a call to ordained ministry, and for those embarking on the various forms of lay ministry within our parishes.</p> <p>This is <b>DeafBlind Awareness Week</b>. Some 450,000 people in the UK are at least partially both deaf and blind - pray for greater awareness of this condition, and for all who live with it, particularly those who depend on the help of carers.</p> <p>Tuesday is the <b>Day of the Seafarer</b>: pray for the safety of those who sail our seas, for good working conditions, and for families from whom they may be separated for long periods. Pray for the work and witness of the Mission to Seafarers, and for their chaplains and other staff working worldwide.</p>

<b>Monday 24th June: Birth of John the Baptist</b> <i>Midsummer Day</i>	
Anglican	George <i>South Africa</i> (Southern Africa) - Rt Revd Edwin Pockpass.
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.
Today	MU Council meeting at Kimbolton.
<b>Tuesday 25th June</b>	
Anglican	Georgia <i>USA</i> (Province IV, TEC) - Rt Revd Frank Logue.
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry</i> : Those who help compile and produce this Prayer Diary, the Facebook Prayer Station established by Adn Derek, Mark Melluish as Mission Enabler, and all that provides prayer support for mission and ministry.
Today	Rural Deans & Lay Chairs (Hereford); Archdeacon's Visitation (Cleobury Mortimer).
<b>Wednesday 26th June: Ember Day</b>	
Anglican	Gippsland (Victoria, Australia) - Rt Revd Richard Treloar.
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, Rev. Michael Evans, and all who offer spiritual support to patients and families.
<b>Thursday 27th June: Cyril, bishop and teacher of the faith</b>	
Anglican	Gitega (Burundi) - Rt Revd Aimé Joseph Kimararungu.
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.
Today	Ordination retreat.
<b>Friday 28th June: Irenaeus, bishop and teacher of the faith; Ember Day</b>	
Anglican	Glasgow & Galloway (Scottish Episcopal Church) - Rt Rev Kevin Pearson (retiring on 31st August).
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.
Today	Ordination retreat.
<b>Saturday 29th June: Peter &amp; Paul, apostles or Peter, apostle; Ember Day</b>	
Anglican	Gloucester (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Rachel Treweek; Suffragan - Rt Revd Robert Springett (Tewkesbury).
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	Ordination of priests (morning); Ordination of deacons (afternoon).
Prayer <i>Thomas Merton</i>	Justify my soul, O God, but also from your fountains fill my will with fire; let my eyes see nothing in the world but your glory, and my hands touch nothing that is not for your service; let me use all things for one sole reason - to find my joy in giving you great glory.

<b>SUNDAY 30th June: 5th after Trinity</b> <i>Proper 8</i>	
Anglican	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui - Most Revd Andrew Chan, Archbishop.
Hereford	<i>The Abbeydore Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Jane Rogers; Lay Co-Chair – vacant; Sub-Warden of Readers – Vacant. Rural Pioneer Priests serving across the Deanery: Mark Godson, Simon Lockett, Luci Morriss, Cate Thomson; Curate - Angie Kateley; Deanery Mission Coordinator: Anne Lloyd. <i>Note - It has not been possible to obtain an update in time for publication, so some information for this deanery may not be accurate.</i>
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), John Winter (LLM).
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Lincoln, Bishop Stephen Conway, Bishop David Court, Bishop Nicholas Chamberlain; <i>Sweden:</i> Härnösand, Bishop Eva Nordung Byström; <i>Finland:</i> Lapua, Bishop Matti Salomäki.
The Wider View	Pray for all who are standing as candidates in the present General Election campaign, and that those who will form the next government of our nation may give thoughtful consideration to our relationship with Germany and other European partners. Pray for the stability of Europe and the EU at this time of change and challenge, following the recent elections to the European Parliament.
This Week	Pray for those <b>ordained yesterday</b> in our Cathedral as deacons and priests, for the parishes in which they serve, their training incumbents and all who will be involved in their training and support (see last Sunday's "This Week" section for names and places). <b>Thomas</b> , whose day is Wednesday, is supposed to have taken the Christian faith to India. Pray for the Christian churches of that land, and for the Mar Thoma Church, in full communion with Anglican churches since 1974. As the <b>General Election</b> campaign enters its final week, pray for all who are standing, for wisdom and discernment as we cast our vote and that we may value the democratic rights we have. Pray for a smooth and peaceful transition between the outgoing and incoming administrations. The first week of July is kept as <b>Alcohol Awareness Week</b> . This year's theme is "Understanding alcohol harm": pray for those for whom alcohol use turns to abuse, remembering that alcoholism is a problem not only for the individual but for families, the wider community, and health, social and emergency staff. July is kept as an awareness month for <b>Sarcoma</b> - rare cancers that develop in muscle, bone, blood and fibrous and fatty tissues. The prognosis for sarcoma patients in the UK has changed little over the past forty years. Pray that new technologies and early and better diagnosis may improve this. Wednesday is kept worldwide as <b>Plastic Bag Free Day</b> . Pray we may learn to use less plastic, and to use it in ways that do less environmental harm. In the week of American <b>Independence Day</b> , pray for the people of the United States, at a time of increased tension and division in her political life.



<b>Monday 1st July: Henry, John and Henry Venn, priests, Evangelical divines</b>	
Anglican	Gogrial (Northern Bahr el Ghazal, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Abraham Ngor Mangong.
Hereford	<i>Black Mountains Group</i> - Clodock & Longtown with Craswall, Llanveynoe, St Margaret's, Michaelchurch Escley & Newton: Luci Morriss, Mark Godson; Longtown Primary School; Michaelchurch Escley Primary School.
Today	Archdeacon's Visitation (Church Stretton).
<b>Tuesday 2nd July</b>	
Anglican	Goma (Congo) - Rt Revd Martin Gordon.
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.
Today	Archdeacon's Visitation (Eardisley).
<b>Wednesday 3rd July: Thomas, apostle</b>	
Anglican	Gombe (Jos, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Cletus Tambari.
Hereford	<i>Cagebrook</i> - Kingstone with Clehonger, Eaton Bishop, Allensmore and Thruxton: Cate Thomson, Ann Hitchiner, Michael Westall; Kingstone High School; Clehonger CE Primary School, Kingstone & Thruxton Primary School.
Today	Archdeacon's Visitation (Bishop's Castle).
<b>Thursday 4th July</b>	
Anglican	Good Shepherd (Bom Pastor) <i>Angola</i> (Mozambique & Angola) - Rt Revd Andre Soares.
Hereford	<i>Wye Dore</i> - Madley with Tyberton, Peterchurch, Vowchurch & Turnastone: Simon Lockett, Judy Dinnen.
Today	Polling Day - General election.
<b>Friday 5th July</b>	
Anglican	Grafton (New South Wales, Australia) - Rt Revd Murray Harvey.
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 6th July: Thomas More, scholar, and John Fisher, bishop, martyrs</b>	
Anglican	Grahamstown <i>South Africa</i> (Southern Africa) - <i>vacant</i> .
Hereford	<i>Borderlink</i> – Blakemere, Bredwardine with Brobury, Clifford, Cusop, Dorstone, Hardwicke, Moccas & Preston-on-Wye: Luci Morriss, Jane Rogers, John Winter; our benefice team of Lay Leaders, Messy Church and Clifford Primary School.
Prayer <i>Christina Rossetti</i>	O Lord, whom all thy creatures bless and praise according to thy gift unto each of them, grant, we pray thee, that we on whom thou hast bestowed reason and speech may ever bless thee with heart and lips, and my of thine infinite mercy inherit the eternal blessedness of heaven.

