



THE CHURCH  
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DIOCESE OF  
WORCESTER

# Prayer Diary

July to November 2022



## Foreword from The Rt Revd Martin Gorick, Bishop of Dudley



The Lambeth Conference meets this summer from 26 July – 8 August. It is a once every ten years event when all the Anglican bishops from across the world are invited by Archbishop Justin to Canterbury to meet, pray and take counsel together. It was due to take place in 2020 but was delayed because of Covid. In the meantime, I have been meeting on Zoom each month with bishops from Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Myanmar, Fiji, India, Pakistan, Madagascar, South Africa and Sudan, which has been such a privilege. The chance to get to know and pray with colleagues from around the world has been such a blessing. To pray with those experiencing persecution and other hardships. To hear how climate change is bringing extreme weather events already, now, was a wake-up call to me as well. Please do pray for the Lambeth Conference and the 1000+ people taking part. Pray for joint action on climate change. Please pray for our link dioceses of Morogoro in Tanzania and Peru, and their bishops Godfrey and Jorge who will be coming here too.

This prayer diary ends with the season of Remembrance when we remember all who have died, or whose lives have been affected by war. I'm sure you will continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and a restoration of world order for the benefit of all.

We try to pray for those with a licence from the Bishop by name, but please do remember all who minister and witness with them in each parish.





## Growing as Kingdom People

### Find inspiration, support and resources... at our third round of Open Conversations

As we seek to grow as healthy & sustainable churches, we want to equip, revitalise and encourage parishes; supporting and resourcing you as we journey together into the future.

At these meetings we'll be hearing good news stories from across the Diocese and highlighting the diocesan help and support that is available.

Find out more and sign up at  
[www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/open-conversations](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/open-conversations)



#### Three new dates:

Thursday 30 June	7pm - 9pm	St Andrew's Church Lyttleton Avenue, Bromsgrove B60 3LL
Tuesday 20 September	2pm - 4pm	Venue tbc
Monday 27 September	7pm - 9pm	via Zoom

This is a continuation of the Open Conversations held in April (there is no need to attend if you came previously). This is what people said was good about the meetings:

- "Really good to hear 'not one size fits all'"
- "Lots of stories, lots of ideas, lots of generosity and lots of love"
- "Hearing stories from across the diocese has inspired hope"
- "The support being offered to help us move forward - especially the Mission Accompaniers"
- "Seeing how our church can develop"
- "Ideas for doing things differently"

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## Authorised Lay Ministers

A new training course for Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) begins this autumn. Please pray for those still considering whether they should start this training, as well as for those already signed up.

ALMs are simply members of their churches who are offering to use their gifts, prior experience, and particular aptitude to ensure their parish has a blend of the ministries it needs to sustain a Christian presence in their community. The diocesan course offers the training to help them make the most of those gifts in their local context. There are currently four strands of ALM training on offer: Children and Young People's Ministry, Evangelism, Pastoral Care and Worship Leading.

**Pray that God will continue to enrich his church through these and other ministries. But perhaps, as the summer holiday season arrives, you could also take time and space to consider what gifts you have, and how they might enrich your benefice, parish, and congregation. Could you be a future ALM?**

### Mon 25 Kidderminster & Stourport Deanery

Pray for the deanery that we may find innovative ways to work together and organise ourselves across the deanery, to help us better share the Good News. Come Holy Spirit set our hearts on fire, give us generosity love and the spirit of praise and thanksgiving. Leadership team: Clare Stockford, Mark Hall, Paul Blackham, Julia Curtis and Tim Williams (Area Dean).

### Tue 26 Small Businesses

A third of people who are employed work in micro-businesses with fewer than 10 employees. Many work alone and isolation can be a real issue. Pray for small businesses in your community, for all working alone or without support.

### Wed 27 Faith at Work in Worcestershire

As businesses adjust to the current volatile economic context there is more need than ever for volunteer chaplains to visit workplaces. Pray for new volunteers to join our existing teams, and for those they visit – for hope and peace when facing uncertain times. For Dick Johnson (Development Officer); Alison Sandham (Communications Officer); Mary Austin (Chair of Trustees).

### Thur 28 Bewdley, Ribbesford & Button Oak

Please pray that we will grow in discipleship. Give thanks for opportunities to share the Gospel and be a beacon of light & hope. Pray for wedding couples and those seeking baptism; for our local schools and our relationship with them. For our retired clergy, ALMs, volunteers and PCCs. Clergy: Megan Gibbins; Readers: Robert Barbour, Barbara Fauset

### Fri 29 Plastic Free July

Plastic Free July is a global movement to help millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution – so that we can enjoy cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities. Pray that we can find good alternatives to using plastic to protect our planet.

