

**23RD JUNE - TRINITY 4 (PROPER 7)**

Anglican	The Church of England.
Hereford	May all we decide and do as a diocese may be firmly grounded in prayer: give thanks for all that encourages and enlivens our prayer life and spirituality.
Porvoo	England: Diocese in Europe; Sweden: Visby; Denmark: Copenhagen.
The Wider View	Pray for all who are trapped in the conflict zones of our world: for their protection, for essential supplies and clean water, and care for the injured or grieving.
This Week	Pray for the <b>ordination</b> retreat, and for those to be ordained on Saturday, their families and friends and the parishes in which they will serve. Priests: Andrew Falconer, Fiona Honeysett, Owen Pembury, Rose Roberts, Freddie Strong; Deacons: Angela Forster, David Hall, Tracy Jones, Samuel Rigby, William Talbot-Ponsonby. This week's <b>Ember Days</b> prompt prayer for all who feel a call to ministry, both ordained and lay, and those presently in training. In <b>DeafBlind Awareness Week</b> , pray for all who live with both sight and hearing loss, for greater awareness, and for all who help and support. Tuesday is the <b>Day of the Seafarer</b> : pray for the safety of all who sail the seas, and for the work and witness of the Mission to Seafarers, and for their chaplains and other staff working worldwide.

**30TH JUNE - TRINITY 5 (PROPER 8)**

Anglican	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.
Hereford	Abbeydore Deanery
Porvoo	England: Lincoln; Sweden: Härnösand; Finland: Lapua.
The Wider View	Pray for all who are standing as candidates in the General Election, and that the next government of our nation may give thoughtful consideration to our relationship with Germany and other European partners.
This Week	Pray for those <b>ordained</b> yesterday as deacons and priests (see last Sunday for names) and for the parishes in which they serve. In the week of Thomas the Apostle, pray for the <b>Mar Thoma Church</b> , in full communion with Anglican churches since 1974. In <b>Election week</b> , pray for all who are standing, for discernment as we cast our vote, that we may value our democratic rights, and for a smooth and peaceful transition between the outgoing and incoming administrations. This is <b>Alcohol Awareness Week</b> . Pray for all who struggle with alcohol dependence, their families and friends. July is an awareness month for <b>Sarcoma</b> - rare cancers that develop in muscle, bone, blood and fibrous and fatty tissues. Pray for all who live with this disease, and for early and better diagnosis.

Wednesday is kept worldwide as **Plastic Bag Free Day**. Pray we may learn to use less plastic, and in ways that do less environmental harm. **American Independence Day** prompts prayer for the people of the US at a time of increased tension and division in her political life.

### **7TH JULY - TRINITY 6 (PROPER 9)**

Anglican	Province of the Indian Ocean.
Hereford	Bridgnorth Deanery.
Porvoo	England: St Albans; Sweden: Linköping.
The Wider View	Pray that religious tension in Tanzania both within and between Muslim and Christian communities may be reduced through sound teaching and able leadership.
This Week	Today is <b>Thank You Day</b> : pray for all that encourages us to live together thankfully and with a generous spirit. Pray for <b>churchwardens</b> taking office for year ahead, as Visitations continue, and for all who work to further the mission and service of our local churches. Pray for the conservation and protection of <b>bees</b> and other pollinating insects, and for habitats they may thrive in. <b>Benedict</b> is remembered this week: pray for the monks of Belmont Abbey, and all who follow the rule of Benedict. In the week of <b>World Population Day</b> , pray for investment to be directed towards the education of girls and the rights of women - a step proven to help limit population growth. Pray for our <b>schools</b> as the end of the school year approaches, and those who will move from their present school, to high school, to college or university, or out of education.

### **14TH JULY - TRINITY 7 (PROPER 10)**

Anglican	The Church of Ireland.
Hereford	Pray for outreach to families and young people, and for all who lead or help organise Messy Church, Open the Book and other activities and worship events with children, young people and families in mind.
Porvoo	England: Newcastle; Norway: Møre.
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	Wednesday is the <b>Day of International Criminal Justice</b> : pray for the places where the rule of law is flawed, misused or effectively absent, and for all who are unjustly punished or imprisoned. In the week of <b>St Swithun's Day</b> , pray for weather forecasters, and for farmers and growers and others whose work is weather-dependant. 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 help sustain our churches and community organisations. Give thanks for all who bring <b>music and drama</b> to our villages and

towns, and who foster a love of art, music and drama in children. Pray for those families that will **struggle to afford a holiday** during the summer break, and for children who may face neglect while schools are closed.