<b>SUNDAY 7th July: 6th after Trinity Proper 9</b>	
Anglican	Province of the Indian Ocean - Most Revd James Wong, Archbishop.
Hereford	<i>The Bridgnorth Deanery</i> : Rural Dean: Jeanetta Stokes; Lay Co-Chair: Martin Elcock; Sub-Warden of Readers: Garry Ward.
Local Ministry	<i>In Bridgnorth Deanery</i> : Ann Constable, Michelle Russon, Anita Manley, Mark Williams, Amy Williams, Mervyn Smith, Canev Clayton, Shirley Page, Jackie Hampson, Keith Pearson (all LWL), Stewart Page (LLM).
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : St Albans, Bishop Alan Smith, Bishop Richard Atkinson, Bishop Jane Mainwaring; <i>Sweden</i> : Linköping, Bishop Marika Markovits.
The Wider View	Religious freedom has been an important component of Tanzania's peaceful history. Historically, there has been little conflict between the various religious groups, but that picture has been changing in recent years. Increased conflict and tension both within the Muslim and Christian communities, and also between them, are being reported. Pray for sound teaching and able leadership within churches and other religious groups.
This Week	<p>Today (Sunday) is also <b>Thank You Day</b> - always the first Sunday in July - which is supported by an array of partners that includes the Church of England. It's so important to be thankful and to say so - so this year's day will encourage Community Takeovers: bringing people together to takeover the space that belongs to them, and inviting local charities, businesses, community groups etc to take part. Pray for the places where events like this happen, and for all that encourages us to live thankfully together.</p> <p>Pray for <b>churchwardens</b> taking office for the new year as Visitations continue, and give thanks for all whose time and witness supports the week-by-week work and worship, and outreach and mission, of our churches.</p> <p><b>Don't Step on a Bee Day</b> (Wednesday) is a strangely named day that highlights an important cause - the vital role played by bees and other pollinating insects. Pray for their protection, and that people may be mindful of bees and their habitats. Pray for our gardens, parks, churchyards, and also our farmland, to be bee-friendly.</p> <p><b>Benedict</b> is remembered on Thursday: pray for all who follow or are influenced by his teachings, and for Benedictine communities, including the monks of Belmont Abbey.</p> <p>Thursday is also <b>World Population Day</b>, which annually seeks to raise awareness of the growing global population and its impact on biodiversity and natural resources. More vulnerable communities are always the hardest hit. One proven way in which the rate of population increase can be slowed is to direct investment towards the education of girls and the rights of women. Pray for our <b>schools</b> as the end of the school year approaches, and especially for those who will be moving from their present school, to high school, to college or university, or out of education. Pray for the various leavers' events that will mark this, and for the use of "It's Your Move" (Scripture Union) and similar resources to help with the transition from junior to high school.</p>

<b>Monday 8th July</b>	
Anglican	Rio Grande <i>USA</i> (Province VII, TEC) - Rt Revd Michael Buerkel Hunn.
Hereford	Alveley and Quatt: Jon Aldwinckle; Clergy with PTO: Ruth Sims, Wendy Rylance; Reader: Sue Chidwick; Licensed Lay Worker: Wendy Aldwinckle; Alveley Primary School.
Today	Archdeacon's Visitation (Kingsland).
<b>Tuesday 9th July</b>	
Anglican	Guadalcanal <i>Solomon Islands</i> (Melanesia) - Rt Revd Nathan Tome.
Hereford	<i>Brown Clee Group</i> : Ditton Priors, Chetton, Neenton, Burwarton with Cleobury North, Aston Botterell, Wheathill & Loughton: Joe Simons; PTO - Val Smith; Reader: Dorothy Cartwright; Local Ministry Group: Bobbie Jarvis, Carole Smith, Mike Teague, Marjorie Jones; Brown Clee C E Primary School.
<b>Wednesday 10th July</b>	
Anglican	Guatemala (Central America) - Most Revd Armando Guerra Soria.
Hereford	Stottesdon with Farlow, Cleeton St Mary, Silvington, Sidbury & Middleton Scriven: <i>vacant</i> ; Farlow CE Primary School; Stottesdon CE Primary School.
Today	Archdeacon's Visitation (Ewyas Harold).
<b>Thursday 11th July: Benedict, abbot</b>	
Anglican	Guildford (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Andrew Watson; Suffragan - Rt Revd Paul Davies (Dorking).
Hereford	<i>Bridgnorth and Morville Parishes Team Ministry</i> : Bridgnorth with Tasley, Astley Abbots, Oldbury & Quatford, Morville, Aston Eyre, Acton Round and Monkhopton: <i>vacant</i> ; Reader: Jane Peeler; Clergy with PTO: Simon Boxall, Marjorie Brookes, Clive Parr; Reader with PTO: Sheila Hodgkins; Local Ministry Team: Clergy with Kay Prior, Sheila Royle, Sandie Phillips; Bridgnorth Endowed School, Oldbury Wells School, Castlefields Primary School, St Leonard's CE Primary School, St Mary's Bluecoat CE Primary School, Morville CE Primary School, St John's Catholic Primary School; Bridgnorth & South Shropshire Infirmary.
Today	MU midday prayers (Cathedral); DBE meets; Heads & Chairs of Governors.
<b>Friday 12th July</b>	
Anglican	Guinea (West Africa) - Rt Revd Jacques Boston.
Hereford	Claverley with Tuck Hill: Garry Ward; Claverley CE Primary School.
<b>Saturday 13th July</b>	
Anglican	Gujarat (North India) - Rt Revd Silvans Christian.
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.
Today	Year of Faith - Bishop's teaching event at Ledbury.
Prayer <i>Thomas Traherne</i>	O God, who by love alone are great and glorious, who are present and live with us by love alone, grant us likewise by love to attain another self, by love to live in others, and by love to come to our glory to see and accompany your eternal love.

**SUNDAY 14th July: 7th after Trinity Proper 10**

Anglican	The Church of Ireland - Most Revd John McDowell, Primate of All Ireland.
Hereford	Pray for our outreach to families and young people, and for those within the local church 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 teams working within local schools.
Today	Neil Patterson is installed as residentiary canon and Vice Dean at Bristol Cathedral. “Celebrating Creativity in Our Community”, a service at Leominster Priory.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Newcastle, Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop Mark Wroe; <i>Norway:</i> Møre, Bishop Ingeborg Midttømme.
The Wider View	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>Wednesday is the world Day of International <b>Criminal Justice</b>, marking the anniversary of the Rome Statute adopted in 1998. The day aims to unite all who support justice and work to prevent crimes that threaten peace, security and well-being in our world. Pray for those places where the rule of law is flawed, misused or effectively absent, and for all who are unjustly imprisoned.</p> <p>“<b>St Swithun's Day</b>, if it do rain, full forty days, it will remain. St Swithun's Day, if it be fair, for forty days, t'will rain no more.” So the rhyme goes - Monday is the day of Swithun, Bishop of Winchester in the 9th Century, and the legend may prompt prayer for those who forecast the weather, and for those whose work is weather-dependant, including farmers and growers.</p> <p>Pray for all who are planning and preparing <b>summer fetes</b> and other community events at this time, and for all whose fund raising efforts play an important part in sustaining our churches, charities and community organisations.</p> <p>Give thanks for all who bring <b>music and drama</b> to our local communities - for local choirs, am-dram groups, folk bands etc, and for touring companies visiting village halls, churches etc to perform. Pray too for all who help foster and encourage a love of art, music and drama among the young.</p> <p>As the <b>school year ends</b>, pray for those families that will struggle to afford a holiday away, and for those children who may face neglect while schools are closed. Pray for churches and community groups planning and preparing summer activities for children and families.</p> <p>July is kept as <b>Good Care Month</b>, with the aim of celebrating all kinds of kind and caring acts, and honouring those who care for others. Pray for our residential and care homes, for those who care in the community, and for all who need to receive care and support from others. As the new government takes office, pray that the provision of effective care in the community may be a priority for attention and funding.</p>

