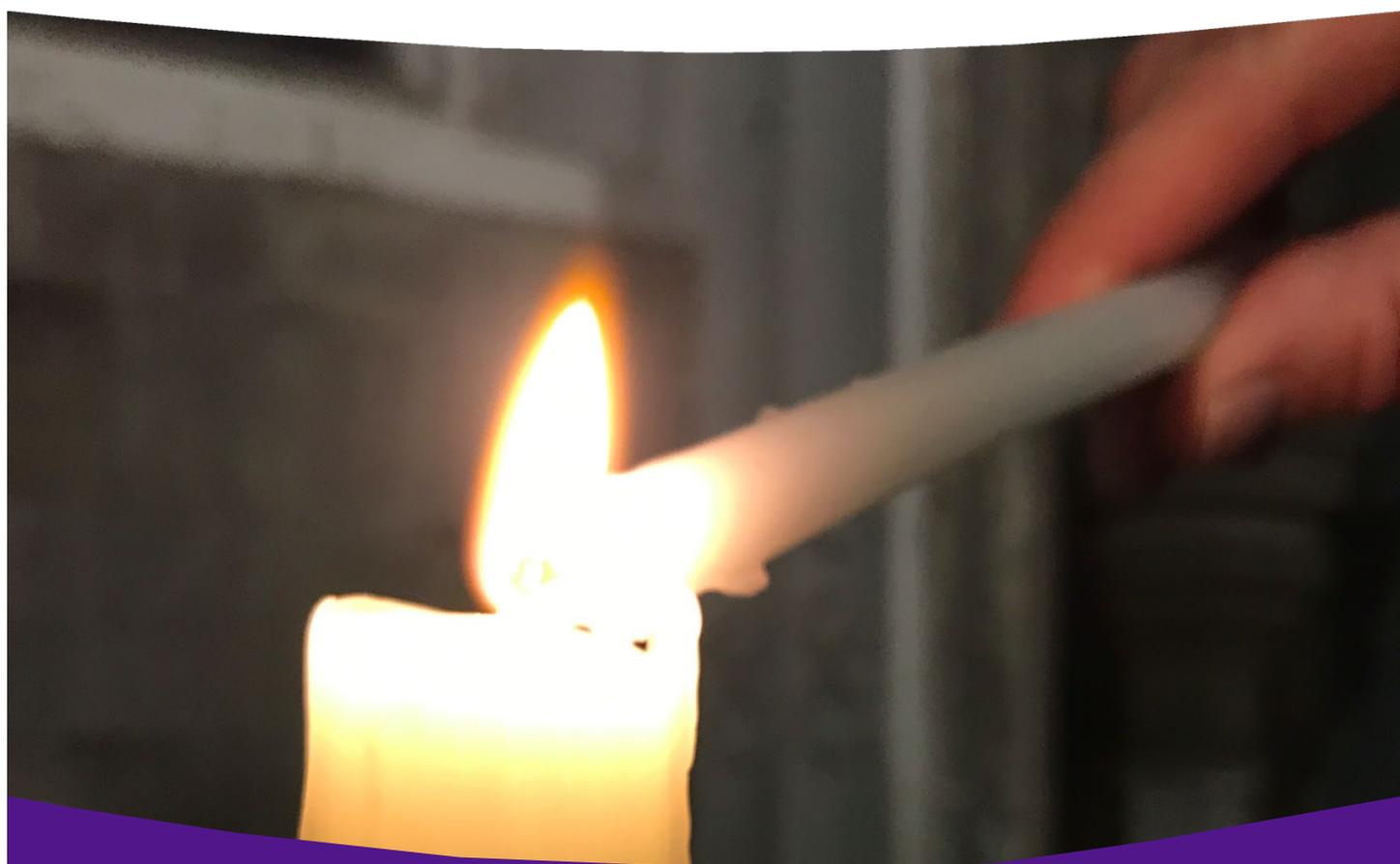


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Prayer Diary

April to June 2021

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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)

O come, O Holy Spirit:
come as holy fire and burn in us.
Come as holy wind and cleanse us.
Come as holy light and lead us.
Come as holy truth and teach us.
Come as holy forgiveness and free us.
Come as holy love and enfold us.
Come as holy life and dwell in us.

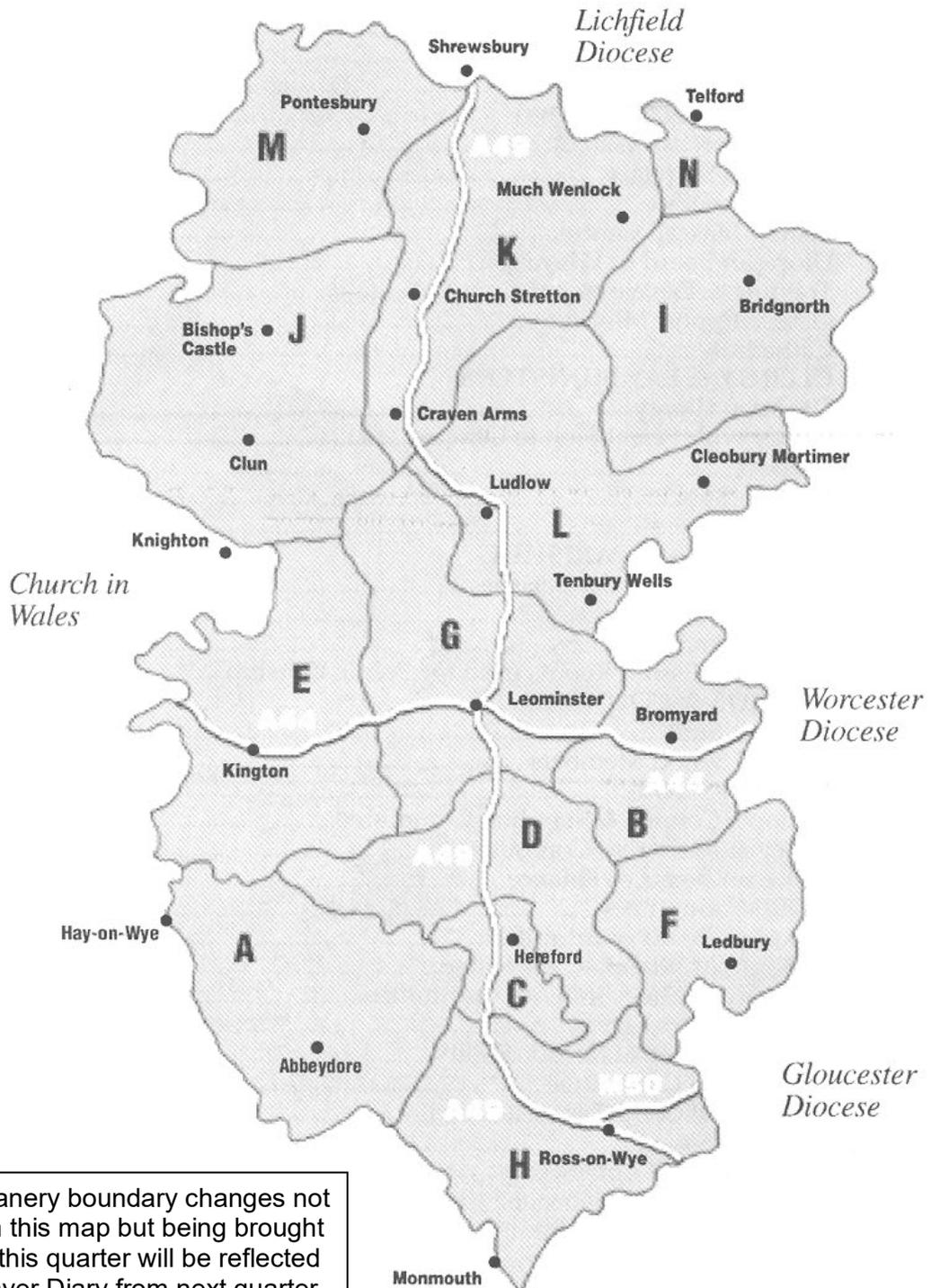
Hereford Archdeaconry

The Deaneries

- A Abbeydore
- B Bromyard
- C & D Hereford
- 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



Note: Deanery boundary changes not shown on this map but being brought in during this quarter will be reflected in the Prayer Diary from next quarter.

ThePrayerDiary - April to June 2021

The main part of this Prayer Diary covers the quarter from Sunday 28th March to Saturday 26th June, week by week, under the following headings:

- **Anglican** - A bidding for each day, taken from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, to enable us to pray with and for the Anglican Church worldwide.
- **Hereford** - A bidding for each day, featuring each quarter half of the deaneries and benefices of our diocese, along with diocesan organisations, areas of work, and officers;
- **Porvoo** - This weekly bidding pairs the Lutheran churches of the Nordic and Baltic areas and the Anglican churches of the British Isles and of Spain and Portugal, which have signed the Porvoo Declaration recognising each others' ministries. Also included is the Latvian Church, which has not yet taken a decision on signing the Declaration, and the Church of Denmark, which has not signed but wishes to develop links with the churches which have signed;
- **The Wider View** - Biddings and promptings for prayer relating to world mission and development, including our own World Church links, among them our companion links with the Kirchenkreis Nürnberg in Germany, and the Tanzanian dioceses of Tanga, Dar es Salaam, Masasi and Newala;
- **This Week** - 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.
- **Prayer** - A prayer or reflection appropriate to the week.