### Sat 30 Deputy Diocesan Secretary Rob Quarton

Pray for Rob Quarton, Deputy Diocesan Secretary, with his overall responsibilities for transformation. In particular, as he supports deaneries and parishes to become healthier and more sustainable. Pray that through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, local churches will thrive, as we grow as Kingdom People, in the service of our communities.



Kidderminster and Stourport  
Deanery: Area Dean – Tim Williams  
Lay Chair – Claire Stockford

Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of Lithuania:  
Bishop Mindaugas Sabutis  
Derry & Raphoe (Ireland):  
Bishop Andrew Foster  
The Church in Wales:  
Archbishop Andrew John

Masindi-Kitara (Uganda): **M**  
Bishop George Kasangaki

Massachusetts (USA): **T**  
Bishop Alan McIntosh Gates

Western Massachusetts (USA): **W**  
Bishop Douglas Fisher

Masvingo (Central Africa): **Th**  
Bishop Godfrey Tawonezwi

Matabeleland (Central Africa): **F**  
Bishop Cleophas Lunga

Matana (Burundi): **S**  
Bishop Seth Ndayirukiye



## Commonwealth Games

The Commonwealth Games, currently taking place in Birmingham, is bringing together 72 nations to play 19 different sports over 11 days of competition. Often referred to as the Friendly Games, athletes are involved from the Commonwealth of Nations and will take part in sports ranging from athletics to wrestling. The Commonwealth Paralympic Games, involving athletes with a disability will also be taking place at the same time. This year's event will feature more para-sports than any previous Commonwealth Games, with sports such as wheelchair basketball included alongside the standard sports like para-athletics, and para-triathlon.

*Kidderminster & Stourport Deanery  
Leadership Team:  
Mark Hall, Paul Blackham, Julia Curtis*

**Bristol:**  
Bishop Vivienne Faull with  
Bishop Lee Rayfield (Swindon)  
**Helsinki (Finalnd):**  
Bishop Teemu Laajasalo  
**The Church of the Province  
of West Africa:**  
Archbishop Jonathan Bau-Bau  
Bonaparte Hart

*Please pray for the health and well-being of the athletes, and that all compete with respect, harmony and passion. Pray too for those who facilitate the Games, that they will be given the strength to support the athletes and spectators during the games and for local churches who are coming together to provide chaplains and pray for the games.*



**M** **Matlosane** (South Africa):  
Bishop Stephen Diseko

**T** **Mauritius:**  
Vacant

**W** **Mbaise** (Nigeria):  
Bishop Chamberlain Chinedu  
Ogunedo

**Th** **Mbale** (Uganda):  
Bishop Patrick Gidudu

**F** **North Mbale** (Uganda):  
Bishop Samuel Gidudu

**S** **Mbamili** (Nigeria):  
Bishop Henry S. O. Okeke

### Mon 1 AUGUST **Mary Stevens Hospice, Stourbridge**

Please pray for all those working at and through Mary Stevens Hospice. In particular, for nurses working in the community and providing care in people's own homes and, who are experiencing an acute increase in demand for their services. For the chaplaincy team.

### Tue 2 **Abberley**

Please pray with us for a just peace in Ukraine and for those grieving and displaced by war. As we approach a vacancy, we thank God for already inhabiting our future, for those ministers already offering to help, and for the faithfulness or own ordained and lay leaders. Clergy: vacant; Readers: Mark Wild, Marjorie Workman

### Wed 3 **Diocese of Morogoro**

As Bishops gather for the Lambeth Conference we give thanks for our diocesan partnerships and pray for Bishop Godfrey in Morogoro as he seeks to re-energise and strengthen the Diocese. We pray also for diocesan staff and for the Revd Peter Mkengi, who has responsibility for fostering and developing the link between our dioceses.

### Thur 4 **Kidderminster Hospital**

At Kidderminster hospital we are excited by improvements on site including a new endoscopy suite and an innovation hub. Staff are working hard to meet demand for appointments following lockdown. Pray that all will find time for rest and recuperation over the summer. Pray also for our hospital chaplains.

