DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

May 2024 – June 2024
**1 May – Philip and James, Apostles**

**Western Downland, Chalke Deanery**

Clergy: Les Player, Nigel Cumming.

*Please pray for us as God’s people in the communities of Damerham, Martin, Rockbourne and Whitsbury, that in challenging times we may seek to reflect those essential qualities of unity, hope, compassion and faith which are our Christian calling.*

Western Downland CE VA Primary School - Headteacher Alice Tubbs

**Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** Please pray for the The Most Revd Stephen Dokolo, Archbishop & Diocesan Bishop of Lui in South Sudan.

**2 May**

**Mothers’ Union - Sandra Gamble (Pres), Jenny Harrison (Sec), Jane Tyrer (Chaplain)**

*We give thanks for the presence of Mothers’ Union across the Diocese and for Sandra Gamble, President and all the current Trustees. We pray for all the projects, supporting family life, that we are running or supporting. We pray particularly at this time for the Virtual Babies project and for all that our Holiday Home provides and ask that our drive to recruit workers for these projects and leaders for our Trust Board will be successful.*

**3 May**

**Heytesbury Deanery**


*As a deanery we are progressing our work in creating a vision map where none of our churches and their members feel like they have been forgotten or overlooked. We are seeking ways to develop greater collaboration across the teams, benefices and parishes. We have begun with our first greater Chapter inviting Clergy with PTO, LLM’s, LWL’s and LPA’s to worship and learn together. Please pray that we are listening well to one another and to God who leads us each step of the way. Give thanks for all those He calls to active ministry whether that is with a license or all those wonderful volunteers who beetle away in the background.*

**4 May**

**Cley Hill Villages, Heytesbury Deanery**

Clergy: Vacant.

*Cley Hill Benefice remain in vacancy, during which time Chapmanslade and Corsley have begun trialling a new service style of praise and worship once a month. They continue to work closely with Chapmanslade school. The Benefice are being supported by Retired clergy Rev’d Di Britten, Rev’d Marian Curtis and Rev’d Gay Maynard. Robert Shuler continues in his role as Lay Chair to Deanery Synod and LLM to the Benefice and Jane Hurd also LLM.*

Crockerton CE VA Primary School

Chapmanslade CE VA Primary School
5 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Mere with West Knoyle, Heytesbury Deanery

Clergy: Vacant.

*Mere and West Knoyle will soon be readvertising their post. They are in the final stages of preparing the profile and advert. We hope to interview early July. We give thanks to Rev’d Simon and Rev’d Judith who have been providing service cover and support throughout the vacancy.*

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

6 May

Upper Stour with Maiden Bradley, Heytesbury Deanery

Clergy: Graham Southgate.

*The Upper Stour with Maiden Bradley Benefice are settling in together as a newly formed benefice and with their relatively new incumbent Revd Dr Graham Southgate. Revd Mac continues to support ministry and mission across the benefice.*

Bourton St Georges CE VA School
Whitesheet Church of England Primary Academy

7 May

Upper Wylye Valley Team, Heytesbury Deanery

*Upper Wylye Team are now in vacancy for an incumbent and HfD. They are currently reviewing their profile and working practices to see if they can make some changes ahead of readvertising to see if they can work more collaboratively. Rev’d Jonathan Hiscox and Katherine Venning LLM continue to support this Team Ministry.*

St John’s Hospital Heytesbury
Sutton Veny CE VC Primary School
Heytesbury CE VA Primary School
Wylye Valley CE VA Primary School
8 May

**Warminster Christ Church, Heytesbury Deanery**

Clergy: Lorraine Dobbins. LLM PtOs: Eva Burton, John Cheesman, Mo Cheesman.