Please send entries for the next edition which covers the quarter July to September 2021 to me at 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:

MAP	-	Mission Action Plan
LMC	-	Ludlow Mascall Centre (formerly BMC)
CMD	-	Continuing Ministerial Development
CGH	-	Cuddeston in Gloucester & Hereford (formerly WEMTC)
IMD	-	Initial Ministerial Development
DAC	-	Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches
DDVO	-	Diocesan Director of Vocations and Ordinands
PAT	-	Post Admission Training for Readers
MDO	-	Mission (MAP) Development Officer
IM	-	Intergenerational Missioner

Note: (1) The parishes that are to be transferred from the Hereford Deanery (now the Hereford City Deanery) to neighbouring deaneries were included for prayer in last quarter's diary, so will not be listed within their new deaneries this quarter. (2) Many of the events and meetings listed will be provisional dates, inevitably, as Covid restrictions continue.

SUNDAY 28th March: Palm Sunday	
Anglican	The Province of Hong Kong (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui).
Hereford	Pray for all that encourages and nurtures vocation within our Diocese, and for those who advise, discern and mentor, helping people to take seriously their sense of being called to minister, and to access the training and experience they need.
Porvoo	<i>Ireland: Armagh – Archbishop John McDowell; Denmark: Funen – Bishop Tine Lindhardt.</i>
The Wider View	As Covid19 cases increase in Tanzania (and following the recent death of the President), we pray for the many links that this diocese has with the country, and for all our friends there, that they remain safe despite the lack of precautions and the government’s history of denial.
Today	Many of our churches that have been closed for public worship during the recent lockdown will be re-opening today, through this week, or next Sunday for the Easter celebration. Pray we may do so safely and securely.
This Week	<p>Pray for our keeping of this Holy Week. As we look to the cross; pray we may witness to the story of salvation that unfolds as the love of God is revealed in all its glory; pray too that we may also feel some of what the first disciples felt, their confusion, shame and sense of dereliction.</p> <p>March 28th has been declared as No Skip Sunday, to highlight the quantity of recyclable material that gets thrown out or sent to landfill, often just because it is no longer “in fashion”. Pray we may all become more environmentally aware.</p> <p>This is also World Autism Awareness Week. The pandemic has been particularly difficult for families with members living with autism, reducing access to help and support, and imposing restrictions and guidelines that are hard to understand and implement for those with high support needs. Pray for all who live with autism, and for their support.</p> <p>April 1st begins Bowel Cancer Awareness Month. It’s likely that this is one of the cancers where early signs may have been missed during the time of Covid restrictions. Pray that we may be better as individuals and as a society at identifying and responding to the early signs of this disease.</p> <p>April is also Stress Awareness Month. Pray especially for those for whom the past year has been hugely stressful - for example, health service staff, all those at the “sharp end” when dealing with the pandemic, and those who have been isolating because of existing conditions - and those working throughout, in schools, essential services, etc.</p> <p>April 2nd is International Children’s Book Day - pray for all that helps our children develop a love of reading and books.</p>
Monday 29th March: Monday in Holy Week	
Anglican	Bari (Province of Kaduna, Nigeria).
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray today for those responsible for music in our churches, including organists, musicians, choirs and worship groups, while our ability to use music and singing within worship continues to be limited.

Tuesday 30th March: Tuesday in Holy Week	
Anglican	Baringo (Kenya).
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray today for all who prepare our churches for worship, and who greet people as they arrive; as many of our churches re-open for public worship this week or at Easter, pray for those who will be working to ensure our buildings are clean, well-presented, and safe for all.
Today	Modern Slavery Awareness training.
Wednesday 31st March: Wednesday in Holy Week	
Anglican	Barrackpore (Church of North India)
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for tower captains and bell ringers.
Today	Chrism Eucharist at the Cathedral.
Thursday 1st April: Maundy Thursday	
Anglican	Bath & Wells (Province of Canterbury, Church of England).
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Give thanks for the eucharistic ministry of our churches, and pray for all who assist in communion services or by enabling communion at home. Give thanks that we are beginning to be able to share freely again in worship at the holy table, after the long period of Covid restrictions.
Friday 2nd April: Good Friday	
Anglican	Bathurst (Province of New South Wales, Australia).
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for all that brings us in worship to the foot of the cross, and that we may bear witness to the saving love of Christ within each parish community, in both word and deed.
Saturday 3rd April: Easter Eve	
Anglican	Bauchi (Province of Jos, Nigeria).
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for all that enables the worship we offer to be joyful, attractive and relevant, and for all who help to plan and lead worship. Pray for those who will be preparing and decorating our churches for Easter.
Prayer	<p style="text-align: center;"> Thou art my God, sole object of my love; not for hope of endless joys above; not for the fear of endless pains below, which they who love thee must not undergo. For me, and such as me, thou deigns to bear an ignominious cross, the nails, the spear; a thorny crown transpierced thy sacred brow, while bloody sweats from every member flow. For me in tortures thou resignst thy breath, embraced me on the cross, and saved me by death. And can these sufferings fail my heart to move? Such as then was, and is, thy love to me, such is, and shall be still, my love to thee - to thee, Redeemer! mercy's sacred spring! My God, my Father, Maker, and my King! <i>Alexander Pope</i> </p>

SUNDAY 4th April: EASTER DAY (1st Sunday of Easter)	
Anglican	Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and for the peoples and churches of the Holy Land.
Hereford	Pray that our churches may shine brightly with the light of the risen Christ this Easter tide; as we look to being able to meet and work more freely, may all we plan and do be grounded in a prayerful and joyous commitment to God who in the risen Christ offers new life to all.
Porvoo	<i>Sweden:</i> Uppsala – Archbishop Antje Jackelén, Bishop Karin Johannesson; <i>Wales:</i> Llandaff – Bishop June Osborne.
The Wider View	Pray for Myanmar, following the military coup earlier this year, that peace may be restored, and that the will of the people may prevail, and the democratically elected government returned to power.
This Week	<p>As the Spring and Summer season begins, pray for all who depend on travel and tourism for their livelihood, and that we soon (and safely) are able to reopen places of interest and entertainment within our communities. Pray for our cathedral and other major churches preparing to receive and welcome visitors and pilgrims.</p> <p>“Discover National Parks” aims to encourage awareness and use of our National Parks as an important and precious resource; it is 70 years since our first National Parks were designated - give thanks for them and pray for their continued protection.</p> <p>International Dark Sky Week this week aims to encourage awareness of the night sky, but also to raise the issue of light pollution.</p> <p>This is also Community Garden Week, and an opportunity to celebrate the many community and school gardens of our nation, and to pray especially for all that helps young people to develop an interest in gardens and growth. Pray for the outdoor work encouraged by our schools, and also for conservation projects in our churchyards.</p> <p>Pray for young people as we approach what would normally be the term when major exams are taken, and as decisions are faced as to the next step in education and life. Pray for teachers in the assessments they will need to make.</p> <p>This week would normally have commemorated the German pastor and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer, executed shortly before the end of World War 2. Pray for all who, like him, are led by their faith to oppose the misuse of power in our world, placing themselves at risk as they do so.</p> <p>Pray for those who have felt unable to join us for worship during Holy Week and Easter, and that we may find ways of continuing to reach out via on-line services and pastoral contact. Give thanks for the fact that on-line worship has reached new people, and pray that as we re-open our churches for public worship, we may do so alongside the continued use of electronic media.</p>
Monday 5th April: Monday in Easter Week	
Anglican	Belize (Province of the West Indies).

Hereford	<i>Education:</i> Andrew Teale, Director of Education, Sian Lines, Deputy Director, Business and Premises, Mark Harrington, Development Officer; and for the support given to our church schools during what has been a uniquely testing and demanding time.
Tuesday 6th April: Tuesday in Easter Week	
Anglican	Bendigo (Province of Victoria, Australia).
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> Toni Enefer, Business & Governance Officer; appointed and elected members of the Diocesan Board of Education.
Wednesday 7th April: Wednesday in Easter Week	
Anglican	Benin (Province of Bendel, Nigeria).
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> The Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust (formerly the Bishop Anthony Educational Trust).
Thursday 8th April: Thursday in Easter Week	
Anglican	Bentiu (Province of the Upper Nile, Episcopal Church of South Sudan).
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> Pray for all our church schools, for governors, head teachers and staff, and for the reforming and renewing of our links between church and school as restrictions begin to ease.
Friday 9th April: Friday in Easter Week	
Anglican	Bermuda (extra-provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury).
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> Duncan Jones, SIAMS Officer. Pray for all that is involved in the regular inspection of church schools, and for the team of SIAMS inspectors within our Diocese.
Saturday 10th April: Saturday in Easter Week	
Anglican	Bethlehem [Pennsylvania] (Province III, the Episcopal Church).
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> Pray for all our schools in the challenge all face to make up for time lost, and enable young people to catch up. Pray for the safety of staff and students, and all involved in school life, as we continue to act with care and with consideration for others.
Prayer	<p style="text-align: center;">Most glorious Lord of life! that on this day, didst make thy triumph over death and sin; and, having harrowed hell, didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win: this joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin; and grant that we, for whom thou diddest die, being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live for ever in felicity!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">And that thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love thee for the same again; and for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, with love may one another entertain!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought, love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Edmund Spenser</i></p>