<b>Monday 15th July:</b> Swithun, bishop; <i>Bonaventure, bishop and teacher of the faith</i>	
Anglican	Central Gulf Coast USA (Province IV, TEC) - Rt Revd Russell Kendrick.
Hereford	Highley with Billingsley, Glazeley & Deuxhill, Chelmarsh: Kina Robertshaw, Angie Forster; Associate Ministers: David Poyner, Rosemary Lawley (PTO); Reader (PTO) Keith Smith; Highley Community Primary School.
Today	DBE Bridgebuilding Network, for churches supporting schools.
<b>Tuesday 16th July:</b> <i>Osmund, bishop</i>	
Anglican	Gusau (Kaduna, Nigeria) - Rt Revd John Garba Danbinta.
Hereford	Worfield: Jeannetta Stokes; Worfield Endowed CE Primary School.
Today	Bishop's Staff (Hereford); Parish training event (Church Stretton); Archdeacon's Visitation (Sutton Hill).
<b>Wednesday 17th July</b>	
Anglican	Guyana (West Indies) - Rt Revd Charles Davidson; Suffragan - Rt Revd Alfred David.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Elizabeth Hackney, Lead Intergenerational Missioner, and Kathy Bland, Intergenerational Church Enabler, and all who work with them in Intergenerational Mission, and as volunteer teams in the local church.
Today	Servants & Stewards (Mascall Ctre); DAC (Hereford); Archdeacon's Visitation (Bishop's Frome).
<b>Thursday 18th July:</b> <i>Elizabeth Ferard, deaconess</i>	
Anglican	Gwagwalada (Abuja, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Moses Tabwaye.
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.
Today	Parish training event (Hereford); DBF / Diocesan Synod (via Zoom).
<b>Friday 19th July:</b> Gregory, bishop and Macrina, deaconess, teachers of the faith	
Anglican	Haiti (Province II (2), TEC) - <i>Effectively vacant, and in a state of some chaos, since the resignation of Bishop Jean-Zaché Duracin.</i>
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all that encourages awareness and good practice on disability issues across our churches, and for Revd Garry Ward in his work as Diocesan Disability Adviser.
<b>Saturday 20th July:</b> <i>Margaret of Antioch, martyr; Bartolomé de las Casas, missionary</i>	
Anglican	Hanuatuo'o Solomon Islands (Melanesia) - Rt Revd Arthur Abui.
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.
Today	INFUSE worship and prayer event for young people.
Prayer <i>Lancelot Andrewes</i>	O Lord, the day is thine, and the night is thine; thou hast prepared the light and the sun, they continue this day according to thine ordinance, for all things serve thee. Blessed art thou, O Lord, who turnest the shadow of death into the morning.

<b>SUNDAY 21st July: 8th after Trinity Proper 11</b>	
Anglican	Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Japan) - Most Revd Luke Kenichi Muto, Primate.
Hereford	<i>The Bromyard Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Steven Baggs; 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>Sweden</i> : Skara, Bishop Åke Bonnier; <i>England</i> : Leeds, Bishop Nick Baines, Bishop Tony Robinson, Bishop Anna Eltringham, Bishop Toby Howarth, Bishop Smitha Prasadam, Bishop Arun Arora.
The Wider View	Some 80% of the workforce in Tanzania is engaged in farming, and agriculture forms the largest component by far of the country's exports. Tanzania has one of the smallest industrial sectors in Africa, and the renewal and upgrading of transport systems and power providers is an urgent need. Diseases including malaria, HIV and more recently Covid, together with refugees fleeing conflicts in nearby countries, also impact on growth and development. Pray for the many people living below the poverty line, for the growth of the tourism industry, and for the funding of effective and sustainable development projects.
This Week	<p>In the week of <b>St James' Day</b>, pray for all places of pilgrimage, and for those who walk the pilgrim route to Compostela. Pray for all quiet and prayerful places, and for spiritual directors and counsellors and retreat leaders.</p> <p>Monday honours <b>Mary of Magdala</b>, sometimes called "Apostle to the apostles", as the bearer of good news on Easter morning.. She is also regarded as a patron to penitents - pray for all who come in penitence to the Lord today, and for a Church that greets them with healing and reconciling love.</p> <p>Wednesday (24/7) is kept as <b>Samaritans Awareness Day</b>: pray for all who feel totally desperate, and give thanks for the work of those who are ready to listen and support, and for that work to receive the funding it needs.</p> <p>Thursday is <b>Schizophrenia Awareness Day</b> - this is a condition that is more common than many imagine, affecting some 1% of the population. It is also misunderstood quite widely. Pray for greater awareness, and that those living with this condition may find support, refuge where needed, and the advice and direction that can help most to live a stable and settled life.</p> <p>Pray for all that helps ensure <b>safety in our workplaces</b>, for those responsible for safety inspections, and for all who are injured or disabled through accidents at work. Pray particularly for the safety of those who work on our farms.</p> <p><b>Love Parks Week</b> begins during this week (the actual date seems to vary). Give thanks for our green spaces, both urban and rural, that are so important to our individual and community health. Pray for all who as paid staff and volunteers help ensure that parks are clean, tidy, litter-free and safe places. Pray also for those who prepare and look after our <b>sports grounds</b> and <b>play parks</b>. Pray for local sports clubs, and especially those who teach, encourage and coach children and young people to enjoy and achieve in sport.</p>

<b>Monday 22nd July: Mary of Magdala</b>	
Anglican	Harare Zimbabwe (Central Africa) - Rt Revd Farai Mutamiri.
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 23rd July: Bridget, abbess</b>	
Anglican	Hawaii USA (Province VIII, TEC) - Rt Revd Robert Fitzpatrick.
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 24th July</b>	
Anglican	Hereford (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Richard Jackson.
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.
<b>Thursday 25th July: James, apostle</b>	
Anglican	Southern Highlands (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Julius Lugendo.
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	Parish training event (Ludlow).
<b>Friday 26th July: Anne and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
Anglican	The Highveld <i>South Africa</i> (Southern Africa) - Rt Revd Mthetheleli Charles May.
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 the appointment of Assistant Archdeacons, and for all who support them in this work.
<b>Saturday 27th July: Brooke Foss Westcott, bishop and teacher of the faith</b>	
Anglican	Eastern Himalayas (North India) - Rt Revd Roshan Thapa.
Hereford	<i>Rural Deans, Lay Co-Chairs and Deanery officers / leadership teams</i> : Pray for all who serve in this way, and for Deaneries as they plan for pastoral change and development, develop local ministry, and look to fill vacant posts.
Today	INFUSE Taizé youth pilgrimage (till 4th August - to be confirmed). Three Choirs Festival begins, in Worcester.
Prayer <i>Alcuin</i>	<p>Give me grace, O Lord, to be in all things strong, prudent and just, with a wise restraint at need.</p> <p>Grant me an exact faith, unshakeable trust in thee, and perfect charity. Fill me with the spirit of intelligence and wisdom.</p> <p>Let me always be thoughtful of others, and courageous, loyal and reverent. O Light, perfect and eternal, enlighten me.</p>