*Warminster is experiencing a huge expansion as several hundred houses are going up! We are exploring the idea of recruiting a pioneering minister with youth ministry as their focus, we are hoping to link in with the army families and build on those connections.*

*Christ Church has an active ministry to families with young children. River Were Benefice continue to support.*

Warminster Sambourne CE VC Primary School

**Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** Please pray for the Most Revd Paul Benjamin Yugusuk, Archbishop & Diocesan Bishop of Lainya in South Sudan.

9 May – Ascension Day

**White Horse, Heytesbury Deanery**

Clergy: Rebecca Harris, Caroline Husband, Holly Newton, Helen Durant-Stevensen, Margaret Davies, David Hart. LLMs: Graham Stevensen, Ashley Jones.

*Please pray for us as we respond to the opportunities and challenges to Make Jesus Known in our parishes of Westbury and Dilton Marsh; as we work on our mission action plans and share the love of Jesus with all whom we encounter day-by-day.*

Westbury Leigh CE VC Primary School

Westbury CE VC Junior School

Dilton Marsh CE VC Primary School

10 May

**River Were, Heytesbury Deanery**


*God our Father, pour out Your Spirit upon the River Were Benefice. Grant us a new vision of Your glory, a new experience of Your power, a new faithfulness to Your word and a new consecration to Your service. So that Your love may grow among us as we make Jesus known in our community. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Warminster St John's CE VC Primary School

Warminster The Minster CE VC Primary School
11 May

Overseas Links

Sudan Committee Secretary: Sheila Trist. Sudan Medical Link: Mike Maclachlan.

Please pray for all deanery and diocesan Sudan, Latvia & Evreux Links.

12 May – Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Archdeacon of Wilts

Now she has finished in her role as Archdeacon, please pray for Sue Groom and for a relaxing time for her and Phil exploring the inland waterways.

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

13 May

Devizes Deanery

Rural Dean: Jonathan Poston. ARD: Keith Brindle. Lay Chair: Carole Jones.

Please pray for Rev Gerry Lynch, recently inducted as rector to the benefice of Wellsprings as he settles in. Please pray for Rev Robert Sanday as he too settles in his new post as house for duty based at Urchfont. Also please pray for our deanery initiative to create scratch groups to look at how we can action the marks of mission of diocese and deanery.

14 May – Matthias the Apostle

Bratton, Edington & Imber, Erlestoke and Coulston, Devizes Deanery

Clergy: Andrew Sinclair. LLM: Andrew King.

Please pray for all those working hard in this benefice.

15 May

Devizes St John and St Mary, Devizes Deanery

Clergy: Jonathan Poston, Adrian Burholt. LLMs: Chris Cox, Mark Harrison.

Please pray for Caroline Spindlow as she is licensed as Associate Priest to enable her to work both in the wider deanery supporting churches in vacancy, as well as with St John’s church family. Also please pray for much needed extra fundraising initiatives to meet our financial needs.

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the Rt Revd Rufus Lemi, Assistant Bishop of Lainya in South Sudan.

16 May

Devizes St Peter, Devizes Deanery

Clergy: Vacant.

Please pray for St Peter's. For dedicated clergy to help them grow in worship and in pastoral care for congregation and parish.
17 May

Rowde and Bromham, Devizes Deanery

Clergy: Vacant, Heather Smith.

Please pray for the benefice of Bromham and Rowde as they continue to seek a new incumbent.

Rowde C of E Primary Academy

Bromham St Nicholas CE VC Primary School

18 May

Southbroom St James, Devizes Deanery

Clergy: Keith Brindle, Richard Saint.

As a church with 2 priests holding different views on the blessing of same sex marriage, a congregation that is also divided on this (though vast majority in favour), and gay and lesbian individuals in our church family, we want to seek God's will, serve and show God's love to all our community. Please pray for us at this time.

Devizes The Trinity Primary Academy

Southbroom St James Academy

19 May – Pentecost, Devizes Deanery

Lavingtons, Cheverells and Easterton

Clergy: Marion Harrison.