SUNDAY 11th April: 2nd Sunday of Easter	
Anglican	The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean (Madagascar, Seychelles, Mauritius).
Hereford	<i>Ledbury Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Robert Ward; Lay Co-Chair (retiring) – Sheila Mullaney; Sub-Wardens of Readers – Chris Blanchard and Clive Evans. Give thanks for Sheila Mullaney's time as Lay Co-Chair, and pray for the appointment of an appropriate successor. Pray for the Fownhope and Bartestree Cross groups of parishes, to be transferred from the Hereford Deanery into the Ledbury Deanery.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Derby – Bishop Libby Lane, Bishop-designate Malcolm Macnaughton; <i>Ireland:</i> Clogher – vacant; <i>Denmark:</i> Aalborg – Bishop Henning Toft Bro.
The Wider View	Pray for the COVAX initiative of the World Health Organisation, working to provide global equitable access to Covid19 vaccines. Pray that Tanzania and other countries currently refusing the COVAX programme, influenced by distrust of western medicine, will change their policy to allow their people the access to vaccines which is essential to the defeat of the virus.
This Week	<p>This week is kept as Parkinson's Awareness Week: pray for all in our churches and communities who are living with this disease, and for all that provides support to them. Pray for increased awareness and understanding, and for the continuing work of research.</p> <p>Local choirs and music groups have mostly been unable to meet and to make music for over a year. Pray for musicians and conductors, and for those who teach, and for the tentative plans being made for a return to singing and playing together.</p> <p>As (we hope) we are able to do more outdoor activities, pray for leaders and organisers of walking groups, outdoor play activities, sports teams etc in our local communities, as we seek to re-start activities an events, and re-open venues.</p> <p>Give thanks for the various training opportunities offered - via Zoom etc and in other ways - to clergy and other ministers and to church folk generally, and pray that we may make good use of the expertise, advice and inspiration on offer.</p> <p>Pray for those taking part in the Modern Slavery Awareness training being carried out over this time.</p>
Monday 12th April	
Anglican	Bhopal (Church of North India).
Hereford	Ledbury with Eastnor – Keith Hilton-Turvey, William Simmonds, Tony Hodder; Local Ministry Team – Keith Hilton-Turvey, Tony Goodall, Tony Hodder, Tim Keyes, Heather Lucas, Christabel Panter, William Simmonds. John Masefield High School; Ledbury Primary School; Eastnor Parochial CE Primary School; Ledbury Community Health and Care Centre.
Today	Modern Slavery Awareness training.

Tuesday 13th April	
Anglican	Bida (Province of Lokoja, Nigeria).
Hereford	<i>The Hop Churches</i> – Ashperton, Bosbury, Canon Frome, Munsley, Stoke Edith, Stretton Grandison, Tarrington and Yarkhill: Mandy Williams: Clergy with PTO: Nicky Seabright, David Good, Len Moss; Lay Readers: Linde Melhuish, Michael Llywelyn-Jones; Bosbury CE Primary School; Ashperton Primary Academy.
Today	Bishop's Staff meeting; Modern Slavery Awareness event.
Wednesday 14th April	
Anglican	Beharamulo (Tanzania).
Hereford	<i>The Cider Churches</i> – Aylton, Putley, Pixley, Wellington Heath, Little Marcle, Much Marcle and Yatton: Val Tait; Elizabeth Reed; Readers –Jonathan Andrew, Eric Porter; Much Marcle CE Primary School.
Thursday 15th April	
Anglican	Birmingham (Province of Canterbury, Church of England).
Hereford	Colwall with Upper Colwall & Coddington: Melanie Horton; Readers: Andrew Richardson; Retired Ministers: Bernard Ingram, Anne Spargo, Ros Trafford-Roberts, Ken Withington, Tim Wright; Local Ministry Team – Melanie Horton, Barbara Ashton, Stuart Hands, Trish Hockett, Joy Conlon; Colwall CE Primary School; The Elms School; The Downs School.
Today	Bishop's Council.
Friday 16th April: <i>Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess</i>	
Anglican	Blackburn (Province of York, Church of England).
Hereford	Cradley, Mathon & Storridge: Robert Ward; Local Ministry Group – Kevin Brewer, Robert Ward, Liz Lamb, Sue Ronan; Cradley CE Primary School; Retired minister: Nicholas Menon.
Saturday 17th April	
Anglican	Bo [Sierra Leone] (Province of West Africa).
Hereford	Pray for the Self Supporting Ministers (SSMs) of our Diocese, giving thanks for the important ministry they offer, often very firmly rooted in the local community.
Prayer	<p style="text-align: center;">O God the Father, origin of divinity, good beyond all that is good, fair beyond all that is fair, in whom is calmness, peace, and concord; do thou make up the dissensions which divide us from each other, and bring us back into a unity of love, which may bear some likeness to thy divine nature. And as thou art above all things, make us one by the unanimity of a good mind, that through the embrace of charity and the bonds of affection, we may be spiritually one, as well in ourselves as in each other; through that peace of thine which maketh all things peaceful, and through the grace, mercy and tenderness of thy Son, Jesus Christ.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Dionysius</i></p>

SUNDAY 18th April: 3rd Sunday of Easter	
Anglican	The Church of Ireland.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Jane Davies; Lay Co-Chair – Lydia Davies; Sub-Warden of Readers – Culain Morris. Pray for the Maund and Burghill groups of parishes, to be transferred to Leominster deanery from Hereford.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Blackburn – Bishop Julian Henderson, Bishop Jill Duff, Bishop Philip North; <i>Scotland:</i> Brechin – Bishop Andrew Swift; <i>Lutheran Church in Great Britain:</i> Bishop Tor Berger Jørgensen.
The Wider View	Following our departure from the European Union, and tensions over Covid vaccines and the border in Ireland, pray that the friendships built up over the years of contact between Hereford and Nuremberg dioceses – and similar links – may play a part in restoring trust, maintaining contact and conversation, and reminding us that we belong together under God.
This Week	<p>This week is kept as English Tourism Week. After a difficult year, and with many restrictions still in place, many tourism jobs have been lost and some venues may not re-open. Pray that as restrictions are lifted it may be possible to restore a vibrant tourism sector, which is an important part of our economy.</p> <p>Waiting lists at our hospitals have reached record levels, and one area where lists are particularly long is for orthopaedic operations. Pray for those who remain in pain and disability as they continue to wait for a date to be set for the operation they need.</p> <p>World Immunisation Week encourages prayer for immunisation against the Covid virus to be widely available, and for all that is being done to enable this, but also for other important immunisation campaigns, some of which have suffered because of the pandemic, as well as because of shortage of resources and - sometimes - a prejudice against “western medicine”.</p> <p>This is also MS Awareness Week - pray for all within our churches and communities who are living with this progressive and disabling disease, and for all that is being done to enable mobility and participation, and to develop effective treatments.</p> <p>Allergy Awareness Week this year is concentrating on childhood food allergies, which can be life threatening, especially at the time of weaning. Pray for those who run the small shops which serve our village communities, and who have been something of a lifeline for many while travel has been restricted. Pray they may continue to find support as things open up. In our towns, many small shops have not survived the lockdown and will not reopen - pray for those who have lost businesses, and for the revival of our town centres.</p> <p>In the week of St George’s Day, pray for the people of England, and that we may celebrate and affirm our identity as a diverse, welcoming and tolerant society. The day is also kept as English Language Day.</p>
Monday 19th April: Alphege, archbishop and martyr	
Anglican	Boga (Province of the Congo).

Hereford	<i>Clergy with PTO:</i> Michael Denny, Simon Richards, Richard Spencer, Michael Walker, Pauline Rees, James Forrester, John Benson, Celia Rees, Andrew Mayes, Gareth Jones, Jimmy Morrison, John Thewlis, Nigella Tyson, Paul Smith.
Today	Mothers' Union Trustees; Modern Slavery Awareness training.
Tuesday 20th April	
Anglican	Bolivia (Anglican Church of South America).
Hereford	Canon Pyon with Kings Pyon, Birley & Wellington: Jane Davies, David Wyatt; Canon Pyon CE Academy; Wellington Primary School.
Wednesday 21st April: Anselm, archbishop and teacher	
Anglican	Bondo (Kenya).
Hereford	Kingsland with Eardisland, Aymestrey & Leinthall Earles: Julie Read; Nick Read, Associate Agricultural Chaplain; Reader - Rosemary Capon; Assistant Curate - Katie Smith; Discover Intern – Peter Greenfield; Kingsland Primary Sch.
Today	Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting (to be confirmed).
Thursday 22nd April	
Anglican	Bor (Province of Jonglei, Episcopal Church of South Sudan).
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry:</i> Clergy – Team Rector – vacant, Matthew Burns, Rufus Noy, Readers – Chris St Clair, Rob Walker; Reader-in-training Susannah Peppiatt, Intergenerational Ministers - Kathy Bland and David Bland; Rural Chaplain - Des Hall.
Friday 23rd April: George, martyr, patron of England	
Anglican	Botswana (Province of Central Africa).
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry:</i> The Priory, Leominster; Community Hospital; Leominster County Primary School; Earl Mortimer College; Westfield School, Leominster.
Today	General Synod is due to meet in London today and tomorrow.
Saturday 24th April: Mellitus, bishop; the seven martyrs of Melanesia	
Anglican	Brandon (Province of Rupert's Land, Canada).
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry:</i> Eastern Parishes – Pudleston-cum-Whyte, Hatfield, Docklow, Stoke Prior & Ford, Humber; Hope-under-Dinmore, Kimbolton with Hamnish, Middleton-on-the-Hill, Leysters, and Bockleton. St James CE Primary School, Kimbolton; Stoke Prior Primary School.
Prayer	<p style="text-align: center;"> God bless our land; God guide our rulers; God resolve our differences; God revive our churches; God forgive our selfishness; God protect our homes; God strengthen our faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. <i>Maurice A.P. Wood</i> </p>