### Fri 5 **Administrators across the Diocese**

Please pray for all those who provide administrative support across the diocese; often the first point of contact for enquiries from the wider community and huge support to the ministry leadership team.

### Sat 6 **Growing as Kingdom People**

In this season of summer fetes and fayres, pray that these events will help churches to reach out into their communities and help to share hope as well as raise funds.

## Lambeth Conference

Assembled by Archbishop Justin, the Lambeth Conference, an international meeting of Anglican bishops, has been taking place at locations around Kent, as well as at Lambeth Palace, with the official conference ending today. The conference theme was 'God's Church for God's World - walking, listening and witnessing together' with an exploration of what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs of a 21st Century world.

The theme was inspired by the book of 1 Peter with the Conference discussing church and world affairs. Through prayer, Bible study, fellowship and discussion, the Conference community explored what it means for the Anglican Communion to be responsive to the needs of our 21st Century world.



*Loving God, look with mercy on your world and the many challenges we face - through environmental crisis, poverty and hurt. Make your church a sign of hope that we may bring your peace and justice to the world. And bound together by your love, may the churches of the Anglican Communion show people Jesus.*

### Mon 8 **Areley Kings & Astley**

Pray for God's guidance for the future of the parishes of St Bartholomew's Church, Areley Kings. Remember also our schools: St Bartholomew's Primary School and Astley Primary School; Heads: Ian James and Tracie Langfield. Clergy: vacant; Reader: Sue Matthews

### Tue 9 **Kidderminster East**

Please pray we are alert to the opportunities to serve the rural areas around Stone, Shenstone and Chaddesley Corbett, along with the urban areas of east Kidderminster. Clergy: David Hildred, Robert Legge

### Wed 10 **The Protestant Church of Central Germany**

We pray for all people, congregations, and initiatives, who take care of the many refugees from Ukraine. May the support not stop, and hope increase.

### Thur 11 **Kidderminster East**

Please pray for the five (or so) regular cafe events we set up to reach out to our communities. Readers: John Chesworth, David Grist, Joe Hodgson, Geoff Surridge, and Elaine Voice.

### Fri 12 **Kidderminster East**

Please pray for the Holiday Club (22-26 Aug) as we seek to share the good news with children and their families. Readers: Christine Hickman-Smith, Lisa Manser and Carol Morris.

### Sat 13 **Diocesan Synod**

Please pray for Diocesan Synod, for its work and for all those who are represent their parishes and deaneries at this meeting.

*Please pray for all those who attended, that it was a productive and collaborative meeting.*

*Archbishop of Canterbury:  
Justin Welby*

**Praying for our baptism families**  
Lord God, thank you that you created many wonderful families. We pray that you will bless all families with confidence and security in you and themselves. Help them to appreciate the people in their world. Amen.

**Portsmouth:**  
Bishop Christopher Foster  
**Stockholm (Sweden):**  
Bishop Andreas Holmberg  
**The Church in the Province of the West Indies:**  
Archbishop Howard Gregory

**Mbeere (Kenya):** **M**  
Bishop Moses Masamba Nthukah

**Mbhashe (South Africa):** **T**  
Bishop Elliot Williams

**Mbujimayi (The Congo)** **W**

**Meath & Kildare (Ireland):** **Th**  
Bishop Patricia Louise Storey

**Medak (India):** **F**  
Bishop elect A.C. Solomon Raj

**Wad Medani (Sudan):** **S**  
Bishop Saman Farajalla Mahdi





Diocesan Youth Officer:  
Simon Hill

### International Youth Day

International Youth Day is commemorated every year on 12 August and is a chance to celebrate young people and to draw attention to the challenges they face around the world.

The idea was proposed in 1991 by the young people who were gathered in Vienna, Austria, for the first session of the World Youth Forum of the United Nations.

In our diocese we have a children's and youth council which aims to listen to, understand, and learn from their experiences.

