12TH MAY - EASTER 7

Anglican | The Anglican Church of Burundi.
Hereford | Pontesbury Deanery.
Porvoo | England: Gloucester; Sweden: Västerås.

The Wider View | Forms of modern slavery in Tanzania, ensnare an estimated 170,000 people as victims, which makes it a priority for government action. Pray for progress in criminalising the exploitation of children, raising the legal age of marriage, and providing support for all victims of modern slavery regardless of age and gender.

This Week | With people around the world continue to pray for those you have named, to come to know Jesus and to have faith in him, as the Thy Kingdom Come days of prayer continue.

This is ME Awareness Week. The number of people diagnosed with this condition continues to grow, and some 1.7 million people in the UK have symptoms of Long Covid, which in many resembles ME. Pray for the ME Association, seeking to offer support to all who need it.

Friday is World Hypertension Day: pray for all that promotes better awareness of high blood pressure and its health impact, and for awareness campaigns to encourage lifestyle and dietary changes that can help reduce the risks.

Saturday is HIV Vaccine Awareness Day. Around 40 million people globally live with HIV: pray that all who need it may receive regular vaccine treatment, and for continued research.

Saturday is also International Museums Day: pray for small local museums, often under threat as grant sources dry up and local authorities are increasingly hard pressed financially. Pray for all that encourages a love of gardens and gardening among children and young people. Pray for school gardens, community gardens, allotment associations, etc.

Pray for young people in our schools and colleges as the season of GCSE and A Level Exams gets under way.

19TH MAY - PENTECOST

Anglican | The Anglican Church of Canada.
Hereford | Pray for the communications team in our diocese in their work and in the support they provide to the local church, and that we may share the good news of our faith within our local area and beyond in a professional and persuasive way.
Porvoo | England: Guildford; Denmark: Viborg.

The Wider View | Pray for those who teach and learn foreign languages, especially as language studies are being cut in many schools. Learning a language is also to engage with a culture and tradition other than our own, and to expand both awareness and opportunity.
This Week

Give thanks at Pentecost that the Church is born in the fire of the Spirit, and pray that, like the first Apostles, we may live out and share our faith in Christ with a fervour and joy that is infectious.

On National Children’s Day pray for all children to have a healthy and safe childhood, and that their rights and freedoms are protected.

Alcuin, commemorated on Monday, is remembered as a liturgist at the court of Charlemagne. Pray for all who develop liturgical resources within today’s Church, that our worship may be the best we can offer.

Tuesday is the World Day for Cultural Diversity. Give thanks for the richness and variety of faith and culture within the human family, and pray we may not allow differences to become barriers.

World Turtle Day on Friday prompts prayer for all who are working to reduce the pollution, especially plastic pollution, in our oceans.

Friday also commemorates John and Charles Wesley. Give thanks for their record of faith, and pray for the work and witness of Methodism in our nation and worldwide.

Saturday remembers the Venerable Bede, monk, scholar and historian. Give thanks for all who research and record our history, and so help us to understand ourselves more fully.

Pray for the work of skin clinics and specialists, including work with skin cancers. Pray for all who experience melanomas, basal cell carcinomas, and other forms of skin cancer.

26TH MAY - TRINITY SUNDAY

Anglican Church of the Province of Central Africa.

Hereford Ross and Archenfield Deanery.


The Wider View Pray for all in our world whose lives and livelihoods have been impacted by war, civil unrest, corruption and natural disaster. Pray for all involved in ensuring that both emergency relief and longer term help get to those most in need of it.

This Week Trinity Sunday centres on a doctrine of the church, rather than an event. As we celebrate the unfathomable mystery of God’s being, may this be a day of adoration and praise of the God who, though beyond our sight and comprehension, meets us in his Son, and fills us with his Spirit.

Tuesday is World Hunger Day: pray for all who lack the food they need, and especially for young families and nursing mothers.

Wednesday commemorates United Nations Peacekeepers. Pray for all those in peacekeeping roles in our world today.

Wednesday is also Oak Apple Day, marking the restoration of the Stuart monarchy. Pray for the King, the royal family and the institutions of our nation.

In the week of Corpus Christi, give thanks for the institution of Holy Communion.
The Visitation (Friday), prompts our praise to the God who raises up the meek and lowly, and casts down from their thrones those that are mighty, who by his Son challenges the order of the world.