SUNDAY 25th April: 4th Sunday of Easter	
Anglican	Nippon Sei Ko Kai (the Anglican Church in Japan).
Hereford	Pray for all that helps develop and resource ministry within each local situation: for via courses and study days, provision of resources, the sharing of good practice and all that helps stimulate ideas and motivate action.
Porvoo	<i>Sweden:</i> Gothenberg – Bishop Susanne Rappmann; <i>Scotland:</i> Glasgow & Galloway – Bishop Kevin Pearson.
The Wider View	Pray for northern Nigeria, where frequently young students are being abducted from boarding schools by Islamic militants hostile to “western” education – and increasingly by criminal gangs seeking ransom money. Pray for the safety of young people in schools, and that those taken may be returned safely to their families.
Today	Collation of Fiona Gibson as the new Archdeacon of Ludlow.
This Week	<p>Pray for the new Archdeacon of Ludlow as she begins her work and meets with colleagues this week.</p> <p>World Malaria Day this Sunday reminds us of one of the major killers of our world. Malaria is a preventable and treatable disease, yet it still claims a child’s life every two minutes, in a world half of the population of which remains at risk. Pray for all that is being done to defeat malaria, especially where Covid and other issues has placed this work at risk.</p> <p>This is also National Gardening Week, and we give thanks for gardens as places of beauty, fruitfulness and peace, and for gardening. Pray for the gardeners of our communities, and for gardening and allotment societies.</p> <p>Wednesday is the World Day of Safety at Work. Accidents and work-related diseases cost over two million lives each year: pray for all that encourages and enforces safety procedures in the workplace, especially where low cost garments and other goods are being produced for western markets.</p> <p>Wednesday is also kept as Stop Food Waste Day. Immense amounts of food are wasted each year in our world - reflect on how we could all use food more carefully and simply.</p> <p>Monday celebrates Mark: give thanks for the simplicity and directness of his Gospel, and pray for all who, like him, are finding the right ways and words to pass on the good news of our Lord in today’s world.</p> <p>UNESCO designate Thursday as International Dance Day: give thanks for dance as a means to express our feelings, to enjoy time together, and to keep fit, and pray especially for all who encourage, enable and teach dance to children. Pray for those who perform traditional dance, as an expression of our history, identity and place.</p>
Monday 26th April: Mark, evangelist transferred	
Anglican	Brasilia (Province 3, the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil).
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry:</i> Western Parishes – Eyton, Ivington, Monkland, Dilwyn & Stretford; Eye, Croft with Yarpole & Lucton; Orleton and Brimfield. Dilwyn CE Primary School; Ivington CE Primary School; Luston Primary

	School; Orleton CE Primary School; Lucton School.
Today	Modern Slavery Awareness training.
Tuesday 27th April: Christina Rossetti, poet	
Anglican	Brazzaville (Province of the Congo)
Hereford	<i>Wigmore Abbey</i> – Brampton Bryan, Downton, Burrington, Aston, Elton, Leintwardine, Adforton, Wigmore, Leinthall Starks: Michael Catling; Readers – Alastair Gloag, Carole Gloag, Culain Morris; Wigmore High School; Wigmore Primary School; Leintwardine Endowed Primary School.
Wednesday 28th April: Peter Chanel, martyr	
Anglican	Brechin (Scottish Episcopal Church).
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for the Ludlow Mascall Centre as a resource for the local and wider community, for the staff and for all who meet there regularly, and also for those in sector ministry, as they adjust to new ways of working.
Thursday 29th April: Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith	
Anglican	Brisbane (Province of Queensland, Australia).
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all that helps resource and support the ministry of Readers and other forms of lay ministry. Pray for the Hereford Diocesan Readers' Association, giving thanks for the vital and distinctive contribution of Reader ministry within our Diocese.
Friday 30th April: Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator	
Anglican	Bristol (Province of Canterbury, Church of England).
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all who are available to act as spiritual directors, and for the caring, supportive and prayerful work they do. Give thanks for all that is being done to respond to the additional stress of the present time, and to ensure that those in ministry are able to find support.
Saturday 1st May: Philip and James, apostles	
Anglican	British Columbia (Province of British Columbia and the Yukon, Canada).
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all who lead and enable Bible study and similar groups within our parishes.
Prayer	<p style="text-align: center;">None other Lamb, none other Name, none other hope in heaven or earth or sea, none other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside thee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">My faith burns low, my hope burns low, only my heart's desire cried out in me by the deep thunder of its want and woe, cries our to thee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lord, thou art life though I be dead, love's fire thou art however cold I be; nor heaven have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home, but thee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Christina Rossetti</i></p>

SUNDAY 2nd May: 5th Sunday of Easter	
Anglican	The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.
Hereford	Ludlow Deanery: Rural Dean – Ashley Buck; Lay Co-Chair – Sadie Chalkley; Sub-Warden of Readers – John Beesley.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Southwark – Bishop Christopher Chessun, Bishop Richard Cheetham, Bishop Jonathan Clark, Bishop Karowei Dporgu; <i>Norway:</i> Björgvin – Bishop Halvor Nordhaug.
The Wider View	Pray for the “Train a Priest” that is supported by Hereford diocese, and which is currently supporting eleven ordinands in St Marks College Dar es Salaam, and one in Uganda.
This Week	<p>May is kept as “Action on Strokes” month by the National Stroke Association. The aim is to raise awareness, encourage prevention, and raise funds to support research and activities to support and help survivors of strokes. Pray for this work, and for those many survivors of strokes whose lives are now limited to some degree, for whom the past year will have been particularly testing.</p> <p>May is also National Walking Month. Give thanks for walking groups, and all that encourages outdoor activity, and pray for footpath wardens and others within our local communities who help ensure that footpaths are clear, well-signed and have stiles and gates in good order.</p> <p>The Historical Society has named May as the month of Local and Community History. Pray for all local historians, and for the record keepers and archivists who ensure our present history is recorded.</p> <p>The Reformation era was a time of immense cultural change, as well as religious division. This week we remember the saints and martyrs of that turbulent period, and pray for a spirit of openness and concord where, as Christians, we differ from one another today.</p> <p>Sunday 2nd is World Asthma Day. Asthma is increasingly prevalent in the developed world, and this is very concerning, especially the increase in childhood asthma. Pray for research and understanding, and that we may work towards cleaner air and the elimination of pollutants.</p> <p>Sunday is also kept as Dawn Chorus Day. Give thanks for the beauty of bird song, and the way in which it has inspired human poetry and music. Pray for all that is done to ensure the protection of birds, especially migratory species, most of which are declining in numbers.</p> <p>Pray for the work of the Red Cross in the UK and internationally (together with the Red Crescent etc), in Red Cross Week, which begins on Tuesday.</p> <p>This is also an awareness week for viral meningitis - though this disease is rarely life-threatening, it can leave behind a range of long term conditions, including memory loss and hearing difficulties.</p> <p>Give thanks for the distinctive vision of Julian of Norwich, who is commemorated on Saturday, and pray for Julian groups and all who continue to be inspired by her writings in the Church today.</p>

Monday 3rd May	
Anglican	Central Buganda (Uganda)
Hereford	<i>Tenbury Team Ministry</i> - Burford, Clee Hill, Coreley with The Knowle, Greete, Hope Bagot, Little Hereford, Nash & Boraston, Tenbury St Mary's, Tenbury St Michael's & Whitton: Mark Inglis, Sian Harris, Sue Foster; Church Army Evangelists: Sr Kathleen Boyland, Capt Norris Boyland; Reader - Kevin Bryant.
Tuesday 4th May: English saints and martyrs of the Reformation era	
Anglican	West Buganda (Uganda).
Hereford	<i>Tenbury Local Ministry Group</i> – clergy, Kathleen Bills, Michael Holmes, Mary Thomas and Ros Plested; Tenbury CE Primary School; Burford CE Primary School; Clee Hill Community Academy; Tenbury High Ormiston Academy; Saint Michael's College; Tenbury District Hospital: Chaplaincy Team.
Today	"Take a Deeper Breath" quiet day with Nick Helm, Leominster Priory.
Wednesday 5th May	
Anglican	Buhiga (Burundi).
Hereford	Ludlow (Ludlow St Laurence & Ludlow St John): Kelvin Price, Laurence Gittins; Associate Minister (rtd) - Ann Barge; Readers - Stephen Ashford, Roger Hall; Lay Missioner - Wayne Davies; Reader Emeritus - John Robson. Ludlow Community Hospital; Ludlow CE Secondary School, St Laurence CE Primary School, Ludlow Infants School, Ludlow Junior School, Ludlow College.
Today	Bishop's Staff Residential (today and tomorrow).
Thursday 6th May	
Anglican	Bujumbura (Kenya).
Hereford	<i>Bromfield Group:</i> Bitterley with Middleton; Stoke St Milborough & The Heath; Clee St Margaret & Cold Weston; Onibury; Bromfield; Stanton Lacy: Justin Parker. Bitterley CE Primary School, Onny CE Primary School.
Today	Elections to local government, the Welsh Senedd, police commissioners, etc.
Friday 7th May	
Anglican	Bukavo (Province of the Congo).
Hereford	<i>Ashfords Group:</i> Ludford, Ashford Carbonell, Ashford Bowdler, Caynham, Knowbury, Richards Castle: Lyn Money, Nick Helm; Reader - Stephen Treasure; Lay leaders - Rob Downes, Susannah Hall. Bishop Hooper CE Primary School.
Saturday 8th May: Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer	
Anglican	Bukedi (Uganda).
Hereford	Ludlow Clergy with Permission to Officiate.
Prayer	<p style="text-align: center;">God, of thy goodness, give me thyself, for thou art sufficient for me. I may not ask for anything less than what befits my full worship of thee. If I were to ask anything less I should always be in want, for in thee alone do I have all.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Julian of Norwich</i></p>

