DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

May 2023 – June 2023
1 May – Philip and James, Apostles

Marlborough, Marlborough Deanery


Please pray for the Marlborough Anglican Team, 3 churches on the river Kennet. St Mary's Marlborough, St George’s Preshute and St John the Baptist Mildenhall,

Praise the Lord that all three churches are bouncing back from a difficult time in Covid. Please pray that we can be active in mission and work in harmony with each other and the Spirit.

Marlborough St Mary’s CE Primary School
Preshute CE VC Primary School

2 May

Whitton, Marlborough Deanery

Clergy: Beth Hutton, Sue Rodd. LLM: Jackie Hollander. LLM with PtO: Tony Eyles.

Following our Team Vicar interviews we pray for our next steps as God renews the life of our ministry team. As we refresh our parish vision we pray that our use of our human and material resources may be led by a desire to make new disciples and nourish communities with the love of Christ.

Aldbourne St Michael's CE VA Primary School
Baydon St Nicholas CE VA Primary School
Chilton Foliat CE VA Primary School

3 May

Pewsey Deanery

Rural Dean: Gerald Osborne. ARD. Vacant. Lay Chair: Philip Smith.

Some parishes are struggling financially, and faithful volunteers are weary. Pray that in all our vulnerabilities and weakness God may work to his glory, especially as we look towards the Life Exhibition and Christianity Explored in the autumn. And for the Vale of Pewsey Team as it continues to seek a new Pioneer Team Vicar.

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the Rt Revd David Roch Angong, Bishop of Yirol in South Sudan.

4 May

Savernake, Pewsey Deanery

Clergy: Michael McHugh, Jo Reid, Colin Heber-Percy, Alan Deboo, Howard Jameson.

Collingbourne CE VC Primary School
Great Bedwyn CE VC Primary School
Savernake St Katharine's CE VC Primary School
Shalbourne CE VC Primary School
5 May

Vale of Pewsey, Pewsey Deanery

Give thanks for the dedication of lay and ordained leaders and officers in our sixteen churches as we continue to work for the kingdom and seek a new colleague to join our ministry team. We also pray for the King on the eve of his coronation and for our involvement in church and community celebrations this weekend.

Oare CE VC Primary School
Rushall CE VA School
Woodborough CE VA Primary School

6 May

The Dean of Jersey
The Very Revd Mike Keirle

Please pray for the Deanery of Jersey on this Coronation Day, and as we also commemorate our Liberation from Occupation on the 9th May with a large Civic event. Please pray for the parish of St. Peter in vacancy and for St. Mary and St. Martin as they welcome new Incumbents. We give thanks for a recent Confirmation Service taken by +Stephen.

7 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

St Ouen with St George, Jersey Deanery
Clergy: Ian Pallent.

Please pray for Revd Ian Pallent, Rector and his family, together with Sally Drayson Le Tissier, the Children’s, Youth and Families Missioner in their ministry of making disciples in the Parish of St Ouën.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for The Church in Wales

8 May

St Mary, Jersey Deanery

Please pray for the new ‘House for Duty’ Priest as they prepare to come to the Island and who we expect to be instituted in June. Please pray for the community as they prepare to welcome them and as they look forward to this new phase of ministry and mission.

9 May

St John, Jersey Deanery
Clergy: Beverley Sproats.

Please pray for us as we seek to share the love of God and serve the local community including the municipal parish and St. John’s Primary School.
10 May

St Lawrence: St Matthew’s, Jersey Deanery

Clergy: Phil Warren.

St Lawrence: Our outreach to our children and young families through ‘Smarties’ (toddler group) and Messy Church, as more families attend, and GEMs which is for the retired and elderly members of our community.

St Matthew’s (Glass) Church: our families ministry, outreach to children and youth, and our new Hope Centre, as plans have just been submitted to planning.

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the Rt Revd Daniel Deng Abot, Bishop of Duk in South Sudan.

11 May

St Brelade with St Aubin, Jersey Deanery

Clergy: Mark Bond.