2ND JUNE - TRINITY 1

Anglican Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.
Hereford Pray for all that ensures the protection and safe care of children and vulnerable adults, and all who attend and use our churches. Pray for Carl Steventon, Safeguarding Officer, and his colleagues and for those who take responsibility in the local church.
Porvoo England: Hereford; Lusitanian Church (Portugal); The Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad.

The Wider View Pray for our linked parishes, especially Madley and their friends in Hilpoltstein who are planning a pilgrimage in the Golden Valley this summer; and the link between All Saints' Hereford and the Old Catholic congregation in Nuremberg, and their new priest Sebastian Watzeck.

This Week On Cancer Survivors Day, pray for all who have been declared clear of cancer but face challenges like the fear of recurrence, or long lasting side-effects from treatment. Pray for continued research and development, so that survival rates continue to improve.
In Child Safety Week pray for the safety of children at home and elsewhere, and for parents and carers.
Tuesday remembers the child victims of aggression in our world: pray for families and children caught up in war zones and civil unrest, and for all who work to provide help and refuge.
Wednesday is World Environment Day. Pray for places in need of land restoration, desertification, and drought resilience.
Friday is Tourette’s Awareness Day: pray for all who live with this poorly understood mental health condition.
Thomas Ken, remembered on Saturday, is regarded as a father of modern English hymnody: give thanks for composers of hymns.
World Oceans Day is on Saturday; pray that governments and corporate bodies may act urgently to protect our oceans and seas.

9TH JUNE - TRINITY 2

Anglican Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.
Hereford Telford Severn Gorge Deanery.
Porvoo Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland; The Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church.

The Wider View Mainland Tanzania sees more than four million cases annually of malaria, which is endemic across much of the country. This is a major cause of mortality in new born and young children, and a recent fall in malaria deaths seems to have halted. Pray for the expansion of malaria control work and more support for vulnerable populations.

This Week In Carers’ Week, pray for all in our communities who are caring for
family members, neighbours or friends.

In Bike Week, pray for the safety of all who cycle on our roads, for cycle clubs and for safe places for families to go biking together.

Barnabas, whose day is Tuesday, the “Son of Encouragement” prompts prayer that we may live and minister in a way that brings out the best in those around us, especially in this Year of Faith.

Pray for all who live with diabetes, and for the work of Diabetes UK, and their vision of a world in which diabetes can do no harm.

Pray for summer family events and activities in our churches and communities, and those who organise and lead them.

As the exam season in our schools continues, pray for all who are finding the process gruelling or worrying.

Give thanks for blood donors, and pray for those who provide blood donor clinics and staff them.

In the week of National Beer Day, pray for craft breweries and for the pubs that serve our communities.

Saturday is World Refill Day and National Clean Air Day. Pray for all who are working to reduce pollution and waste.

16TH JUNE - TRINITY 3

Anglican Iglesia Anglicana de Chile - Most Revd Hector Zavala.

Hereford Pray that we may affirm the rights, abilities and value of every person in the ministry we offer and the decisions and appointments we make.

Porvoo Scotland: Argyll and the Isles; Ireland: Connor; Denmark: Lolland-Falster.

The Wider View Pray that the Covid 19 enquiry may avoid being too hooked on the blame game, and work to ensure we and the world are better prepared for future pandemic events.

This Week In Refugee Week, pray we may learn to hear and see refugees as themselves and for what they can offer, and not just in their experience of displacement.

Today closes this year’s Loneliness Awareness Week. Pray we may create communities in which loneliness is noticed and responded to.

Samuel and Henrietta Barnett are remembered on Monday as social campaigners. Pray that in our day we may value and defend the fruits of their labours.

As visitations take place, give thanks for the work of churchwardens, and pray for those newly taking on this office.

Pray for the work of the Historic Churches Trusts, and for those who give support by opening gardens and organising other summer events.

At the Summer Solstice give thanks for the rhythm of the seasons, and the way in which the natural world speaks of its Creator.

In the week of World Music Day, pray especially for all that helps to generate a love of music and music-making in children.

World MND Day is marked on Friday. Pray for all who live with Motor Neurone Disease, for their support, and for continued research.