**SUNDAY 28th July: 9th after Trinity Proper 12**

Anglican	The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East - Most Revd Hosam Naoum, Archbishop in Jerusalem and President Bishop.
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, and for all members of the Mission and Ministry team.
Porvoo	<i>Lithuania</i> : Bishop Mindaugas Sabutis; <i>Ireland</i> : Derry and Raphoe, Bishop Andrew Foster.
The Wider View	Urbanisation has progressed rapidly in Tanzania, with the population of Dar-es-Salaam predicted to hit some 11 million by 2050, by which time more than half the country's population will be living in urban areas. Much migration in the towns and cities is predominantly male, and economically driven. Urban areas are unsustainable in their present form, with poor and densely packed housing, inadequate social provision and poor central planning. Pray for all those moving into Dar-es-Salaam and other growing urban communities, and for effective planning with community participation (currently mostly lacking) to improve living conditions, health and viability.
This Week	<p>Pray for the work of the <b>Society of Mary and Martha</b> at Sheldon, Exeter, and all who, like them, provide shelter, refuge and support for clergy and others in ministry at times of need, stress or crisis. Pray for all who are finding the work they do to be burdening their lives with more stress than they can handle. In this week that (on Tuesday) remembers a number of those who campaigned against <b>slavery</b>, pray for those who continue that work today, and for awareness of the various forms of modern slavery and of human trafficking. The day is also kept as the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons. Tuesday is also <b>World Friendship Day</b>. First promoted (cynically?) by the greeting cards industry, the day does have an important purpose - to celebrate friendship in all its forms, as something that contributes to our wholeness as human beings, and that helps establish peace and mutual understanding in our world. Give thanks for the friends in our lives, and pray that we may always be ready to extend the gift of friendship to others.</p> <p><b>Lammas Day</b> (Thursday) was the day when the first-fruits of the harvest were offered (before the 'harvest home' at the end of the harvesting became the festival). May we honour God as Creator, as the great Provider, and use well, kindly and thoughtfully all that he places in our hands.</p> <p>Pray for all who work within our <b>emergency services</b>, including those who in part-time or voluntary roles help support and underpin what is done by full-time staff.</p> <p>Pray for those who represent our communities as members of parish, town or community councils, and as county <b>councillors</b>. Pray also for those who help to administer local <b>charity funds</b>, some of which may well be used to help those preparing to begin college or university courses.</p>



<b>Monday 29th July: Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of our Lord</b>	
Anglican	Ho (Ghana, West Africa) - Rt Revd Matthias Mededues-Badohu.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Dean – Sarah Brown, and Residentiary Canons - Andrew Piper (Precentor), James Pacey (Chancellor); Lay Canons of Chapter Dr Duncan Jones, Benjamin Pardoe, David Howell Marc Leppard and Clare Wichbold; Chapter Clerk and Chief Operating Officer – Chris Milton. 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 30th July: William Wilberforce, Olaudah Equiano &amp; Thomas Clarkson</b>	
Anglican	Hokkaido (Nippon Sei Ko Kai) - Rt Revd Maria Grace Tazu Sasamori.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Administrative staff - Joanne Gibson, Liz Morawiecka, Alan Cartwright, Julie Ancomb, Abby Jones, Jess Stallwood and Owen Towndrow; Vergers - Tim Pryse-Davies, Alex Reed, James Brady and Chris Murphy. Pray for the safety of all who visit and use the cathedral, and of staff and volunteers.
<b>Wednesday 31st July: Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus</b>	
Anglican	Honduras (Province IX, TEC) - Rt Revd Lloyd Allen.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Geraint Bowen, Organist and Director of Music; Peter Dyke, Assistant Director of Music; Kath Proctor, Chorister Tutor, choristers, lay clerks and choral scholars; all who support the music of the Cathedral. Pray also for the Cathedral bell ringers.
<b>Thursday 1st August: Lammass Day</b>	
Anglican	Hong Kong Island (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Shui) - Rt Revd Matthias Der.
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.
<b>Friday 2nd August</b>	
Anglican	The Horn of Africa <i>Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Somalia</i> (Alexandria) - Rt Revd Martin Reakes-Williams.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Hereford Cathedral School – Dr Michael Gray, head teacher; Hereford Cathedral Junior School – Mrs Helen Hoffmann, head teacher.
<b>Saturday 3rd August</b>	
Anglican	Hpa'an (Myanmar) - Rt Revd Saw Mark Maung Doe.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Pam Row, Cathedral Chaplain, and all who share in the worship of the Cathedral; Ecumenical Companions: Steve Faber (URC), Fr Simon McGurk (RC).
Prayer <i>Augustine of Hippo</i>	O God, by your mercy strengthen us who lie exposed to the rough storms of troubles and temptations. Help us against our own negligence and cowardice, and defend us from the treachery of our unfaithful hearts. Help us, we pray, and bring us to your safe haven of peace and happiness.

<b>SUNDAY 4th August: 10th after Trinity Proper 13</b>	
Anglican	Anglican Church of Kenya - Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit, Archbishop.
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> : Bristol, Bishop Vivienne Faull, Bishop Neil Warwick; <i>Finland</i> : Helsinki, Bishop Teemu Laajasalo.
The Wider View	Give thanks for the links and friendships made over the years with our companion dioceses in Tanzania, and for the opportunities for learning and growth companionship can open; pray it may be possible to maintain a healthy programme of exchanges in each direction, as we look to the future.
This Week	<p>Tuesday is the <b>Feast of the Transfiguration</b>: As in Jesus Christ we glimpse the image of God’s glory, may we offer ourselves to him, to follow, to serve, and that the glory of his love may flow through us.</p> <p><b>John Mason Neale</b>, remembered on Wednesday, translated and wrote many hymns: give thanks for all those who through the centuries and within the Church today enrich and enable our worship and praise in song and word.</p> <p>Wednesday is also kept as <b>Playday</b> - a day each year to celebrate play as something vital to the health, happiness and creativity of children. This year’s theme is “the culture of childhood” - something generated by and nurtured in play. Pray for those children who are not enabled or encouraged to play freely, and for all that helps children to play safely and creatively together.</p> <p>Among those remembered this week is <b>Mary Sumner</b>, founder of the Mothers’ Union, whose day is Friday. Pray for all members of the MU internationally, and for each branch within our diocese.</p> <p>August is kept in some places as <b>Immunisation Awareness Month</b> - and highlights the importance of routine immunisations for people of every age. Scepticism about vaccination, especially of young children, seems to be fuelling an increase in measles and other potentially serious diseases. Pray for better awareness of the benefits immunisation brings.</p> <p>Pray for the <b>care homes</b> that serve our communities, their residents and all who work in them, for high standards of care and fair rates of pay, and for those who take chaplaincy and other voluntary roles.</p> <p>Pray for all who live with the pain and discomfort of <b>psoriasis</b> and similar skin disorders: for better awareness, to recognise signs and ensure appropriate treatment requested and given.</p> <p>During this holiday period especially, pray for those who ensure <b>safety on beaches</b> and wherever people swim or do water sports. Pray too for all who teach people how to swim and how to keep safe when swimming.</p>