We have now begun the mammoth task of Re-roofing St Aubin on the Hill church, our daughter Church, which will take us the rest of the year to complete. The visual impact of the ‘tent’ over the whole building will raise the visible profile of the church and we hope you use the project to awaken the community’s interest in what we’re doing.

The parish church, St Brelade, is exploring a restoration of our organ and how we make it usable for the next 30 years. It is a well known instrument and is an exciting project, which again, will stimulate interest in our wider community.

12 May

St Helier, Jersey Deanery

Clergy: Mike Keirle.

Please pray for “Town Church” as we seek to implement our mission strategy following a Vision Day earlier in the year in our town centre ministry. Pray for Rev James Porter, our Associate Rector, Eira Wykes, our Lay Reader, Sue and Gill our wardens and others involved in our leadership team. Give thanks for the increase in giving and the creative use of our building and pray for a deepening of our discipleship.

13 May

St Andrew, Jersey Deanery

Clergy: Mark Barrett.

St Andrew's wants to thank God for his generous blessing over the last 6 months. The people God has brought to us, in our congregation and particularly our leadership team continue to be such an inspiration. 2023 promises to be a very exciting year for us and we begin our new building project to open the church to more of our community. Please pray for Spirit led wisdom and the fruit of patience, kindness and joy.
14 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

St Mark, Jersey Deanery
LLMs: Peter Clayton, Shelley Rose.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for The Church of the Province of West Africa

15 May – Matthias the Apostle

All Saints, Jersey Deanery
Clergy: David Grantham.

We pray for church growth post covid; for healing for those who are suffering in body, mind and spirit in All Saints.

To bless our new youth club.

To guide us in how best to reach and support our community and its members.

16 May

St Paul, Jersey Deanery
Clergy: Paul Brooks. LLMs: Ian Le Marquand and Nicola Speck. Church Administrator: Mary Aliga (recently returned from maternity leave).

Please give thanks and pray for:

The appointment of a new lay Assistant Minister, Joel, responsible for youth and young adults starting this month (May) The Ministry amongst children and youth and its leaders.

The work of our church centre serving people from all walks of life, including many self-help groups.

Our dedicated lay staff team, including Neil, Dianne, Esther, Alicia, Eddie & Zena.

17 May

St Clement, Jersey Deanery
Clergy: David Shaw.

Please pray for a growth in links with local schools via church visits and R.E. and the interest of the wider civil parish community encouraged by the eco projects of the Meadow (no memorials) churchyard, new parish woodland and Parish in Bloom. Pray for Reverend Martin Dryden’s involvement in the finance industry and Reverend Tracy Bromley as a Chaplain in the Jersey hospital system.

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the Rt Revd Zecharia Manyok Biar, Bishop of Wanglei in South Sudan.
18 May – Ascension Day

St Martin de Grouville with St Peter La Rocque, Jersey Deanery

Clergy: Helen Gunton, Robin Dupre. LLM: Terry Noel.

*Please join us in thanking God for increased numbers attending our All Age Services and pray that deeper relationships will develop with young families. Also, pray for our new monthly evening services to grow and become embedded in the pattern of worship we offer.*

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19 May

St Martin Le Vieux, Jersey Deanery

*We give thanks for the institution of the new Priest at St. Martin in late April. Please pray for the Community of St. Martin and their new Priest (we cannot announce names yet!) as they get to know one another and for the engagement of the Church in that community and especially with the civic parish.*

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20 May

St Martin De Gouray, Jersey Deanery

Clergy: Jeff Wattley, Gerry Baudains, Mike Lange Smith. LLM: Mrs Wendy Lange Smith. LPA: Mrs Katie Dunn.

*Engagement with our community through Gorey Little Fishes (Toddler Group), Day Centres and Nursing Homes and through the annual Boat Blessing Service in Gorey Harbour (25 June). Also Choral Matins with Cantabile Choir on 18 June. Our Sunday Kids Club is recovering slowly after the pandemic. Welcoming tourists and visitors from the UK and France over the summer.*

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21 May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Trinity, Jersey Deanery

Clergy: Geoff Houghton. LLMs: Angela Le Sueur, Helen Hamilton, Fleur Benest.