Great Cheverell The Holy Trinity CE Primary Academy

Market Lavington St Barnabas CE VC Primary School

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

20 May

Cannings & Redhorn, Devizes Deanery


We give thanks for the arrival of Robert Sanday as our new House for Duty priest. We are looking forward to all of the opportunities that having Sam and Robert in the team. We give thanks for all that we have been able to do already and all the things we will be able to do over the next few years and we pray for all those who will join us at the exciting point in the life of the benefice.

Urchfont CE VC Primary School

Chirton CE VC Primary School

Bishops Cannings CE VA Primary School

All Cannings CE VC Primary School
21 May

Wellsprings, Devizes Deanery


*Please pray for our pilgrimage to Wells on 29 May, and for us to find some new leaders for our longstanding Messy Church after our Children and Families Worker moves to another part of the country. Give thanks that we continue to have a service in all five churches every Sunday, for the goodwill towards the Church that is shown almost everyone in our communities, and for the shoots of new faith we are seeing.*

Five Lanes CE VC Primary School
Seend CE VA Primary School

22 May

HMP Erlestoke

Anglican Chaplain: Steve Ibbetson. LPA: Shirley Daniels.

*Please pray for all staff, residents and volunteers.*

**Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** Please pray for the Rt Revd Rt Revd Data Amosa Elinama, Bishop of Morobo in South Sudan.

23 May

Religious and Lay communities in the diocese

*Please pray for the Society of St Francis at Hilfield, Pilsdon Community, St Benedict’s Priory, Salisbury and Othona Community.*

24 May

Bradford Deanery

Rural Dean: Jane Palmer. ARD: Allan Coutts. Lay Chair: John Joy.

*We give thanks for the life of Bradford Deanery in its varied Churches and communities. Help us to work together to build the Kingdom of God here. Bless our Kadugli link and protect their people in a time of great conflict and humanitarian crisis. May we bless and help them in their time of need.*

25 May

Atworth with Shaw and Whitley, Bradford Deanery

Clergy: Jane Palmer, Liz Gifford. LLMs: Keith Hamilton, Mike Sarson Rowe.

*We give thanks for our joint Parish and all this has enabled us to do together. We ask God to bless our ministry and use our newly reordered Church in Shaw to become a community space. Bless our schools and nurseries, local business and every home that all may now the love of God in Christ Jesus.*

Shaw CE VC Primary School
Churchfields The Village School
26 May – Trinity Sunday
Broughton Gifford, Great Chalfield and Holt St Katharine, Bradford Deanery
Clergy: Andrew Evans, Ruth Mecredy. LLMs: Rachel Firth, Anthony Matthew, Marilyn Stubbs. Youth and Childrens worker: Harvey Bennett.

Please pray for the development of our ministry to young families, Tiny Tots for toddlers and babies, SKY (St Katharine’s Youth) for teenagers and Children’s Worship and Outdoor Church for children.

Holt CE VC Primary School
Broughton Gifford St Mary’s CE VC Primary School

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

27 May
Melksham, Bradford Deanery

Please pray for our ‘Building To Serve’ reordering project; for our home groups and LPA team; for Sunday Club and Youth Alpha; that in all things we would be ‘Making Jesus Known’ in Melksham!

Melksham The Manor CE VC Primary School
Forest & Sandridge CE VA Primary School

28 May
North Bradley, Southwick, Heywood and Steeple Ashton, Bradford Deanery
Clergy: Oliver Learmont.

Please pray for all in the benefice.

Southwick CE VC Primary School
North Bradley CE VC Primary School

29 May
Studley St John, Bradford Deanery
Clergy: Alastair Wood. LLM: Mike Bridges.

Please pray for the benefice as it enters interregnum. We pray that the right person will be apparent at the right time to lead the benefice next. We also pray for Alastair as he starts his new role in Peterborough diocese, and thank him for all he has done.