<b>Monday 5th August: Oswald, king and martyr</b>	
Anglican	Huron (Ontario, Canada) - Rt Revd Todd Townshend.
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; Community College, Bishop's Castle; Bishop's Castle Primary School; Lydbury North CE Primary School; Bishop's Castle Community Hospital.
<b>Tuesday 6th August: The Transfiguration of Our Lord</b>	
Anglican	Hyderabad (Pakistan) - Rt Revd Kaleem John.
Hereford	<i>Middle Marches Group</i> - Bedstone, Bucknell, Chapel Lawn, Clungunford, Hopton Castle, Llanfair Waterdine, Stowe: Martin Quayle; Vision and Strategy Group: Pat Hancock, Richard Lewis, Maurice Moore, Margi Savery; St Mary's CE Primary School, Bucknell; Bedstone College.
<b>Wednesday 7th August: John Mason Neale, priest and hymn writer</b>	
Anglican	Ibadan (Ibadan, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Joseph Akinfenwa.
Hereford	<i>Clun Valley Group</i> - Clun with Bettws y Crwyn, Newcastle, Clunton, Clunbury and Hopesay: Lois Beynon; Retired Clergy – Robert Payne; Local Ministry Team – Sandra Davies, Pam Pittwood; Newcastle CE Primary School; St George's CE School, Clun; Clunbury Primary CE School.
Today	Mary Sumner Day service etc - Leominster Priory.
<b>Thursday 8th August: Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers</b>	
Anglican	Ibadan North (Ibadan, Nigeria) - Most Revd Segun Okubadejo.
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; Reader - David Jelves; Onny Camlad Local Ministry Dev't Group: Carol Whittock, Margaret Wallsgrove, Anita Bright, Bob Berry. Churchstoke School; Norbury School.
Today	MU midday prayers at the Cathedral.
<b>Friday 9th August: Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union</b>	
Anglican	Ibadan South (Ibadan, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Akintunde Popoola.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Mark Simmons and Rosa Speyer, parish giving advisers, and all with whom they work.
<b>Saturday 10th August: Laurence, deacon and martyr</b>	
Anglican	Ibba (Western Equatoria, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Wilson Kamani.
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.
Prayer <i>Erasmus</i>	Sever me from myself, that I may be grateful unto thee; may I perish to myself, that I may be safe in thee; may I die to myself, that I may live in thee; may I wither to myself, that I may blossom in thee; may I be emptied of myself, that I may abound in thee; may I be nothing to myself, that I may be all to thee.

<b>SUNDAY 11th August: 11th after Trinity Proper 14</b>	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Korea - Most Revd Peter Kyongho Lee, Archbishop.
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>England:</i> Portsmouth, Bishop Jonathan Frost; <i>Sweden:</i> Stockholm, Bishop Andreas Holmberg.
The Wider View	A Prayer from Tanzania: Heavenly Father, touch the hearts of our political leaders and all those in power. We pray that they may exercise power gently, that they may humbly seek a disinterested dialogue that will bring about understanding, leading us all to a place where all nations and all people live together in peace and harmony. Where there is bitterness teach us forgiveness and reconciliation, replace hatred with love and indifference with care.
This Week	<p><b>Florence Nightingale</b> is remembered on Monday. Her day prompts prayer for all who work as nurses in our hospitals, nursing homes and health centres, but also for those who continue to provide health care in war zones, often in appalling conditions and lacking equipment and medicines. Give thanks for their dedication and bravery.</p> <p>Monday is also <b>International Youth Day</b>. This United Nations day aims to highlight and celebrate the way in which young minds are harnessing technology to create sustainable solutions for our world's most pressing challenges. Pray for all young people, and for all who dream of a world where all are valued and affirmed.</p> <p>Tuesday remembers <b>Maximilian Kolbe</b>. A Polish priest and Franciscan friar, he volunteered to die in place of a condemned man in the death camp at Auschwitz during the Second World War. His story brings us face to face with the worst of human wickedness, but also with the courage and sacrifice of those whose love for Jesus shines even in the darkest of places.</p> <p>On the main feast day of the <b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b> (Thursday), pray for all churches dedicated in her name, including our cathedral church, and that her purity, obedience and service may be there in every church.</p> <p>This week is <b>National Allotments Week</b>, with a theme this year to do with promoting biodiversity. Pray for all gardeners and allotment holders, and for all who encourage a love of gardens and gardening in the young.</p> <p>Pray for the work of <b>Caring for God's Acre</b>, at a time when areas of our churchyards and burial grounds that have been allowed to become meadows are being cut and the growth removed. Give thanks for the careful and caring ways in which a churchyards can be developed both as places where people come to remember, and also as refuges for wildlife.</p> <p>Thursday is also <b>VJ Day</b>, when in 1945 Japan surrendered, and the WW2 finally came to an end. Give thanks for those who fought on in the far east after the war in Europe had ended. At a time of increased nuclear tension in our world, pray that nuclear weapons may never again be used.</p>

<b>Monday 12th August</b>	
Anglican	Idah (Lokoja, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Joseph Musa.
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Katie Smith, Chaplain for the Deaf, and the Deaf Church meeting at St Peter's, Hereford. Pray also for all that is done to enable ministry with deaf people, including training in sign language.
<b>Tuesday 13th August:</b> Jeremy Taylor, bishop; <i>Florence Nightingale, nurse; Octavia Hill</i>	
Anglican	Idaho (Province VIII, TEC) - Rt Revd Jos Tharakan.
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Pray for training for forms of local ministry, and for Elizabeth Wild and others supporting and enabling this work.
<b>Wednesday 14th August:</b> <i>Maximilian Kolbe, friar and martyr</i>	
Anglican	Ideato (Owerri, Nigeria) - Most Revd Henry Okeke.
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 15th August: The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
Anglican	Idoani (Ondo, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Adegoke Oludare Agara.
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 16th August</b>	
Anglican	Ife (Ibadan, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Olubunmi Akinlade.
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 17th August</b>	
Anglican	Ife East (Ibadan, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Oluseyi Oyelade.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and Mission:</i> Pray for our response to social and environmental needs and concerns within our local situations, and for the work of Stephen Hollinghurst and Joe Simons in enabling and supporting these areas of mission and outreach.
Prayer <i>Richard Rolle</i>	O Lord, who made me and gave me so many gifts, both of soul and body and personal ability, give me grace I beseech thee, to use them in thy service, to the end for which thou gavest them to me, that through thy gifts I may worship thee. Grant me grace to be always modest about my talents, to be content with, and never presumptuous of thy gifts, but ever acknowledge myself for what I am, a sinful creature.