*Please pray for young people known to us, that we might seek to remove barriers that inhibit them. Help us to enable all young people to realise their potential and play a full and active part in our churches and community. We remember those who have exam results coming up this week, in thankfulness for those whose results will reflect the hard work that they have endured and praying for peace and guidance for any who are disappointed.*

Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh (Ireland):  
Bishop Ferran Glenfield  
Aarhus (Denmark):  
Bishop Henrik Wigh-Poulsen  
The Extra-Provincial Churches

**M** **Central Melanesia:**  
Archbishop Leonard Dawea

**T** **Melbourne (Australia):**  
Bishop Phillip Freier

**W** **Meridional (Southern) (Brazil):**  
Bishop Humberto Maiztegue  
Goncalves

**Th** **Meru (Kenya):**  
Bishop Charles Mwendwa

**F** **Mexico:**  
Bishop Carlos Touche-Porter

**S** **Northern Mexico:**  
Bishop Oscar Pulido Garcia

### Mon 15 Shrawley & the Witleys

As we approach a time of vacancy, we pray that we will grow and be granted wisdom for discernment for and energy to implement reshaping ministry in the area. Pray for our schools, especially the teaching staff. Give thanks for all those who continue to help and minister in our parish. Clergy: vacant; Readers: Mark Wild, Marjorie Workman

### Tue 16 Kidderminster Ismere

Please pray for our congregations and for those in positions of leadership, in particular our ALMs. Clergy: Nigel Taylor, Simon Archer and Shaun Armstrong; Readers: Ian Strongman, Sue MacAskill and Sue Bullock.

### Wed 17 Diocese of Peru

Peru continues to suffer from the impact of the pandemic. Pray for those still struggling to access healthcare or find work, and for all whose lives and education have been so badly disrupted.

### Thur 18 Kidderminster Ismere

Please pray for St John Wolverley as it prepares to celebrate 250 years since the consecration of its current church building; a beacon on the hill in Wolverley.

### Fri 19 Local schools

Please pray for all the pupils, teachers, teaching assistants, and the support staff in our schools. That they will be refreshed by the school holidays.

### Sat 20 Growing as Kingdom People

During holiday season, pray that our churches will be welcoming to those visiting, with worship that is accessible to all.

### Refugees

*'I was a stranger and you welcomed me . . .'* Matthew 25 v 35

Through this year the plight of refugees has been, once again, highlighted with millions of people fleeing from Ukraine to find sanctuary in neighbouring countries and further afield. The UK has welcomed some, as has been the case over the past seven years with those fleeing conflict in Syria and Afghanistan. Local groups have provided support and welcome and are now offering advice to those hosting refugees from Ukraine. These include 'Bromsgrove and Redditch welcome Refugees' BRWR, which was formed in 2015, and Malvern Welcomes.

But this is just the tip of an iceberg. The office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimates that there are 26.4 million refugees living outside their own country, and 48 million more internally displaced.\* These figures have doubled in the last 18 years.

\* As of May 1st, 2022



### Mon 22 Kidderminster Ismere

Please pray for our PCC and DCCs as they pray and discuss the structure and mission of the team.

### Tue 23 St Michael, Stourport & All Saints Wilden

Give thanks for our growing bonds as a benefice through shared worship and council. Pray this will grow closer still towards a formal union with clarity on how best to use two very different buildings in worship and work with our community. For our work towards becoming an eco-benefice and our CE primary school in Wilden. Clergy: Carey Saleh; Readers: Sandra Baty, Richard Standing and Phil Saleh

### Wed 24 The Protestant Church of Central Germany

During summer, meetings are scheduled between the EKM and our Polish Orthodox partner church, both in the EKM and in Poland. May these encounters bear fruit in the hearts and minds of all participating sisters and brothers, and bring about more understanding for each other.

### Thur 25 World Water Week

In World Water Week, please pray for those communities who are thirsty and don't have access to clean water. Pray for the work of those charities who seek to ensure everyone has access to a safe water supply.

### Fri 26 Families in poverty

Please pray for those families who are struggling to make ends meet; particularly during summer holidays for children who would receive a free hot meal at school and whose families can't afford to do some activities other children may experience.

### Sat 27 Care for creation

Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and all who reside here. We give thanks for the Eco Church scheme and remember your love for all creation.

*During this week, pray for all those who flee their homes due to conflict, persecution, poverty or violence, and pray for those who receive and care for them, including the UNHCR and local groups such as BRWR.*

Kidderminster & Stourport Deanery:  
Area Dean – Tim Williams  
Lay Chair – Claire Stockford

Espoo (Finland):  
Bishop Kaisamari Hintikka  
Edinburgh (Scotland):  
Bishop John Armes  
The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria:  
Bishop Samy Fawzy

**Southeast Mexico:** **M**  
Bishop Julio Trejo

**Western Mexico:** **T**  
Bishop Western Mexico

**Michigan (USA):** **W**  
Bonnie Perry

**Eastern Michigan (USA):** **Th**  
Bishop Todd Ousley

**Northern Michigan (USA):** **F**  
Bishop Rayford Ray

**Western Michigan (USA):** **S**  
Bishop Wayne Hougland

*Please pray for Kirsty and new Deputy Registrar Lisa Moncur as they take up their new roles as well as for Liz Matthews, Registry Clerk, who is moving to work at the diocesan office.*

**New Registrar, Kirsty Duxbury**

Kirsty Duxbury became our new Diocesan Registrar at the start of July.