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the Rt Revd Elizabeth Awut Ngor, Assistant Bishop of Rumbek in South Sudan.
30 May – Corpus Christi

Canalside Benefice, Bradford Deanery

Clergy: Vacant, Joy Albone, Jacqui Clark.

Please pray for all in our parishes as we continue to work together in unity to support our communities in this time of vacancy. Pray for the appointment of a new incumbent, that they may be the person chosen by God to join us in this place. Also pray for all the lay leaders of the parishes, wardens, LPA’s and LWL’s and many others, as they continue their shared ministry among us.

Staverton CE VC Primary School
Semington St George's CE VC Primary School
Hilperton CE VC Primary School

31 May – Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Trowbridge St James and Keevil, Bradford Deanery


Thanksgiving for Nick Lambert, recently appointed as our Children and Families Ministry Leader, and prayers for the Holiday Club (“Restoration Station”) during May half-term would be much appreciated.

Keevil CE VA Primary School

1 June

Trowbridge St Thomas and West Ashton, Bradford Deanery

LLMs: Martyn Whittock, Angela Grist, Judy Wright.

Please pray for Allan Coutts, retiring this month after 25 years as Vicar of St Thomas’ and St John’s, and for the 3 congregations as they begin the interregnum, write Parish Profiles etc. May God already be preparing the next Incumbent for this rewarding role.

West Ashton CE VA Primary School
Bellefield CE VC Primary and Nursery School
2 June – First Sunday after Trinity

North Bradford on Avon and Villages, Bradford Deanery

Clergy: Katie Jackson, Tessa Mann, Paul Batson, Tim Hawkings, Bernard Hughes. Children's worker: Zoe Yeomans. LWLs: Cedric Pierce, Penny Pierce, Alison Wells.

*Please pray for the benefice of North Bradford and Villages as we enter a new season together, with Katie having just joined the team as Incumbent. Pray that we will find space to listen; to each other, to our communities and to God, as we discern his will for this next stage of the journey.*

Bradford on Avon Christ Church CE VC Primary School

Winsley CE VC Primary School

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Please pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

3 June

Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity, Westwood and Wingfield, Bradford Deanery

Clergy: Sarah Jackson.

*Pray for the Benefice during the vacancy, for all who are helping and for those involved in the interviews for a new Rector on 1 and 2 July.*

Bradford on Avon St Laurence School

4 June

Calne Deanery

Rural Dean: Jane Curtis. ARD: Vacant. Lay Chair: Mary Simpkins.

*Following our Deanery Synod last month looking at the Net Zero agenda, please pray for us as we explore together how we might take action for the climate and support one another in taking steps towards reducing our churches’ carbon footprint. May we support, encourage, and inspire one another in the task ahead – working together where we can.*

5 June

Oldbury, Calne Deanery

Clergy: Matt Earwicker. LLM: Pam Evans.

*This year we have quite a lot of weddings, many of which have required the couple to attend church regularly to build a qualifying connection. Please pray with us that we will show them God’s love through our welcome.*

Cherhill CE VA Primary School

Heddington CE VA Primary School

**Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** Please pray for the Rt Revd James Obalokee Primo, Bishop of Magwi in South Sudan.
6 June

**Royal Wootton Bassett, Calne Deanery**


*Please pray for all those who work with, and make real the love of God to, our children and young people – be it our Church Children (Sunday school) leaders and Little Stars (baby/toddler and parent/carer group) volunteers, our Trebles leader and Open the Book team members, school governors and those who lead Collective Worship and assemblies in our primary schools.*

Royal Wootton Bassett St Bartholomew's Primary Academy

7 June

**Marden Vale, Calne Deanery**


*We give thanks for Revd Sarah, to be licensed at Derry Hill by +Stephen on 16th June, and pray for her and her family as they relocate from North Wales. We pray for our Stewardship initiatives across the benefice. We also pray for our plans in place to recruit a new director of music for St Mary's Calne, and for the promising response to those plans so far.*