SUNDAY 9th May: 6th Sunday of Easter Rogation Sunday	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Kenya.
Hereford	Give thanks for the ecumenical, interfaith and international links that help define and locate us as a diocese. Pray we may develop and value all the existing and potential connections that enable a wider vision of call, service and mission.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Gloucester – Bishop Rachel Treweek, Bishop Robert Springett; <i>Sweden:</i> Västerås – Bishop Mikael Mogren.
The Wider View	As the climate crisis continues across our world, pray it may not be overshadowed by concerns about Covid, and that we may all play our part in caring for the planet as stewards of what God has made. Pray for world leaders due to gather later this year to make decisions that will determine what kind of world we leave for the generations to follow.
This Week	<p>Rogationtide prompts prayer for the farmers of our Diocese, and for our use of and care for the land. It may also prompt reflection on the importance of prayer itself, and our need to be disciplined in the offering of prayer and praise to God, and in our regular intercession.</p> <p>This year’s “Thy Kingdom Come” global prayer movement begins on Thursday, Ascension Day, and uses the ten days between Ascension and Pentecost as a time to pray for more in our world to come to know Jesus. Pray for the Church in mission, and also for the development of new strategies for mission both nationally and within our diocese.</p> <p>Sunday is National Schizophrenia Awareness Day. Pray for understanding and awareness for the many people who are living with this condition, and for improved funding and provision for mental health generally.</p> <p>World Lupus Day is marked on Monday: pray for awareness of this often fatal and always life-altering disease, and for those affected by it.</p> <p>Matthias was the apostle chosen to take the place of Judas Iscariot, and had been with Jesus through his earthly ministry and a witness to the resurrection. Pray that the witness of the Church today may be both truly apostolic and boldly prophetic, and that we minister and preach from our knowledge of Jesus.</p> <p>Tuesday begins ME Awareness Week in the UK. Pray for all who live with this condition, and also for those affected by “Long Covid”, which seems to share some features with ME and is similarly debilitating.</p> <p>As Covid vaccinations continue, give thanks for the many volunteers who are assisting with this, and for the efficiency of the process. Pray too for those continuing to work on ensuring vaccine development keeps pace with variation in the virus.</p> <p>Monday also begins a week promoting Mental Health Awareness, this year taking the theme of “nature”. The experience of lockdown has shown just how important access to nature is for our mental health, but where people are “sectioned” that contact with the natural world may be severely restricted.</p>

Monday 10th May: Rogation Day	
Anglican	Bunbury (Province of Western Australia, Australia).
Hereford	Cleobury Mortimer with Hopton Wafers, Neen Sollars & Milson, Neen Savage with Kinlet; Doddington: Ashley Buck, Sue Barrett, David Eve, Joe Simons; Reader - Charles Houston; Lacon Childe School; Cleobury Mortimer Primary School; Kinlet CE Primary School; St Mary's Youth Project: Mark Greaves.
Tuesday 11th May: Rogation Day	
Anglican	Bungoma (Kenya).
Hereford	<i>Corvedale Group</i> : Culmington, Diddlebury, Munslow with Broadstone, Holdgate, Tugford, Abdon: John Beesley; Corvedale CE Primary School.
Today	Finance Committee.
Wednesday 12th May: Rogation Day; Gregory Dix, priest, monk & scholar	
Anglican	Bunyoro-Kitara (Uganda).
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Pray for all that encourages awareness of other faiths within our communities and more widely.
Thursday 13th May: Ascension Day	
<i>The days between Ascension and Pentecost are observed as days of prayer</i>	
Anglican	Busan (Anglican Church of Korea).
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Pray for all that supports and informs parish and ministry development within our Diocese; pray too for curates in training and for training incumbents.
Friday 14th May: Matthias, apostle	
Anglican	Busoga (Uganda).
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Lizzie Hackney (Lead Intergenerational Missioner), and Kathy Bland (Intergenerational Church Enabler & Messy Church Regional Co-ordinator). Pray for all who working to develop new forms of ministry and new areas of mission, especially with young people and families.
Saturday 15th May	
Anglican	Central Busoga (Uganda).
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Pray for all that is done to help the local church to plan and develop projects, and to make buildings more available, in new forms of worship and as resources within our communities.
Prayer	<p style="text-align: center;">Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. <i>The Thy Kingdom Come Prayer</i></p>

SUNDAY 16th May: 7th Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Korea.
Hereford	<i>Pontesbury Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – William Rowell; Lay Co-Chair – Mike Kirk; Sub-Warden of Readers – Nancy Cleaton; Deanery Secretary - Ann Jones; Deanery Treasurer - Richard Jones; Intergenerational Missioner - Mark Hackney.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Guildford – Bishop Andrew Watson, Bishop Jo Wells; <i>Denmark:</i> Viborg – Bishop Henrik Stubkjær.
The Wider View	Pray for all who teach around the world, including the teachers, other staff and students in our Tanzanian link schools. Covid has halted or greatly impaired education in many parts of the world, and many children and young people will find it hard to catch up, and to replace the learning time they have lost.
This Week	<p>This Sunday is National Children’s Day, whose aim is to promote the importance of a healthy childhood, and our need to protect the rights and freedoms of children, so they can grow into happy, healthy adults.</p> <p>Monday begins Dementia Action Week. Pray for all living with forms of dementia, and that we may take seriously the need to be dementia-friendly in our churches and communities. Pray too for those caring for a family member or friend with dementia, that they may receive the help and support they need.</p> <p>National Learning at Work Week, beginning on Monday, aims to celebrate lifelong learning, and to establish learning cultures in the workplace. Give thanks for all that can encourage a spirit of discovery and keep us looking forward, and for every opportunity to acquire new skills. Pray too for those who have lost jobs over the past year, and needing to re-skill in order to move to a new area of employment.</p> <p>Friday this week is the World Day for Cultural Diversity, as called by the United Nations Organisation. This year’s Day follows a year in which many cultural events have been cancelled and cultural institutions closed. The day emphasizes diversity as one of the riches of humanity. However, it is said that three-quarters of the world’s conflicts have a cultural aspect, so that we should understand and respect one another’s cultures and beliefs is surely vital to the cause of world peace.</p> <p>Alcuin, whose day falls on Thursday, was an adviser to Charlemagne and later Abbot of Tours, and was both a poet and an influential composer and reviser of liturgy. Pray for all today who work to develop liturgy and ensure that the words we use in worship are relevant both to the historic faith and to the present day situations in which we minister.</p>
Monday 17th May	
Anglican	Butare (Rwanda).
Hereford	<i>The Chirbury Hills Group:</i> Chirbury, Marton-in-Chirbury, Trelystan with Leighton, Middleton-in-Chirbury with Corndon Marsh: William Rowell; PTO - Eric Brazier; Worship Leaders - Kay Yeates, Ann Rowell; Chirbury VC School (within the Shropshire Hills Federation); Leighton CP School.
Today	Revision Day for 2020 Training Incumbents.

Tuesday 18th May	
Anglican	Butere (Kenya).
Hereford	Ford; Alberbury with Cardeston & Wattlesborough; Great Wollaston, including Middletown: vacant; SSM - Maxine Neal; Reader – Susan Gaulton; Local Ministry Development Group – Maxine Neal, Sue Hill, Jane Weston, Sue Roberts, Alison Lewis, Elvire Mortimer, Jane Shaw. Trinity CE Primary School, Ford; Brynhafren CP School, Crew Green. Pray for Greg Roberts as he prepares to move to the group as their new incumbent next month.
Today	(From today) – Residential for new Training Incumbents.
Wednesday 19th May: Dunstan, archbishop, monastic reformer	
Anglican	Buye (Burundi).
Hereford	Great Hanwood, Longden & Annscroft with Pulverbatch: Graham Phillips; PTO: Emma Phillips; Retired Clergy: Graham Earney, Colin Hurford; Readers Emeritus - Paul Charlesworth, Liba Taconis; Local Ministry Development Group in Hanwood – Margaret Hill, Tracy Jones, Margaret Nichols, Keith Packer, Ros Packer.
Thursday 20th May: Alcuin, deacon and abbot	
Anglican	Byumba (Rwanda).
Hereford	<i>Youthchurch</i> Fresh Expression of Church for 11 to 18's; Longden CE School, St Thomas and St Anne's CE School, Hanwood.
Today	Diocesan Advisory Committee meets (to be confirmed).
Friday 21st May: Helena, protector of the holy places	
Anglican	Calabar (Province of the Niger Delta, Nigeria).
Hereford	<i>Stiperstones Group</i> : Minsterley & Snailbeach, Habberley & Hope with Shelve: Greg Smith; PTO Clergy – Pam Bickley, Carolyn Chadwick, Greg Forster; Schools - Long Mountain School, Minsterley School, Stiperstones School (within the Shropshire Hills Federation). Pray for the group as with its new incumbent it establishes a new link with Pontesbury.
Saturday 22nd May	
Anglican	Calcutta (Church of North India).
Hereford	Pontesbury: Greg Smith; PTO Clergy – Shirley Small, Christopher Cooke; Pontesbury CE Primary School, Mary Webb School & Science College. Pray for the parish as with its new incumbent it establishes a new link with the Stiperstones Group.
Prayer	<p style="text-align: center;">Eternal Light, shine into our hearts; Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil; Eternal Power, be our support; Eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance; Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us: that with all our heart and mind and strength we may seek thy face, and be brought by thine infinite mercy to thy holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. <i>Alcuin of York</i></p>