The Diocesan Registrar is a solicitor and is the legal officer for the Diocese of Worcester, giving general legal advice to clergy, parish officers, boards and councils and overseeing the faculty system which enables churches to make changes to their buildings.

Kirsty has previously worked as Deputy Registrar at the Diocese of Blackburn and Chester and is based at Anthony Collins solicitors.

Kirsty said: "I am extremely honoured to be appointed to this important role and very much look forward to working with the bishop and the diocesan team. It is a privilege to be able to help and support the clergy, lay workers and volunteers in carrying out the mission of the Church."



**Mon 29 Mission Accompaniers**

Please pray for our Mission Accompaniers who are working alongside clergy and laity in the parish, church and benefice. Pray that they will help churches develop plans that will ensure they are healthier and more sustainable.

**Tues 30 Kidderminster West**

At St Peter's Church give thanks for a dedicated volunteer team and good relationships within the community. Pray for mission, outreach and fundraising, especially the folk club, playgroup, messy church and breakfast mornings. Clergy: Tim Williams, Alex Vaccaro, Chris Henson, Chris Betson, Laura Betson

**Wed 31 Economy & Daily Life**

Pray for schools and colleges, as the new academic year begins next week. For all who work in education, as well as pupils and students, especially those starting at a new school or college. Pray for friendships to be formed and isolation and exclusion to be overcome.

**Thur 1 SEPTEMBER Kidderminster West**

At St John the Baptist Church give thanks for the good relationship with our local church school. Pray for mission, outreach and fundraising, especially the Knit and Natter, social club, messy church, playgroup and youth club. Clergy: Tim Williams, Alex Vaccaro, Chris Henson, Chris Betson, Laura Betson

**Fri 2 Kidderminster West**

At Holy Innocents' Church give thanks for our welcoming and inclusive congregation. Pray for mission, outreach and fundraising, especially for the re-ordering project, coffee mornings and the Praise Maze family service. Clergy: Tim Williams, Alex Vaccaro, Chris Henson, Chris Betson, Laura Betson

**Sat 3 Growing as Kingdom People**

Give thanks and pray for the volunteers in all our churches. Help them to feel guided by your Spirit and love as they live out our values of love, compassion, justice and freedom in their communities.

**New Deputy Director of Education**

Spencer Morris has been appointed as our new Deputy Director of Education, following the promotion of Tim Reid to Director of Education last year.

Spencer joins the diocesan team this month from his previous role as Headteacher at Red Hill Church of England Primary in Worcester, where he has been for the past thirteen years.

Spencer said: "This new role is an exciting opportunity for me to work with schools across the Diocese. I am sad to be leaving Red Hill, but I'm ready for the next challenge and am looking forward to visiting different schools and supporting the staff and children there."

Diocesan Director of Education, Tim Reid said: "I'm delighted that Spencer is joining our team. The additional capacity Spencer will bring to our team will help us ensure that every child in our schools has the opportunity to flourish in an ever-changing educational landscape."



**Mon 5 Teme Valley North**

As we approach a vacancy, we thank God for already inhabiting our future, for those ministers already offering to help, and for the faithfulness or own ordained and lay leaders. We ask that we will grow through the vacancy, and be granted wisdom for discernment for and energy to implement reshaping ministry in the area. Pray for our schools and teaching staff. And thanks for all those who continue to help and minister in our parish. Clergy: vacant; Readers: Mark Wild, Marjorie Workman

**Tue 6 Foodbanks**

Pray for all those working in foodbanks across the Diocese. Give thanks for their friendly and non-judgemental welcome as well as the difference they make to those who are struggling. Pray for continuing generosity among those of us who can afford to buy extra to help ensure no one goes without.

**Wed 7 Diocese of Peru**

The Cathedral of the Good Shepherd in Lima has recently experienced turbulent times. Pray for its congregations as they seek calmer times and discern the way ahead, and for all who provide leadership in that process.