Derry Hill CE VA Primary School

Marden Vale CofE Primary Academy

Calne Holy Trinity CE Academy

8 June

**Lyneham and Woodhill, Calne Deanery**


*Almighty God, please bless all the couples being married in our churches; make us loving and bless us with the love of neighbours, friends, and family. Make our love for each other make you known to those we meet. Amen.*

Broad Town CE VC Primary School

9 June – Second Sunday after Trinity

**The Rt Revds Stephen Lake (Salisbury), Karen Gorham (Sherborne), Andrew Rumsey (Ramsbury)**

*Please pray for those preparing to be ordained and for the families of all those who exercise public ministry.*

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Please pray for Province de L’Eglise Anglicane Du Congo
10 June
Marlborough Deanery
Rural Dean: Roger Powell. ARD: Vacant. Lay Chair: Sarah Musgrave.

*We have a vacancy in the Upper Kennet Benefice after the departure of the Revd Maria Shepherdson. Please pray for the deanery and parishes as we seek a new incumbent to join us.*

11 June – Barnabas the Apostle

Ridgeway, Marlborough Deanery

Clergy: Roger Powell, Viv Brooks, Michael Johnson, Freda Beveridge.

*We are pleased that all three churches in the benefice have building projects underway to make our building 'sound' for the next generation to inherit. The work with the school continues apace and we are hoping to get more parishioners involved with this vital work.*

Ogbourne St George & St Andrew CE VC Primary School

12 June

Upper Kennet, Marlborough Deanery

*Please pray for the Benefice after the departure of the Revd Maria Shepherdson. Please pray for the deanery and parishes as we seek a new incumbent to join us.*

Broad Hinton CE VC Primary School
Kennet Valley CE VA Primary School

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the The Rt Revd Saman Farajalla Mahdi, Bishop of Wad Medani in Sudan.

13 June

Marlborough, Marlborough Deanery

Clergy: Chris Smith, Pete Sainsbury. LLM: Sarah Musgrave.

*Praise God for numbers returning to above Covid levels and for nascent children’s ministry and a new evening service. Please pray that our age profile would continue to move towards balance and that we would face the Anglican church’s challenges with grace and faithfulness.*

Marlborough St Mary's CE Primary School
Preshute CE VC Primary School
14 June

Whitton, Marlborough Deanery

Clergy: Beth Hutton, Deb Larkey, Sue Rodd.

Please pray for our ordinand Matthew Haynes, to be ordained deacon this Petertide. Also for our schools and governing bodies as we continue with the challenge of appointing Foundation Governors to multiple schools in small rural communities. Also for renewed vision for our pastoral ministry amongst people of all ages.

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

15 June

Pewsey Deanery

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

Please pray for Michael and Jo McHugh as they prepare to leave us, giving thanks for their ministry and for the Savernake Team as they navigate this new stage in their common life, discerning and praying together for a new team rector. Give thanks as well and pray for Hazel Davies as she begins her ministry of Community Outreach in the Vale of Pewsey Team.

16 June – Third Sunday after Trinity

Savernake, Pewsey Deanery

Clergy: Michael McHugh, Colin Heber-Percy, Jo Reid.

Please pray for all in the benefice.

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

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile
17 June

Vale of Pewsey, Pewsey Deanery

Clergy: Rhona Floate, Mark Windsor, Ann Massey, Gerald Osborne, Robert de Berry. LLMs: Anne Mantle, Libby Turner.

*We give thanks for the recent Life Exhibition, Making Jesus Known to 300 children from local schools. We also thank God for new clergy colleagues: Hazel Davies, newly appointed Team Vicar (Community Outreach & Mission) and Matthew Haynes, who will be ordained at Petertide. We pray for them as they settle into their new roles here.*

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

18 June

The Dean of Jersey

The Very Revd Mike Keirle.