<b>SUNDAY 18th August: 12th after Trinity Proper 15</b>	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Melanesia - Most Revd Leonard Dawea, Archbishop.
Hereford	<i>The Condover Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Christobel (Chris) Hargraves; Lay Co-Chair – vacant; Sub-Warden of Readers – vacant.
Local Ministry	<i>In Condover Deanery</i> : Jane Biggs (LWL), Linda Vance (LPV).
Porvoo	<i>Ireland</i> : Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh, Bishop Ferran Glenfield; <i>Denmark</i> : Aarhus, Bishop Henrik Wigh-Poulsen.
The Wider View	As the conflict between Israeli and Hamas forces continues, pray for all those who as civilians remain trapped in dangerous places, that they may be free from harm, especially the very old, the very young, and those who live with disability. Pray for the work of humanitarian aid, the routes may remain open, that peaceful interludes may be provided, and for the safety of all who are working to provide humanitarian assistance and medical supplies. So many people have now had to flee from homes that have probably themselves been destroyed - pray they may find safe places to stay, and pray too that they will be able to return home and live there in peace and safety.
This Week	<p>Today (Sunday) is also kept as <b>Never Give Up Day</b>, and aims to assure those who may feel cut off from the world in their struggles that they are not alone. Pray for all for whom life is a struggle, and for a spirit of kindness in community and family and church.</p> <p>Give thanks for the work and witness of the <b>Salvation Army</b>, in this week that remembers William and Catherine Booth. The aim of the Army today is to maintain a mission based on faith in Jesus Christ, whose desire it is that all should experience life in all its fullness.</p> <p>Monday is also <b>World Humanitarian Day</b>, celebrating all who give support and help in war zones, places of poverty and desperation, in epidemic disease events or after natural disasters. Pray for those who on the front lines of our world are there for the most needy and vulnerable, and that at every level of life we may be ready to show care and concern to those in need.</p> <p>Pray for the work of local <b>Wildlife Trusts</b>, for those who plan, maintain and staff nature reserves, and for all that helps to encourage an interest in nature and conservation among young and old alike.</p> <p>Pray for those who take part in <b>Christian festivals</b>, including Greenbelt (taking place this week) and the Big Church Festival (taking place over the coming weekend).</p> <p>Pray for the vital work of <b>foodbanks</b> in our communities, many of them run by churches or with church involvement. Pray for those families for whom the school holiday period is a time of increased financial stress.</p> <p>Saturday honours <b>Bartholomew</b> the Apostle. He is probably the same man as Nathanael (Bartholomew is a surname), who in the Gospel of John is brought to Jesus by Philip and is at first sceptical. He, like Thomas, is said to have preached the Christian faith in India, before being martyred in Armenia. Pray for a dedicated and adventurous spirit of mission in the Church today.</p>

<b>Monday 19th August</b>	
Anglican	Ifo (Lagos, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Nathaniel Oladejo Ogundipe.
Hereford	Condover with Ryton, Frodesley, Acton Burnell & Pitchford: <i>vacant</i> ; Readers – Raymond Evanson (PTO), Jeremy Lowe; Condover CE Primary Sch.
<b>Tuesday 20th August: Bernard, abbot; William &amp; Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army</b>	
Anglican	Igbomina (Kwara, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Emmanuel Adekola.
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; Church Stretton School; St Lawrence CE Primary School.
<b>Wednesday 21st August</b>	
Anglican	Igbomina West (Kwara, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Olajide Adebayo.
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.
<b>Thursday 22nd August</b>	
Anglican	Ihiala (Niger, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Israel Kelue Okoye.
Hereford	<i>The Apedale Group</i> - Hope Bowdler with Eaton-under-Heywood, Rushbury and Cardington: <i>vacant</i> , Sue Jelleyman; Readers - Joy Kohn, Margaret Stratton; Rushbury CE Primary School. Pray for Lisa Harper, to be licensed as Rector in September.
Today	"A Midsummer Night's Dream" at Hereford Cathedral.
<b>Friday 23rd August</b>	
Anglican	Ijebu (Lagos, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Peter Rotimi Oludipe.
Hereford	<i>The Craven Arms Benefice</i> – Stokesay with the Pilgrim Centre in Craven Arms, Halford with Sibdon, Acton Scott, & Wistanstow: Clive Munday; Associate Minister, Mervyn Williams; Pioneer Priest, Steve Alston; Stokesay Primary Sch; Wistanstow CE Primary Sch.
<b>Saturday 24th August: Bartholomew, apostle</b>	
Anglican	Ijebu South West (Lagos, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Babatunde Ogunbanwo.
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), 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>Charles Kingsley</i>	Take from us, O Lord God, all pride and vanity, all boasting and self-assertion, and give us the true courage that shows itself in gentleness, the true wisdom that shows itself in simplicity, and the true power that shows itself in modesty; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

<b>SUNDAY 25th August: 13th after Trinity Proper 16</b>	
Anglican	La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico - Most Revd Enrique Treviño Cruz, 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 keeps our churches open, safe, attractive and clean.
Porvoo	<i>Finland:</i> Espoo, Bishop Kaisamari Hintikka; <i>Scotland:</i> Edinburgh, Bishop John Armes.
The Wider View	Prayer for our partners in the Lutheran Church in Nuremberg as they face similar challenges to us, of falling finances and attendances. Pray that there may be a revival of faith, and a renewed commitment to social and environmental justice and to Christian unity.
This Week	<p>Monday is <b>National Dog Day</b>: give thanks for dogs as companions, and for working dogs, and for all domestic pets. Pray for those pets that face abuse and neglect, and for the work of the RSPCA and other animal charities.</p> <p><b>Monica</b>, remembered on Tuesday before the day of her son Augustine of Hippo on Wednesday, prayed constantly for her son to return to the faith from his dissolute life as a young man, and at last her prayers were answered. Give thanks for all those who pray for others, and for all who, perhaps in old age, support with their pray the work and mission of the Church.</p> <p>Thursday marks the <b>Beheading of John the Baptist</b>; the circumstances of his birth mean that that day rather than this is his major feast - but John's death may prompt prayers for all whose faith in Christ leads them to stand firm against tyranny and the abuse of power, at whatever risk to themselves.</p> <p>Friday remembers <b>John Bunyan</b>, the author of "The Pilgrim's Progress", the best known of his sixty or so books. His depiction of life as a pilgrimage still rings true today. Pray we may be ready to help and guide one another, to correct and admonish where needed, remembering that here we may have "no abiding place", so that our eyes are always fixed on the road ahead.</p> <p><b>Aidan</b> (commemorated on Saturday) was the apostle to Northumbria and first Bishop of Lindisfarne. His story is told by the Venerable Bede: Aidan's success in mission clearly sprang as much from the simplicity and humility of his own life as from his skill as a preacher and teacher. Lindisfarne today is a centre both of tourism and of pilgrimage - pray for the holy and special places of our land, the places where "the sky seems thinner than elsewhere."</p> <p>Pray for those who administer and run, and those who use, our <b>village and community halls</b>.</p> <p>Pray for those who run <b>village shops and Post Offices</b> - many have been lost, but those that remain remain hugely important and can play an important role as community hubs. Pray for those shops which are community run.</p> <p>Pray for those who keep <b>traditional music</b>, theatre and cultural traditions alive in our communities, such as morris men and other performers, folk bands, storytellers, and those who research local traditions.</p>