In **Good Care Month**, pray for all who care for others, and for the residential and care homes in our communities, and those who help support people at home.

### **21ST JULY - TRINITY 8 (PROPER 11)**

Anglican Nippon Sei Ko Kai.

Hereford Bromyard Deanery.

Porvoo Sweden: Skara; England: Leeds.

The Wider View Agriculture forms the largest component by far of Tanzania's exports, and the country has one of the smallest industrial sectors in Africa. Disease and the many refugees also impact on the economy. Pray for the many people living below the poverty line, for the growth of the tourism industry, and the funding of sustainable development.

This Week In the week of **St James' Day**, pray for those who walk the pilgrim route to Compostela, for all quiet and prayerful places, and for spiritual directors and counsellors and retreat leaders.

Monday honours **Mary of Magdala**, 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.

Pray for the work of the **Samaritans** among those who reach a point of desperation, and for that work to receive the funding it needs.

Pray for all who live with **Schizophrenia**: for greater awareness of the condition, for support and refuge where needed, and the advice and direction that can help most to live a stable and settled life.

Pray for **safety in our workplaces**, for those responsible for safety inspections, and for all who are injured or disabled through accidents at work, including on our farms.

**Love Parks Week** prompts thanksgiving for our green spaces, both urban and rural, and prayer for all who as paid staff and volunteers help ensure that parks are clean, tidy, litter-free and safe places.

Pray for those who prepare and look after **sports grounds** and play parks, and for local sports clubs.

### **28TH JULY - TRINITY 9 (PROPER 12)**

Anglican The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East.

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.

Porvoo Lithuania; Ireland: Derry and Raphoe.

The Wider View Urbanisation has progressed rapidly in Tanzania: by 2050 the population of Dar-es-Salaam predicted to exceed 10 million, and more than half the country's population will be urban. Urban areas are

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unsustainable in their present form, with poor housing and social provision. Pray for effective planning with community participation so that living conditions, health and viability may be improved.

Pray for the work of the **Society of Mary and Martha** at Sheldon, Exeter, providing shelter, refuge and support for clergy and others in ministry at times of need, stress or crisis.

**William Wilberforce** and others are remembered this week: pray for all who campaign against slavery today, for awareness of the various forms of modern slavery, and for all who are trapped or trafficked into situations of this kind.

Tuesday is **World Friendship Day**. Celebrate friendship in all its forms, give thanks for the friends in our lives, and pray we may always be ready to extend the gift of friendship to others.

**Lammas Day** (Thursday) was the day when the first-fruits of harvest were offered: may we honour God as Creator, and use with thought and the good things he gives us.

Pray for all who work within our **emergency services**, including those in part-time or voluntary roles.

Pray for local **councillors**, and also for those who help to administer local charity funds.

#### **4TH AUGUST - TRINITY 10 (PROPER 13)**

Anglican

Anglican Church of Kenya.

Hereford

Clun Forest Deanery.

Porvoo

England: Bristol; Finland: Helsinki.

The Wider View

Give thanks for the links and friendships made over the years with our companion dioceses in Tanzania, and that we may be able to maintain a healthy programme of exchanges in the future.

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Tuesday is the Feast of the **Transfiguration**: As in Jesus Christ we glimpse the image of God's glory, may we offer ourselves to him, to follow, to serve, and may the glory of his love flow through us.

Wednesday is **Playday** - a day each year to celebrate play as vital to the health, happiness and creativity of children. Pray for those children who lack the ability and freedom to play.

**Mary Sumner**, founder of the Mothers' Union, is remembered on Friday. Pray for the MU internationally and in our diocese.

Pray for all who live with the pain and discomfort of **psoriasis** and similar skin disorders: for better awareness, so we may recognise signs and ensure appropriate treatment is requested and given.

During this holiday period pray for those who ensure **safety on beaches** and wherever people swim or do water sports. Pray for those who teach people how to swim and how to keep safe when swimming. At a time when childhood diseases like measles are on the increase, pray that scepticism about **immunisation** may be overcome, and its benefits more clearly understood.