*Please pray for us as we look to appoint a new Priest at St. Brelade’s Church, a key appointment in the South West of the Island and as we give thanks for more than 20 years of ministry from Rev Mark Bond as he retires. Please pray for our engagement with our schools, (none of which are church schools) and as we follow up our hugely successful multi media event from last year which saw over 1000 children come to our churches to learn about the life of Jesus. Please pray for all our clergy and for the family of Rev Jane Ilton who died recently.*

19 June

St Ouen, 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. After some difficult years navigating post Covid, we are experiencing signs of growth! Hallelujah!*  

Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan: Please pray for the The Most Revd Ogeno Charles Opoka, Archbishop & Bishop of Diocese of Torit in South Sudan.

20 June

St Mary, Jersey Deanery

Clergy: Kirsty Allan.

*Prayers that the different groups within the parish can work more closely together to build a sense of community and that we see God at work in and around us and have the confidence to talk about that.*
21 June
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.*

22 June
St Lawrence: St Matthew, Jersey Deanery
Clergy: Phil Warren.

*Please pray for our outreach ministries to children, families, young adults, post Alpha groups and the many people who are searching for God. Please also pray for healing to a number of church members and their families who need a healing miracle.*

23 June – Fourth Sunday after Trinity
St Brelade with St Aubin, Jersey Deanery
Clergy: Vacant.

*Please pray for Revd Canon Janice Audibert and her husband Jean (from Poole), are coming to St Brelade to care for our people for the summer towards the end of the month. We pray for them and their ministry among us, We also ask prayer for the process of finding a new Rector for the parish of St Brelade. Please pray for our ministry team who will support Janice and continue to care for the people of this parish.*

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

24 June – Birth of John the Baptist
St Helier, Jersey Deanery
Clergy: Mike Keirle.

*Please pray for our Church as we continue to grow our creative partnerships in the community, with other churches and as we work with vulnerable people on the margins and as we look afresh at Town Centre ministry with the other churches.*

25 June
St Andrew, Jersey Deanery
Clergy: Mark Barrett.

*Please may we request prayers for the funding of our building project. We are currently renovating St Andrew’s Church and are short of funds. Quotations were obtained well before COVID-19 and have tripled by the time we got to start.*
26 June

St Mark, Jersey Deanery

Clergy: Vacant. LLM: Peter Clayton.

*We have a baby bank project which may get corporate sponsorship which would really help. We're due to hear about this in April.*

*The church has a cafe which needs a new community worker so please pray for our recruitment and the right person to come along.*

**Episcopal Churches in South Sudan and Sudan:** Please pray for the Rt Revd Daniel Awan Manyok, Bishop of Athooch in South Sudan.

**Please pray for all those starting their Ordination Retreat today**

27 June

All Saints: St Simon, Jersey Deanery

Clergy: David Grantham.

**Please pray for:**

- Healing for those in All Saints with additional needs
- Growth in number, deeper in faith
- God to send the right person to join us as Children's worker

28 June

St Paul, Jersey Deanery

Clergy: Paul Brooks.

**Please pray for:**

- The visit of the Kings Chamber Orchestra in July (with St. Mark’s Church);
- Separately, but also in July, a week of Accompanied Prayer for Island Christians;
- Our leadership team (staff and lay) in a season of change;
- That we would faithfully and effectively make Jesus known.

29 June – Peter and Paul, Apostles

St Clement, Jersey Deanery

Clergy: David Shaw.

**Please pray for all in the benefice, and for all the hard work that is done, seen or not.**

**Ordination of Priests – Please pray for all those being ordained Priest today.**
30 June – Fifth Sunday after Trinity

St Martin de Grouville, Jersey Deanery

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

*Please pray for deeper relationships develop with young families on the fringe of church, and that we see growth in both faith and numbers attending mid-week housegroups and prayer meetings.*

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Please pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Ordination of Deacons – Please pray for all those being ordained Deacon today.