<b>Monday 26th August</b>	
Anglican	Ijebu North (Lagos, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Solomon Kuponu.
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 27th August:</b> Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo	
Anglican	Ijesa North East (Ibadan, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Joseph Olusola.
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.
<b>Wednesday 28th August:</b> Augustine of Hippo, bishop and teacher of the faith	
Anglican	Ijesha North (Ibadan, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Isaac Oluyamo.
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 29th August:</b> The beheading of John the Baptist	
Anglican	Ijumu (Lokoja, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Paul Ojo.
Hereford	<i>Ministry:</i> Give thanks for the ministry offered by Self-Supporting Ministers (SSMs), and those who hold Permission to Officiate.
<b>Friday 30th August:</b> John Bunyan, spiritual writer	
Anglican	Ika (Bendel, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Godfrey Ifeanyichukwu Ekpenisi.
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 31st August:</b> Aidan, bishop and missionary	
Anglican	Ikara (Kaduna, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Yusuf Ishaya Janfalan.
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 for those who struggle to know they are still valued.
on Prayer <i>Jeremy Taylor</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Most merciful and gracious Father, I bless and magnify thy name that thou hast adopted me into the inheritance of sons, and hast given me a portion of my elder Brother, Thou who art the God of patience and consolation, strengthen me that I may bear the yoke and burden of the Lord, without any uneasy and useless murmurs, and ineffective unwillingness. Let me pass through the valley of tears, and the valley of the shadow of death, with safety and in peace, with a meek and submissive spirit, and a sense of the divine mercies, through Jesus Christ.</p>

<b>SUNDAY 1st September: 14th after Trinity Proper 17</b>	
Anglican	Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola - Most Revd Carlos Simão Matsinhe, Presiding Bishop (acting).
Hereford	<i>Hereford City Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – vacant; Lay Co-Chair – vacant; Sub-Warden of Readers – Malcolm Robertson; Treasurer - Rosemary Lording. <i>Note - It has not been possible to obtain an update in time for publication, so some information for this deanery may not be accurate.</i>
Local Ministry	<i>In Hereford City Deanery</i> : Claire Morgan, Melody Carter (both Lmis), Mike Honeysett (LLM).
Porvoo	<i>Finland</i> : Turku, Archbishop Tapio Luoma, Bishop Mari Leppänen; <i>England</i> : York, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, Bishop Paul Ferguson, Bishop John Thomson, Bishop Eleanor Sanderson, Bishop Stephen Race.
The Wider View	To a great extent, Tanzania can still be seen as something of an “island of peace” in a part of Africa that includes many divided or troubled nations. More than a million refugees have come to Tanzania from other parts of the region, but this brings with it some significant economic and social strains. Leaders in both churches and mosques express anxiety about superstitious and occult practices mixing into the mainstream faiths. Pray for those in power to be able to maintain a healthy economy, for harmful practices to be confronted, and for harmony within communities and between faith groups.
This Week	<p>The first week of September is <b>Migraine Awareness Week</b>: too often dismissed as “just a headache”, migraine is in fact a complex and debilitating neurological disorder, which for those living with it may have a significant impact on their quality of life. Pray for greater awareness, support and research.</p> <p>This is also <b>Childhood Cancer Awareness Month</b>. Some 2,000 young people are diagnosed each year in the UK with specific childhood cancers, which differ in significant ways from adult cancers, but have a much higher cure rate. Pray for children and families, for the cure rate to continue to improve, and for good provision for parents to remain with their children when in hospital.</p> <p>September is also <b>Urology Awareness Month</b>, drawing attention to a wide range of conditions impacting on bladder, kidneys etc. Pray for specialists in this field, for greater awareness of signs of disease among the general public, and for research and development.</p> <p>Monday commemorates the twelve Anglicans who (along with many more from other Christian denominations) were put to death when Japan invaded <b>Papua New Guinea</b> in 1942. Pray for the Anglican province today, and for the work and witness of the Papua New Guinea Church Partnership.</p> <p>The <b>South American Mission Society</b>, of which Allen Gardner (remembered on Friday) was founder, is now part of CMS. Pray for Anglicans in South America today, recognising the significant theological, missional and cultural tensions that exist between different Anglican communities in some places.</p> <p>Pray for local <b>libraries</b> - a vital social provision that is under pressure as local government budgets are squeezed.</p>

<b>Monday 2nd September: <i>The martyrs of Papua New Guinea</i></b>	
Anglican	Ikeduru (Owerri, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Emmanuel Maduwike.
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 3rd September: Gregory the Great, bishop and teacher of the faith</b>	
Anglican	Ikwerre (Niger Delta, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Blessing Enyindah.
Hereford	<i>West Hereford Team Ministry</i> – St Nicholas, Holy Trinity, All Saints and St Michael's, Breinton: Ruth Hulse, Jae Chandler, Lois Beynon; 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 4th September: <i>Birinus, bishop</i></b>	
Anglican	Ikwo (Enugu, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Kenneth Ifemene.
Hereford	St Peter with St Owen & St James: Andy Morgan, Andy Dodwell, Luke Ayles; 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 5th September</b>	
Anglican	Ikwuano (Aba, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Chigozirim Onyegbule.
Hereford	Holmer with Huntington: Wayne Davies, Erin Butler; Holmer CE Academy.
Today	DAC meets (Leominster).
<b>Friday 6th September: <i>Allen Gardner, founder of the South American Mission Society</i></b>	
Anglican	Ilaje (Ondo, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Adeyemi Isaac Adeniji.
Hereford	Tupsley with Hampton Bishop: Nick Armstrong, Joe Chipper; 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 7th September</b>	
Anglican	Ile-Oluji (Ondo, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Abel Oluyemi Ajibodu.
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>Martin Luther</i>	Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled: my Lord, fill it. I am weak in the faith: strengthen me. I am cold in love: warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbour. I do not have a strong and firm faith - at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether. O Lord, help me; strengthen my faith and trust in you.

<b>SUNDAY 8th September: 15th after Trinity</b> <i>Proper 18; Accession of King Charles III</i>	
Anglican	The Province of Myanmar (Burma) - Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, 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>England:</i> Salisbury, Bishop Stephen Lake, Bishop Andrew Rumsey, Bishop Karen Gorham; <i>Wales:</i> St Asaph, Bishop Gregory Cameron.
The Wider View	Give thanks for the involvement of schools and young people in our links with the church in Nuremberg. Pray for our schools, that there may be a revival in modern language teaching and learning. Pray too for the exploration of links and visits to Nuremberg by our schools and colleges.
This Week	<p><b>Fairtrade Fortnight</b> has moved from the Spring to the Autumn, and now happens from Monday this week. The theme this year (the thirtieth) is “Be the Change”. Pray for a greater awareness of fairtrade goods, and for Fairtrade in its work with farming co-operatives, businesses and governments to help realise a shared vision of a world in which trade is based on fairness, and producers earn secure and sustainable livelihoods.</p> <p>This week is also <b>Air Ambulance Week</b>: Anyone, anywhere in the UK, could at any time be in need of this service - the 21 air ambulance charities make over 45,000 lifesaving missions each year across the UK. There are 37 air ambulance helicopters in the UK. They provide pre-hospital care support to the NHS and form an important part of the UK’s frontline emergency services. Give thanks for the dedication and skill of staff, and pray that the voluntary support that enables this service to continue may be maintained.</p> <p>Pray for all who live with <b>eczema</b>, and especially for children with this disease; pray for awareness, treatment and research.</p> <p>Pray for our <b>schools and colleges</b> as the new educational year gets under way. Pray especially for those who are starting a new school, among them many who have moved from small rural primary schools into the somewhat scary environment of a large high school. Pray for teachers and other staff, and for school governors. Pray also for those preparing to begin university courses, many of whom may be leaving home for the first time, and for the work of chaplains and others offering social support.</p> <p>Pray for <b>Young Farmers’ Clubs</b> in our rural communities, giving thanks for the fellowship and friendship they encourage, the confidence they help to instil in young people, and their vital role in helping ensure that young people remain within the agricultural community and industry.</p> <p>Saturday is <b>Holy Cross Day</b>. The ultimate sign of shame and defeat is instead made a throne, and the place where the ultimate victory is won over all that enslaves us. Paul writes: “For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility” <i>Eph 2.14</i>.</p>