*Please pray for our Children and Families Minister Sarah Prosser and her creative team. Giving thanks for the renewed relationship with our Link Diocese of Goma in the DRC and their recently elected Bishop, Reverend Martin Gordon.*

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies

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22 May

St Saviour, Jersey Deanery

Clergy: Martin Evans.
23 May
St Luke with St James, Jersey Deanery
Clergy: Nick Barry.

We give thanks for the arrival of many new young families in church in recent months and pray that this great blessing will continue. We also ask God’s blessing upon our recently-begun 5-year restoration project, asking that he will be glorified in the work we are undertaking.

24 May
St Peter, Jersey Deanery

St Peter is currently in interregnum. Please pray for the team as they prepare their parish profile and advertise for a new Priest. Please pray that the right person will be discerned to lead this church forward. Please also pray for the lay ministry team that visit the various care homes and runs Messy Church and also for the local primary school.

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the Rt Revd Abraham Yei Nhial, Bishop of Aweill in South Sudan.

25 May
The Archdeacon of Sherborne

The Ven Penny Sayer.

Please pray for all those recently licenced in the archdeaconry, those who will soon take up appointments and those parishes in vacancy.

26 May
Lyme Bay Deanery

Rural Dean: David Baldwin. ARD: vacant. Lay Chair: Janet Jackson.

Please pray for our Deanery at a time of transition. We look forward to welcoming the parishes of Abbotsbury, Langton Herring and Portesham along with their Priest, Margaret Preuss-Higham into the deanery and how in the wider deanery we can work more collaboratively with each other. Also please pray for the Rev Pete Stone and his family as they leave the Bridport Team for Jersey.

27 May
Eggardon and Colmers, Lyme Bay Deanery

Clergy: Chris Grasske, Carole Peters-King. LPA: Liz Guard. LWLs: Nigel Guard, Graham Fowler.

Prayers that those new to the churches integrate well into the worshipping community and prayers for the new churchwardens, sides persons and treasurers as they learn their new roles.

Loders CE VC Primary School - part of Acorn Academy
Powerstock CE VA Primary School
Symondsbury CE VA Primary School
28 May – Pentecost

Beaminster Area, Lyme Bay Deanery

Clergy: David Baldwin, Jo Neary. LLMs: Barbara Simmonds, Neville Adams.

Please pray for the Beaminster Team in a time of transition as Rev Jo Neary becomes half time in the team so that she can take on a part time tutor position at Sarum College and Rev Fiona Beale ends her Curacy and will be licensed as P.i.C of the the parishes of Abberporth, Blaenporth and Betsw Ifan in St David's Diocese in the Church in Wales.

Salway Ash CE VA Primary School
Mosterton Parrett & Axe CE VA Primary School
Beaminster St Mary's Academy
Broadwindsor CE VC Primary School
Beaminster CE VC Secondary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for The Extra-Provincial Churches

29 May

Bride Valley, Lyme Bay Deanery

Clergy: Jane Williams, Liz Howlett, Ryder Rogers. LLM: James Webster.
Litton Cheney Thorner's CE VA Primary School
Burton Bradstock CE VC School

30 May

Bridport, Lyme Bay Deanery

Clergy: Deb Smith, Lorna Johnson, Helen Stewart, Janis Moore, Ann Ayling, Philip Ringer, Dan Shackell, Kay Watters. LLMs: Graham Purse, Peter Wright, Coral Hatton. LWL: Martin Whiting.

We pray for our work with wild and messy church and STAR Club at St Mary’s CofE Primary; for our tos groups and for all our pastoral and community work in our town. Help us to look outwards to serve God’s people here in Bridport.