SUNDAY 23rd May: PENTECOST (Whit Sunday)	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Melanesia.
Hereford	Pray for the communications staff of our diocese in the work they do and the support and resourcing they offer, and as we share the good news of our faith within our local area and beyond. Give thanks for all who have ensured worship has been offered and effective communication maintained through the changes forced upon us by the Covid pandemic.
Porvoo	<i>England: Exeter</i> –Bishop Robert Atwell, Bishop Nicholas McKinnel, Bishop Jackie Searle; <i>Norway: Nord-Hålogaland</i> – Bishop Olav Øygard.
The Wider View	It will be some time before we will be able to travel as freely as before Covid, but as things begin to ease, pray we may continue to deepen and grow the contacts we have with Nuremberg, and for the continued development of school, deanery and other partnerships and exchanges.
This Week	<p>At Pentecost, an the close of the “Thy Kingdom Come” journey of prayer, we pray for the apostolic mission of the Church here and worldwide, and that we may be true to the example of the first apostles and to the prompting and gifting of the Holy Spirit. Pray especially for our outreach to families and young people.</p> <p>World Turtle Day on Sunday provides an opportunity to reflect on the damaged and disappearing habitats of many reptile species including tortoises, and on the pollution - by plastic waste particularly - of our oceans and beaches, placing turtle species at risk. Pray for all who are working to ensure fragile but important natural habitats are recognised and protected.</p> <p>As we commemorate John and Charles Wesley on Monday, pray for the Methodist congregations within our area, and give thanks for their distinctive witness within the Christian Church.</p> <p>The Venerable Bede was the first great historian of our nation; a faithful monk who rarely left his monastery in Jarrow, he was remembered for his love both of learning and of teaching. Give thanks for all who document our history, and for all who teach with enthusiasm.</p> <p>This is also English Wine Week: pray for wine producers within our diocese; and British Tomato Fortnight, which begins on Tuesday, prompts prayer for the market gardeners and fruit growers of our area. Pray for all who grow and sell, as the experience of Covid and the realities of Brexit change the nature of the market and add new uncertainties.</p> <p>Tuesday also marks International Missing Children Day - it is a sad fact that of the numbers of children who go missing each year around our world, so many are never found. Pray for parents and families, and for the children themselves.</p> <p>Friday is World Hunger Day. It is estimated that some 820 million people in our world do not have enough to eat, and hunger is linked to many other social issues, such as healthcare, work opportunities, education, social justice, the rights of women and girls, and climate change.</p>

Monday 24th May: John and Charles Wesley, evangelists	
Anglican	Caledonia (Province of British Columbia & Yukon, Canada).
Hereford	Westbury, Worthen & Yockleton: David Moss; Readers - Christine Jones, Ian Williams; Reader in training – Claire Williams; Ordinand - Ruth Leigh; Lay Leaders of Worship – Ann Jones, Vicky Jones, Rosemary Williams, Dave Stone; The Long Mountain School, Worthen (pray for the new head, a committed Christian, as she establishes herself in her role) & Trinity School, Ford.
Tuesday 25th May: Bede, monk, scholar and historian; <i>Aldhelm, bishop</i>	
Anglican	Calgary (Province of Rupert's Land, Canada).
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Stephen Herbert, Director of Finance, Kate Bayliss, Financial Controller, Lorraine Aitken and Sallyann Hales, Financial Assistants.
Today	Training Incumbents' Zoom Residential.
Wednesday 26th May: Augustine of Canterbury, archbishop; <i>John Calvin; Philip Neri</i>	
Anglican	California (Province VIII, The Episcopal Church).
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Pray for faithful and generous giving, and that, faced with a substantial deficit this year as a Diocese, we may respond to the challenge and work to narrow the funding gap. Pray for Mark Simmons as Giving Adviser.
Today	Curates' visit to HMP Hewell.
Thursday 27th May	
Anglican	Northern California (Province VIII, The Episcopal Church).
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Pray for all members of the Diocesan Board of Finance, its Executive and advisory bodies: for careful and prudent administration of our finances to provide a base for outreach and mission, even in testing times.
Today	Meetings of the two Archidiaconal Mission and Pastoral Sub-Committees.
Friday 28th May: <i>Lanfranc, monk, archbishop & scholar</i>	
Anglican	Cameroon (Province of West Africa).
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Give thanks for the opportunities provided by the Parish Giving Scheme, and pray that many will choose to give in this way.
Saturday 29th May	
Anglican	El Camino Real (Province VIII, The Episcopal Church).
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Pray that our churches may continue to maintain their commitment to home and world mission through this time. Give thanks for the many new ideas and initiatives offered to help ensure effective fundraising when many traditional fundraising events are unable to take place.
Prayer	<p style="text-align: center;">Overflowing God, breathe the Spirit of Jesus into me and into all those who long for peace, especially those who have drifted from your way, got stuck in their faith, or who have not yet found a way to believe. You believe in them: renew them by your Spirit; and today may your Church be filled with joy.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Closing prayer from the Thy Kingdom Come prayer journal</i></p>

SUNDAY 30th May: Trinity Sunday	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Mexico (La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico).
Hereford	<i>Ross and Archenfield Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Sean Semple; Lay Co-Chair – Patrick Darling; Sub-Warden of Readers – Rev Chris Blanchard. Pray for the South Wye Rural benefice, to be transferred to this deanery from Hereford.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Hereford – Bishop Richard Jackson; <i>Lusitanian Church (Portugal):</i> Bishop José Jorge Pina Cabral; <i>Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad:</i> Archbishop Lauma Zušēvica.
The Wider View	Following very successful Zoom training as part of the palliative care programme for South East Tanzania, pray that the momentum will continue, and that all who need it may be able to receive pain relief and appropriate end of life care.
This Week	<p>Depending on the extent to which Covid restrictions are eased, this half term week may be the first chance many people and families have to get away for a holiday or to visit family or friends elsewhere. Pray that we may do so safely.</p> <p>Patient Participation Week this week aims to encourage feedback and comment from patients and carers, to improve primary care and identify problems and issues within local health provision. Pray for our local surgeries, hospitals and other healthcare providers.</p> <p>This is Garden Wildlife Week. Nature reserves and other special provisions for wildlife have their place, but a healthy wild world around us requires wildlife friendly initiatives in every local place - even just at the level of enabling hedgehogs to travel between one garden and another, or providing homes for bees and other pollinating insects. Pray for all that is done to encourage local awareness and action.</p> <p>As Annual Parochial Church Meetings continue through to 20th June, pray for parishes struggling to fill important roles, and give thanks for all who put themselves forward to serve as wardens, officers or PCC members. Pray for new members of electoral rolls and PCC's.</p> <p>In the week of Corpus Christi, give thanks for the Holy Communion as the sacrament of our unity in Christ, and as we are joined to his offering of himself made once and for all.</p> <p>Child Safety Week begins on Tuesday, to encourage awareness of the risks of accidents to children, especially in and around the home. Pray for those situations where young children may be unsupervised or poorly supervised during times like this half term week.</p> <p>Tuesday is also the United Nations Global Day of Parents, recognising the importance of good parenting, and that children are best cared for within a secure family environment.</p>
Monday 31st May: Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth	
Anglican	Canberra & Goulburn (Province of New South Wales, Australia).
Hereford	Ross with Walford and Brampton Abbots: Sean Semple, Tiffany Jackson, Curate, Caroline Pascoe, Associate Priest, Chris Blanchard, Associate Priest;