<b>Monday 9th September: Charles Fuge Lowder, priest</b>	
Anglican	Ilesa (Ibadan, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Samuel Olubayo Sowale.
Hereford	Hereford VI Form College (Chaplain – Deborah Jackson); Herefordshire & Ludlow College; Hereford College of Arts; Royal National College for the Blind; Holme Lacy College.
Today	MU Trustees (Hereford).
<b>Tuesday 10th September</b>	
Anglican	Ilesa South West (Ibadan, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Samuel Egbeunmi.
Hereford	<i>The local church</i> - Those who prepare our churches for worship, and ensure that our buildings are clean, attractive and safe.
Today	Bishop's Staff meeting (Hereford).
<b>Wednesday 11th September</b>	
Anglican	North East India (North India) - Rt Revd Michael Herenz.
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	Rural Deans meeting.
<b>Thursday 12th September</b>	
Anglican	Northern Indiana (Province V, TEC) - Rt Revd Douglas Sparks.
Hereford	<i>The local church</i> - Organists, choristers, and musicians.
Today	MU midday prayers.
<b>Friday 13th September: John Chrysostom, bishop and teacher of the faith</b>	
Anglican	Indianapolis (Province V, TEC) - Rt Revd Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows.
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 14th September: Holy Cross Day</b>	
Anglican	Inhambane (Mozambique & Angola) - Rt Revd Emmanuel Capeta.
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.
Prayer Søren Kierkegaard	<p>Lord Jesus Christ, that our prayer may be rightly directed, we pray first for one all-important need. Help us to love you, increase our love, inflame it. This prayer you will surely hear, for you are not love of a crude and selfish thought, merely an uncaring object of regard. No, you are compassionate love; more than that, you are love of such a sort that draws out the love that loves you, nurturing and encouraging us to increase daily in your love. Love divine, increase our love.</p>

<b>SUNDAY 15th September: 16th after Trinity Proper 19</b>	
Anglican	The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) - Most Revd Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba, Primate.
Hereford	<i>The Kington &amp; Weobley Deanery</i> : Rural Dean - Mike Kneen; 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>Denmark</i> : Ribe, Bishop Elof Westergaard; <i>England</i> : Bath and Wells, Bishop Michael Beasley, Bishop Ruth Worsley (presently acting Bishop of Coventry).
The Wider View	There are at present some 26 million refugees around the world, many hosted by countries that can hardly afford to provide for their own people. About half of these are children, many of whom will have been through horrors that we can scarcely imagine. People become refugees because of conflict, persecution, severe poverty and the degradation of land, and as the result of natural disaster. Many have lost loved ones, or are separated from families. Pray for aid agencies and workers, that people displaced in this way may find compassion and understanding, and for all that helps restore hope and dignity to those forced to leave their homes and lands. Tearfund notes: "If we cannot have compassion upon refugees, we cannot call ourselves Christians. If we do not help refugees, we cannot call ourselves the church."
This Week	<p><b>Hildegard of Bingen</b> (remembered on Tuesday), born in 1098 in Germany to noble parents, was a prioress and then abbess, an able poet, a composer of music, a mystic and visionary, and wrote on medicine and natural history. She seems to have travelled widely in Germany on what were effectively preaching tours. Give thanks for those who push the boundaries and challenge norms; pray too for all who express faith and praise God using poetry and music. Pray for all who live with <b>rheumatoid arthritis</b>, an autoimmune condition in which the immune system impacts on healthy bones, tendons, ligaments and cartilage in ways that cause severe pain and often deformity. Pray for research into ways to reduce pain and repair damage, and for all who work in this field. This year's <b>Great British Beach Clean</b> begins on Friday. Give thanks for all who volunteer to help this project, and for the work round the year of the Marine Conservation Society to keep beaches clean and reduce the impact of plastic and pollution on our inshore waters.</p> <p><b>Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist</b> is commemorated on Saturday. Give thanks for the Gospel that bears his name, and for the apostolic commission we inherit from those who were first sent by Christ "into all nations, to make them my disciples" <i>Matt 28.19</i>.</p> <p>Pray for the <b>agricultural markets</b> that serve our communities, and for the work of auctioneers, together with those who ensure the safety, welfare and hygiene necessary where animals are bought and sold.</p>

<b>Monday 16th September:</b> Ninian, bishop; <i>Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest</i>	
Anglican	Iowa (Province VI, TEC) - Rt Revd Betsey Monnot.
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 17th September:</b> Hildegard of Bingen, abbess and visionary	
Anglican	Iran (Jerusalem & Middle East) - <i>vacant</i> .
Hereford	Kington with Huntington, Old Radnor, Kinnerton & Titley: <i>vacant</i> ; PTO - Paul Buckingham, Tony Jardine; Paul C. Roberts; Reader - Rob MacCurrach; Kington Primary School; Lady Hawkins High School; Kington Court Hospital.
<b>Wednesday 18th September</b>	
Anglican	Irele Eseodo (Ondo, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Joshua Sunday Oyinlola.
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.
<b>Thursday 19th September:</b> <i>Theodore of Tarsus, archbishop</i>	
Anglican	Isi Mbano (Owerri, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Godson Udochukwu Ukanwa.
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.
<b>Friday 20th September:</b> John Coleridge Patteson, bishop, and companions, martyrs	
Anglican	Isiala Ngwa (Aba, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Temple Nwaogu.
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.
<b>Saturday 21st September: Matthew, apostle and evangelist</b>	
Anglican	Isiala Ngwa South (Aba, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Isaac Chijoke Nwaobia.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for the work of the Ludlow Mascall Centre and for all who use the facilities provided there.
Prayer <i>John Stott</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Almighty God,  whose mercy reaches unto the heavens  and thy faithfulness unto the clouds,  we bless thee for thy gracious providence towards our nation  in the creation, preservation and reformation  of thy Church within its borders;  and we beseech thee to stretch forth thy mighty hand in this our day  to purge us from sin, to establish us in truth,  to unite us in love, and to inspire us with zeal  for the extension of thy kingdom;  through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>

## **Curates in Training:**

David Andrews (Year 4 - Church Stretton)  
Lauren Bell (Year 4 - St Martin, Hereford)  
Erin Butler (Year 4 - Holmer with Huntington)  
Lizzy Womack (Wigmore Abbey)  
Richard Lonsdale (Year 3 - Pontesbury etc)  
Linde Melhuish (Year 3 - Hop Churches)  
Jonathan Roberts (Year 3 - Leominster)  
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)

## **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 - Julia Francis  
Condover - vacant  
Ludlow - vacant  
Pontesbury - Julia Francis  
Telford Severn Gorge - Garry Ward

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

Suanna Rosier

### **Intergenerational Missioners:**

Christine Cattanach - Bartestree/Maund  
David Bland - South Wye  
Beckie Dotson - Sutton Hill & Woodside