Bridport St Mary's CE VC Primary School
31 May – Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Golden Cap Team, Lyme Bay Deanery

Clergy: Chris Martin, Sarah Keen, Lucyann Ashdown, Sarah Godfrey, Virginia Luckett.

*Please pray for God’s continued blessing on our work with schools across the Benefice. As the summer holidays draw near, please pray too for our work to engage with the many pilgrims who will come to this area in the coming weeks.*

Lyme Regis St Michael’s CE VA Primary School

Marshwood C of E Primary Academy

Hawkchurch CE VC Primary School

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the Rt Revd Peter Garang Akuei, Bishop of Nyamlel in South Sudan.

1 June

Dorchester Deanery

Rural Dean: Sarah Hillman. ARD: Jonathan Still. Lay Chair: Roger Holehouse.

*We give thanks for our churchwardens, PCC treasurers, secretaries and members, and for all who offer their finance, time and skills to enable our churches to show God’s love more deeply in our communities.*

2 June

Buckland Newton, Cerne Abbas, Godmanstone and Minterne Magna, Dorchester Deanery

Clergy: Jonathan Still.

*Please pray for our rural parishes caught in the moral dilemma of paying parish share which exceeds local income, knowing that in a very few years this will have reduced local assets to zero.*

Buckland Newton CE VC Primary School

Cerne Abbas CE VC First School

3 June

Charminster, Stinsford and the Chalk Stream villages, Dorchester Deanery

Clergy: Leila Mather, Dick Luther, Hugh Willis, Bruce Dixon, Liz Cross, Rob van der Hart.

*Pray that we would be attentive to God’s kingdom at work in our rural communities. Pray for our all-age outreach, and for our new Anna Chaplain Jean.*

*In our school communities, pray for children in preparing to move to new schools and for St Mary’s new headteacher, Mick Homer.*

Charminster St Mary’s CE VC First School
4 June – Trinity Sunday

Moreton, Woodsford and Crossways with Tincleton, Dorchester Deanery

Clergy: Gemma Donnell, Peter Stevens. LLM: Will Spackman.

Please pray for our outreach to our villages, that our churches may become safe spaces for people in need and that we may be able to share the good news wisely. Please also pray for our upcoming fete in Crossways and flower festival in Moreton.

Frome Valley CE VA First School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

5 June

Piddle Valley, Hilton and Ansty, Cheselbourne and Melcombe Horsey, Dorchester Deanery

Clergy: Stephen Waine, Helier Exon.

Please pray for our new incumbent and his family as he settles into life in our benefice and for our churchwardens and all who will support him.

Piddle Valley CE VA First School

6 June

Puddletown, Tolpuddle and Milborne with Dewlish, Dorchester Deanery

Clergy: Sarah Hillman, Maggie Crosbie. LLM: Margaret Rickard.

Please pray for Maggie Crosbie as she prepares for her priesting next month and for our LWLs, LPAs and Flex team.

Puddletown St Mary’s CE Middle School

Puddletown CE First School

7 June

Watercombe, Dorchester Deanery


Please pray for us and the life and worship of our five Dorset villages between Dorchester and the sea: Broadmayne, Owermoigne, West Knighton, Warmwell and Holworth and our ecumenical covenant with our Methodist friends. With thanks for new - and renewed - relationships in the parishes and for the thoughtfulness and care shared within and between the people of our villages.

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the Rt Revd Joseph Mamer Manot, Bishop of Wanyjok in South Sudan.
8 June – Corpus Christi

Dorchester and the Winterbournes, Dorchester Deanery


We give thanks for the growth of our benefice toddler group, Tea Toast and Toddlers, the joy of our Easter celebrations and our continued ministry in the town and villages in which we serve.

We give particular thanks for the ministry of Revd Heidi Merrett during her diaconal year and look forward to her priesting in July.

Winterbourne Valley CE VA First School
Dorchester Manor Park CE VC First School
Dorchester St Osmund's CE Middle School

9 June

Dorchester Area Hospitals and Weldmar Hospice Trust

Clergy: Jean Saddlington (C of E), Filip Lommaert (Orthodox), Kate Wyles (CofE), Jimmy Holden (CofE), Barry Hallett (Roman Catholic).