	Canon Freda Davies, Reader, Colin Leggate, Chaplain to Commerce, Industry and Business. Brampton Abbots CE School; Ashfield Park Primary School; St Joseph's RC Primary School; Walford Primary School; John Kyrle High School; Ross Community Hospital.
Tuesday 1st June: Justin, martyr	
Anglican	Canterbury (Province of Canterbury, Church of England).
Hereford	<i>StowCaple Benefice</i> – Sellack, Kings Caple, Bridstow, Peterstow, Foy, How Caple, Sollershope: Crispin Pemberton; Curate - Tim Starling; Bridstow CE Primary School, Kings Caple Primary School.
Wednesday 2nd June	
Anglican	Cape Coast [Ghana] (Province of West Africa).
Hereford	<i>Ariconium Benefice</i> – Aston Ingham, Hope Mansel, Linton, The Lea, Upton Bishop & Weston-under-Penyard: David Howell; Reader –Tony Morgan; Weston-under-Penyard CE Primary School; The Lea CE Primary School.
Thursday 3rd June: Corpus Christi <i>[for the Martyrs of Uganda, if Corpus Christi not kept]</i>	
Anglican	Cape Town [South Africa] (Province of Southern Africa).
Hereford	<i>Wye Reaches Group</i> - Dixton & Wyesham, Whitchurch & Ganarew, Bishopswood: Tim Starling (to be installed July 21), Associate Priest - Penny Powdrill, Assistant Curate - Jill Stephens; Whitchurch CE Primary School; Kymin View Primary School, Wyesham.
Friday 4th June: Petroc, abbot	
Anglican	North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba (Province of the West Indies).
Hereford	<i>Wye Brooks Benefice</i> - Goodrich w Welsh Bicknor, Marstow, Llangarron, Llangrove, Welsh Newton w Llanrothal: Ben Bentham; Associate Minister - Richard Jones; Assistant Curates - Penny Powdrill and Jill Stephens; Goodrich CE Primary School; Llangrove CE Primary School; and the Benefice LMDG.
Saturday 5th June: Boniface, bishop & martyr	
Anglican	Carlisle (Province of York, Church of England).
Hereford	<i>Archenfield Group Ministry: St Weonards Benefice and Wormelow Hundred Benefice. St Weonards Benefice:</i> St Weonards, Orcop, Garway, Tretire w Michaelchurch & Pencoyd, Hoarwithy & Hentland: vacant (Elizabeth Cathie retired at the end of April); Associate Minister - Frances Phillips; St Weonards Primary School; Garway Primary School. <i>Wormelow Hundred Benefice:</i> Much Birch, Little Birch, Much Dewchurch, Llanwarne, Llandinabo, Dewsall with Callow: Mark Johnson; Much Birch CE Primary School; Hereford Steiner Academy, Much Dewchurch.
Prayer	<p>Just as a grain of wheat must die in the earth in order to bring a rich harvest, so your Son died on the cross to bring a rich harvest of love.</p> <p>Just as the harvest of wheat must be ground into flour to make bread, so the suffering of your Son brings us the bread of life.</p> <p>Just as bread gives our bodies strength for our daily work, so the risen body of your Son gives us strength to obey your laws.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thomas Münzer</i></p>

SUNDAY 6th June: 1st after Trinity Proper 5	
Anglican	The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).
Hereford	Pray for all that ensures and enables the protection and safe care of all who attend and work within our churches, and especially of children and vulnerable adults, and as we select and appoint. Pray for Mandy McPhee, Safeguarding Officer, and her colleagues, and for those responsible for safeguarding in each local church.
Porvoo	<i>Iceland</i> : Bishop Agnes Sigurdardottir, Bishop Kristjan Björnsson, Bishop Solveig Lara Gudmundsdottir; <i>Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church</i> : Bishop Carlos Lopez Lozano.
The Wider View	Give thanks for the ways in which we are challenged by the experience of our link relationships with Nuremberg and Tanzania - in terms of theology, liturgy, our role within our communities, the things about ourselves that we don't think about or critically assess. This sort of challenge is good and healthy, and helps us to get "back to basics" as disciples. This one of the fundamental reasons why friendship and companionship links are worthwhile and healthy, and more than just an optional extra.
This Week	<p>Barnabas, whose day is Friday, is called the "Son of Encouragement" - pray we may be always ready to encourage one another in matters of faith and action, and that our churches may be encouragers within each community. This is Bike Week in the UK. The weeks of lockdown encouraged a lot of people to cycle more, and there is a government policy to increase the number of dedicated cycle routes. The theme of this year's Bike Week is health and wellbeing, two obvious benefits of cycling.</p> <p>Carers' Week begins on Tuesday, and highlights the work of the very many unpaid carers looking after someone in their family or a friend. They face many challenges, and often can feel unsupported and poorly resourced. Pray for those who care, for those cared for, and for greater recognition, clearer advice as to sources of help, and for self help and support groups etc.</p> <p>This is also National Intensive Care Week. Covid - with some very graphic images in news bulletins - has helped ensure awareness of the stress and pressure faced by those who work in this field, and their dedication. Give thanks for all that is done, and pray that those who do this incredible work may be sustained and supported.</p> <p>World Oceans Day on Tuesday reminds us to be aware both of the beauty and wonder of our oceans, many parts of which remain unexplored, and also of their fragility and their fundamental importance to the health of our planet.</p> <p>Diabetes Awareness Week prompts our prayer for all who live with diabetes, a growing problem within our western societies, and especially for children diagnosed with diabetes, and their parents and carers.</p> <p>Pray for the charity shops within our towns, many of which were closed for most of last year. Charity shops may also provide employment for people living with disabilities, who gain a great deal from the work they do there.</p>

Monday 7th June	
Anglican	East Carolina (Province IV, The Episcopal Church).
Hereford	<i>Church governance:</i> Pray for members of Parochial Church Councils and office holders in each local church, especially those newly joining PCC's or taking office as APCM's take place.
Tuesday 8th June: Thomas Ken, bishop, hymn writer	
Anglican	North Carolina (Province IV, The Episcopal Church).
Hereford	<i>Church governance:</i> Pray for all who staff, visit and use our diocesan office facilities at this time of change and reorganisation.
Today	Bishop's Staff Meeting.
Wednesday 9th June: Columba, abbot, missionary; <i>Ephrem, deacon and teacher</i>	
Anglican	South Carolina (Province IV, The Episcopal Church).
Hereford	<i>Church governance:</i> Pray for all involved with the conservation and care of our church buildings, and for their development to meet changing needs, via faculty legislation. Pray for DAC members, church architects and surveyors, skilled craftspeople, and for all who offer advice, support and direction.
Thursday 10th June	
Anglican	Upper South Carolina (Province IV, The Episcopal Church).
Hereford	<i>Church governance:</i> Pray for all members of Deanery Synods, for Rural Deans and Lay Co-Chairs, for Deanery Treasurers and Secretaries, and for all involved in the development of strategies for mission and pastoral outreach.
Today	Bishop's Council.
Friday 11th June: Barnabas, apostle	
Anglican	Western North Carolina (Province IV, The Episcopal Church).
Hereford	<i>Church governance:</i> Pray for the members and officers of Diocesan Synod / Board of Finance, and for the members of Bishop's Council.
Saturday 12th June	
Anglican	Cashel, Ferns & Ossory (Church of Ireland).
Hereford	<i>Church governance:</i> Pray for those who represent our Diocese on General Synod and other provincial or national bodies, and within our ecumenical and partnership links.
Prayer	<p style="text-align: center;">Let us never seek out of thee what we can find only in thee, O Lord: peace and rest and joy and bliss, which abide in thee alone.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lift up our souls above the weary round of harassing thoughts to thy eternal presence.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lift up our minds to the pure, bright, serene light of thy presence, that there we may repose on thy love and be at rest from ourselves and all things that weary us; and thence return, arrayed in thy peace, to do and to bear whatsoever shall best please thee, O blessed Lord.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Edward Bouverie Pusey</i></p>

SUNDAY 13th June: 2nd after Trinity Proper 6	
Anglican	The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).
Hereford	<i>Telford Severn Gorge Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Christopher Penn; Lay Co-Chair – Carilyn Simkin; Sub-Warden of Readers – Garry Ward.
Porvoo	<i>Scotland:</i> Argyll & the Isles – vacant; <i>Ireland:</i> Connor – Bishop George Davison; <i>Denmark:</i> Lolland-Falster – Bishop Marianne Gaarden.
The Wider View	Colombia has given protected status to over a million Venezuelan refugees, allowing them to seek work and set up a home. Pray that other countries may recognise this humanitarian gesture and take it as an example to follow.
This Week	<p>This week is being kept as Loneliness Awareness Week. Pray for those in our communities and even in our churches who are fundamentally lonely. This may include those who have difficulty relating to others, those who have been badly hurt, and of course those who have been bereaved. May our churches be places of welcome and affirmation, where those who need it are given the space and time they need.</p> <p>Men’s Health Week and Cervical Screening Awareness Week, both of which share this week, remind us of those health matters that are gender-specific, and of the need to act in ways that either prevent illness or ensure that early signs are spotted and responded to.</p> <p>Tuesday is World Elder Abuse Day, a day called by the United Nations, and a reminder that abuse toward the elderly happens, and often goes unseen. Pray for all elderly and vulnerable people who are at risk of being abused.</p> <p>As Learning Disability Awareness Week begins on Monday, pray for all who have a learning disability, for their care and support, and for the friendships and relationships that are of vital importance in ensuring their wellbeing.</p> <p>Wednesday is World Refill Day, the aim of which is to encourage the re-use of containers and to reduce our dependence on single use plastics. Pray we may manage to reduce our plastic waste, and give thanks that concern for the environment is growing among young people especially.</p> <p>Thursday is National Clean Air Day, and an opportunity to reflect on what impairs the cleanliness of the air we breathe, and of the way in which that can damage our health. Pray we may be open to and aware of the actions we can take as individuals and communities, towards cleaner air.</p> <p>Both Richard Baxter and Richard de Wych, Bishop of Chichester, in different ways displayed a care for the poor in the ministry they offered. Pray that this may also be a mark of the Church today, and give thanks for the involvement of churches and church folk in community action during the Covid pandemic, and more widely in areas of deprivation or among the homeless and the stateless.</p> <p>Pray for those due to be ordained as deacon or priest at the beginning of July, and the parishes in which they will train and serve. Pray for all who have responsibility as training incumbents, and in other ways, for their ongoing formation as ministers. Pray also for those who will be seeking first</p>

	appointments, having completed their curacies.
Monday 14th June: <i>Richard Baxter, puritan divine</i>	
Anglican	Chandigarh (Church of North India).
Hereford	Broseley with Benthall, Jackfield, Linley with Willey & Barrow: Christopher Penn; Readers – Rebecca Wood; Local Ministry Development Group: Ann Wall, Sheila Whittles, Mary Kendal, Rebecca Wood, Brian Allaway, Barrow 1618 Free School; Broseley CE Primary School; John Wilkinson Primary School.
Tuesday 15th June: <i>Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer</i>	
Anglican	Chelmsford (Province of Canterbury, Church of England).
Hereford	Coalbrookdale, Ironbridge & Little Wenlock: vacant; Reader – Carilyn Simkin; Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge CE Primary School.
Today	“Leading a Congregation in Traumatizing Times” – at Leominster Priory.
Wednesday 16th June: <i>Richard of Chichester, bishop; Joseph Butler, bishop and scholar</i>	
Anglican	Chester (Province of York, Church of England).
Hereford	<i>Madeley</i> : St Michael’s Madeley – Alan Walden, Iain McIntyre, Rosemary Freeman; Reader – Jan Holt.
Today	Diocesan Advisory Committee.
Thursday 17th June: <i>Samuel & Henrietta Barnett, social reformers</i>	
Anglican	Chhatisgarh (Church of North India).
Hereford	<i>Madeley</i> : Sutton Hill and Woodside – Dawn Taffinder. Intergenerational Worker - Beckie Dotson. Pray for these parishes as they welcome their new incumbent.
Today	IME2 Day for 3rd Year curates.
Friday 18th June: <i>Bernard Mizeki, martyr</i>	
Anglican	Chicago (Province V, The Episcopal Church).
Hereford	John Fletcher of Madeley Primary School; William Reynolds Primary School; Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School; Haughton Special Primary School; John Randall Primary School; St Mary’s RC Primary School; Woodlands Primary School; Abraham Darby Academy; Madeley Academy.
Saturday 19th June: <i>Sundar Singh, evangelist and teacher of the faith</i>	
Anglican	Chichester (Province of Canterbury, Church of England).
Hereford	Pray for all who exercise a ministry of prayer and in this way provide support and sustenance to the life, work and mission of their local church.
Prayer	<p style="text-align: center;">My Lord, I have nothing to do in this world but to seek and serve thee. I have nothing to do with my heart and its affections but to breathe after thee. I have nothing to do with my tongue and pen but to speak to thee and for thee, and to publish thy glory and thy will. <i>Richard Baxter</i></p>

SUNDAY 20th June: 3rd after Trinity Proper 7	
Anglican	The Church of North India (united).
Hereford	Pray that the ministry we offer at every level within our Diocese may affirm the rights, abilities and value of all, whatever their age, gender, ethnicity or background, and that in our planning, decisions and selection and appointment processes we may reflect this as a mission priority.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Diocese in Europe – Bishop Robert Innes, Bishop David Hamid; <i>Sweden:</i> Visby – Bishop Thomas Petersson; <i>Denmark:</i> Copenhagen – Bishop Peter Skov-Jakobsen.
The Wider View	On World Refugee Day, pray for the many refugees in our world living in poverty and danger, and often in host countries that are themselves desperately poor. Pray the time may be hastened when everyone will have a safe place to call home, and a full stomach at the end of each day.
This Week	<p>As mentioned above, today is kept as World Refugee Day. There are around 80 million displaced people in our world today, some 46 million of whom are “internally displaced”, while 26 million are classified as refugees, and 4 million as asylum seekers. Pray for the work of the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and for host countries, and for refugees facing danger, poverty, exploitation, disease, and a sense of hopelessness.</p> <p>The children’s hospice movement in the United Kingdom provides care and respite for some 47,000 children with long-term or terminal conditions. In Children’s Hospice Week, give thanks for the work they do, and pray they may receive the resourcing and funding they need.</p> <p>Breathe Easy Week raises awareness of those living with lung problems of various kinds. This will now include those who have survived serious Covid infections, and some at least of those living with “Long Covid”. Pray for all that is done to provide therapy, help and advice.</p> <p>Thursday is kept as Reserves Day, and marks those who give up their spare time to serve with our armed forces as reservists: give thanks for their contribution towards the defence of the realm, and their readiness to serve when and where needed. Pray too for all who serve in our armed forces, and the work of forces chaplains.</p> <p>Thursday is also National Writing Day. Pray for all who inspire others, young people especially, to write, and pray for all aspiring writers.</p> <p>At the time of preparing this diary, restrictions were due to be lifted in England this week. Pray that this is done safely, and that any upsurge in Covid cases can be managed and controlled; pray too for the onward work of producing vaccines to counter new variants of the virus, and making these available. And pray for all whose lives have been damaged or changed by the pandemic.</p> <p>Friday is kept as International Sand Dunes Day: these are important and vulnerable habitats, and this day draws attention to their fragility. Pray we may take care of such habitats, and our coastline and coastal waters in general, which face substantial disturbance through the holiday season.</p>

Monday 21st June	
Anglican	Chotanagpur (Church of North India).
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for those “on the fringe” of our churches, and for each church in its outreach to the wider community.
Tuesday 22nd June: Alban, first martyr of Britain	
Anglican	Christ the King [South Africa] (Province of Southern Africa).
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for our support for the World Church via mission and aid associations and through our local contacts and links, giving thanks for all we can learn and receive from the faith and ministry of others.
Today	Induction of Revd Greg Roberts to the Ford Group.
Wednesday 23rd June: Etheldreda, abbess; Ember Day	
Anglican	Christchurch (Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia).
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for all newly coming to faith, and for their welcome, nurture and support. Pray for churches using Alpha, Emmaus, Life on the Frontline etc, to lead people into faith or to encourage them in discipleship.
Today	Safeguarding Working Group.
Thursday 24th June: the Birth of John the Baptist	
Anglican	Chubu (Nippon Sei Ko Kai / Japan).
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Christine Pepler, Church and Society Link Officer, and all that encourages and supports social responsibility, care and action within our Diocese. Pray for churches seeking to respond to issues of environmental concern, and to work to lighten their carbon footprint, for the Marches Christian Environmental Network and churches participating in the Eco Church scheme sponsored by La Rocha.
Friday 25th June: Ember Day	
Anglican	Clogher (Church of Ireland).
Hereford	Pray for visitors to our churches and communities, and for all who, though not church attenders, value and visit our church buildings and churchyards.
Saturday 26th June: Ember Day	
Anglican	Diocese on the Coast (Province of Ondo, Nigeria).
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> David Gwatkin, Nick Read, and all who work within the Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy and with the farming community. Pray for farmers, markets and all who work in the agricultural industry.
Prayer	<p style="text-align: center;">Lord Jesus, you teach us the lessons of the seed: the seed that springs up and grows in ways we cannot tell; the seed that though the smallest of all becomes a great plant; the seed that gives its life, that new life may be multiplied. Write these lessons of faith, hope and love on our hearts, that our lives may yield an abundant harvest in your service, to the glory of your name.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Basil Naylor</i></p>

Curates in Training:

Clive Munday (year 4 - Bridgnorth & Morville)
Sue Jelleyman (year 3 - Ape Dale)
Tom King (year 3 - Bridgnorth & Morville))
David Poyner (year 3 - Severn Valley)
Tim Starling (year 3 - Stow Caple)
Elliot Swatridge (year 3 - Ss Peter & James, Hfd)
Alison Walker (year 3 - Wenlock Team)
Linda MacDermott (year 2 - Kington)
David Wyatt (year 2 - Canon Pyon)
Iain McIntyre (year 2 - Madeley)
Jo Burden (year 1 - West Hereford)
Lawrence Gittins (year 1 - Ludlow)
Tiffany Jackson (year 1 - Ross)
Joe Simons (year 1 - Cleobury Mortimer)
Katie Smith (year 1 - Kingsland)

Ordinands in Training:

Lauren Bell (Queen's, Birmingham)
Lois Beynon (Cranmer Hall, Durham)
Sam Burgoyne (Queen's, Birmingham)
Jo Child (CGH)
Joe Chipper (CGH)
Wayne Davies (CGH)
Seamus Hargrave (St Stephen's House)
Fiona Honeysett (CGH)
Ruth Leigh (CGH)
Rosie Roberts (Queen's, Birmingham)
Lizzie Womack (CGH)

Intergenerational Missioners:

Kate King, working in Bridgnorth
Geri Miller - Abbeydore
Wayne Davies - Ludlow
Christine Cattanach - Ross
David Bland and Jo Child - South Wye
Beckie Dotson - Sutton Hill & Woodside
Mark Hackney - Pontesbury Deanery

Interns ("Discover"):

Michael Aylmer (Bartestree & Maund)
Peter Greenfield (Kingsland)

Warden and Sub-Wardens of Readers:

Warden: Give thanks for the work of John Daniels in this role, and pray for him in retirement.

Sub-Wardens:

Abbeydore - vacant
Bromyard – vacant
Hereford - Malcolm Robertson
Kington & Weobley - Henry Verwey
Ledbury - Chris Blanchard / Linde Melhuish
Leominster - Culain Morris
Ross & Archenfield - Christopher Blanchard
Bridgnorth - Garry Ward
Clun Forest - Jonathan Kemp
Conover - Nancy Cleaton
Ludlow - John Beesley
Pontesbury - Nancy Cleaton
Telford Severn Gorge - Garry Ward

Readers in training and having recently completed training:

Alex Daborn - Stottesdon
Christopher Evans - Greater Whitbourne
Mark Simmons - Orleton
Deborah Hartland – Tupsley
Jennifer White - Bucknell
Claire Williams – Westbury