Please pray for all NHS staff and in particular for the international nurses who have joined us at Dorset County Hospital. We pray for all healthcare chaplains in their daily work of providing spiritual care for patients and staff.

10 June

Weymouth & Portland Deanery


* Please pray for the strategic planning for the Deanery regarding investment of resources for the next 5 to 7 years..

* Please pray for the recruitment of a full-time post at Holy Trinity Weymouth.

11 June – Barnabas the Apostle

Abbotsbury, Portesham & Langton Herring, Weymouth & Portland Deanery

Clergy: Margaret Preuss-Higham, David Wilson. LWL: Diana Ludlow.

Please pray Margaret Preuss-Higham, David Wilson and Diana Ludlow.

For the 3 churches and the communities in the benefice.

Pray for Portesham C of E school, its teachers and pupils

Portesham CE VA Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
12 June
Radipole and Melcombe Regis with Chickerell, Weymouth & Portland Deanery

* We pray for the financial resources to extend the employment of our Parish Youth Minister
* We give thanks for those seeking baptism and confirmation in our Parish.
* We pray for the planning of a renewed vision and strategy for St Mary's town centre.

Weymouth St John's CE VA Primary School

13 June
Weymouth Holy Trinity, Weymouth & Portland Deanery
In vacancy: Churchwardens: Mrs Trudi Shaw, Mrs Philippa Walker. Youth Minister: Connor Hansford. Lay Pastoral Assistant: Mrs Carol Didcock.

* We give thanks for the restoration work completed so far and for Bishop Stephen's presence to celebrate with the community.
* We pray for the Youth Minister, Mr Connor Hansford, in his work of building links between church and Holy Trinity Primary School.
* We pray for the recruitment of the next Vicar with its advertising to be announced this summer.

Weymouth Holy Trinity CE VC Primary School

14 June
Weymouth St Paul with Fleet, Weymouth & Portland Deanery
Clergy: Gregory Lipovsky.

As we start our life together as a new benefice, may Christ graciously accept and use our strengths and weaknesses to hasten the coming of his Kingdom.

Weymouth Beechcroft, St Pauls CE VA Primary

As we slowly approach the end of scholastic year, may the seeds of prayer and study, holiness and virtues Christ planted in our students' hearts yield their fruits abundantly.

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the Rt Revd Simon Lual Bang Jal, Bishop of Nasir in South Sudan.
15 June
Wyke Regis All Saints with St Edmund, Weymouth & Portland Deanery
Clergy: Alasdair Kay, Betty Port.

Please pray for the Church Wardens Gary Hepburn, Jeff Thomas and Caro Elliot. The Schools Wyke Primary Federation and All Saints Church of England Academy. We especially pray at this time for all those preparing for Baptism and Marriage.

Weymouth Wyke Regis CE VC Primary Federation
Weymouth All Saints CofE Academy

16 June
Portland Team Ministry, Weymouth & Portland Deanery

In the aftermath of the February General Synod motion relating to prayers asking for God’s blessing on same-sex couples, please pray for all those negatively affected by the issues raised, for those who feel the decision is unorthodox, unbiblical, and may cause a major schism in the Church of England. We pray for those charged with leading the Church at this time at local, diocesan and national level, in particular Revd Tim Gomm, Revd Fiona Wheatly, (Retired) Revd Shan Litjen (Perm Deacon) Mrs Karen Gomm (LLM), and the rest of the ministry team.

17 June
Weymouth Ridgeway, Weymouth & Portland Deanery
Clergy: James Menzies, Philip Elliott, Ada Whittock, Brian Ellis. LLMs: Tony King, Georgie Menzies, Sue LeRiche, Alan McIntosh.

The Weymouth Ridgeway Team would value prayer for our growth in discipleship together, and for spiritual fruit in our ministry to children and young people.

Weymouth St Nicholas & St Laurence CE VA Primary School
Weymouth St Andrew’s CE Primary School (Academy (VA) School)

18 June – Second Sunday after Trinity
HMP/YOI Portland

Please pray for the staff and men in HMP/YOI Portland, and for our whole chaplaincy team as we do our best to bring hope and comfort to all within the establishment.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for The Anglican Church of Australia

19 June
Sherborne Deanery
20 June

Melbury, Sherborne Deanery
Maiden Newton Greenford CE VC Primary School
Evershot Sticklands CE VA Primary School

21 June

Queen Thorne, Sherborne Deanery
Clergy: David Bond.

Please pray for the children and staff at Trent Young's Primary School as they enter the last month of the school year. There will be plenty to squeeze in and it will be a time of high emotions and exhaustion.
Trent Young's CE VA Primary School

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the Rt Revd Wilson Kamani, Bishop of Ibba in South Sudan.

22 June

Sherborne with Castleton, Lillington and Longburton, Sherborne Deanery
Sherborne The Abbey CE VC Primary School
Sherborne The Gryphon School

23 June

Three Valleys, Sherborne Deanery
Yetminster St Andrew's CE VC Primary School
Bishop's Caundle All Saints CE VC Primary School
Bradford Abbas St Mary's CE VC Primary School
Thornford CE VA Primary School

24 June – Birth of John the Baptist

Blackmore Vale Deanery
Rural Dean: Tim Heaton. ARD: Vacant. Lay Chair: Sue Chandler. LLM: Barbara Priest.

As we celebrate the Birth of John the Baptist, we pray for all newborn babies throughout the deanery and pray that many will come to be baptized in our parish churches and live lives worthy of their adoption as children of God.
25 June – Third Sunday after Trinity
Hazelbury Bryan & the Hillside Parishes, Blackmore Vale Deanery
LLM: James Hepburn.

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for all who work in your service within the benefice and we pray that you would prepare and lead the right person to join us in leading souls along the next step of that great and wonderful journey which leads eventually to the Throne of Grace.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Please pray for The Church of Bangladesh

26 June

Marnhull, Blackmore Vale Deanery

Clergy: Gaenor Hockey, Angus Mayhew.

*We give thanks for God's blessings day by day.*

Please pray for the further development of pastoral care volunteers in the parish, for our shared curate Angus Mayhew when he is ordained priest on July 1st and for our school community.

St Gregory’s CE VA Primary School

27 June

Okeford, Blackmore Vale Deanery

We give thanks for the unstinting work of dedicated lay people during our long vacancy, and pray that God will direct a new incumbent to work with us here in the benefice.

Okeford Fitzpaine CE VA School
Shillingstone CE VA Primary School
Child Okeford St Nicholas CE VA Primary School

28 June

Ministry Formation Team Leader, DDO and IME Coordinator: Nigel Done.

Our prayers for all who are stepping forward in offering their gifts, time and energy in the service of the Kingdom and the local church. We hold in our hearts for God’s anointing on all who are on retreat Sarum College in preparation for their ordination in Salisbury Cathedral as priests on Saturday 1 July and deacons on Sunday 2nd July.

**Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** Please pray for the Archbishop and Bishop of Yambio in South Sudan.
29 June – Peter and Paul, Apostles
Spire Hill, Blackmore Vale Deanery
Clergy: Richard Hancock, Angela Syer, Graham Hitchins, David Dunning, Joe Edwards.

We pray for the launch of our 10 year Mission Action Plan “Salt & Light” as we seek to share the good news in our benefice communities, reaching out to people were they are which intern will develop the life of our church.

In particular we prayer for our new initiative with families our drop in Cafe at Stourton Caundle and Father’s Day event and new family service at Stalbridge.

Stalbridge CE F Primary School

30 June
Stour Vale, Blackmore Vale Deanery

We give thanks for our lay ministry and pray for our benefice as we seek to share God's love in our villages whilst facing the challenges of continuing vacancy.