**Thur 8 Director of Ordinands and Vocation**

Pray for the work of Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Vocation, John Fitzmaurice in supporting those who are training for ministry in the Diocese and for those who assist him: Andy Todd, Diane Cooksey, Katryn Leclizio, Philip Morton

**Fri 9 Those in fuel poverty**

With energy costs continuing to rise, pray for all those who are struggling to make ends meet and, as we go through winter, have to choose whether to turn on the heating or buy food. Give thanks for all the charitable organisations who help support people through difficult times.

**Sat 10 Calling Young Disciples Team**

Please pray for Jayne, Sian, Helen, Emma and Simon, and for the parishes engaging with children, young people and families, ensuring the project has met its aims and ends well.

*Please pray for Spencer as he begins this new role as well as the whole education team and the schools across the Diocese with whom they work.*

Deputy Director of Education: Spencer Morris

**Praying for our baptism families**  
Dear God, we thank you for those parents who bring their children to be baptised. Help them to encourage their children to listen to you and know that you have a plan for their lives. Amen.

**Salisbury:** Bishop Stephen Lake with Bishops Andrew Rumsey (Ramsbury), Karen Gorham (Sherborne)  
**St Asaph (Wales):** Bishop Gregory Cameron  
**The Anglican Church of Australia:** Archbishop Geoffrey Smith

**Missouri (USA):** M  
Bishop Deon Johnson

**West Missouri (USA):** T  
Bishop Martin Field

**Mityana (Uganda):** W  
Bishop Stephen Kaziimba

**Mombasa (Kenya):** Th  
Bishop Alphonse Mwaro Baya

**Monmouth (Wales):** F  
Chery Vann

**Montana (USA):** S  
Bishop Martha Stebbins

**M** **Micronesia:**  
Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick

**T** **Milwaukee (USA):**  
Bishop Steven Miller

**W** **Minna (Nigeria):**  
Bishop Daniel Abu Yisa

**Th** **Minnesota (USA):**  
Bishop Craig Loya

**F** **Mishamikoweesh (Canada):**  
Bishop Lydia Mamakwa

**S** **Mississippi (USA):**  
Bishop Brian Seage

**Pray for those who are being licensed this September, for those starting their training, and for anyone considering their call to this ministry as part of God's many gifts and callings to the church.**

*Kidderminster & Stourport Deanery  
Leadership Team: Mark Hall,  
Paul Blackham, Julia Curtis*

*Ribe (Denmark):  
Bishop Elof Westergaard*

*Bath & Wells:  
Bishop Peter Hancock with  
Bishop Ruth Worsley*

*The Church of Bangladesh:  
Archbishop Samuel Sunil Mankhin*

## Licensed Lay Ministers

This September sees more people being admitted as Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) in Worcester Cathedral, and others starting their training for this ministry.

Among the many lay ministries in the church, LLM or Reader Ministry (as it always used to be called) is one of the oldest, and unusual because it requires the bishop's licence, unlike other lay ministries which either have local authorisation or need absolutely no authorisation at all.

LLMs are expected to undergo more rigorous training to become licenced teachers, preachers, and theologians in the Church of England, while remaining clearly lay and not ordained, concerned with the life of the church in daily life, leisure and workplace.

An LLM nowadays is expected to use their theological training and insight to help their church discern what God is doing in their community and in our time and identify the best ways to respond. This can include traditional preaching and teaching ministry, but also more entrepreneurial, pioneering, and different approaches to supporting mission and discipleship.

### Mon 12 Teme Valley South

For all the local rural communities our churches serve in Eastham, The Hanleys, Kyre, Rochford, Stoke Bliss, and Stanford on Teme. May they be blessed as welcoming, thriving and productive places to live and work. We pray especially for the hop harvest taking place this month. Clergy: Julia Curtis; Reader: Pete Thorpe

### Tue 13 Teme Valley South

For an appropriate balance in TVS between traditional services in our church buildings, the life events we host and our newer ways of meeting God through praise services, blessings group, Forest Church, Walking Church, and Cafe Church. Giving thanks for such a beautiful place to be. Clergy: Julia Curtis; Reader: Pete Thorpe

### Wed 14 Diocese of Morogoro

We give thanks for the deepening link between the Mamboya Eco Village, set within the beautiful countryside of the Diocese, and the community of Worcester Cathedral. We pray that the challenge we all face of becoming more environmentally friendly will lead to a much greater willingness within communities to share ecologically-friendly approaches to sustaining our shared home on planet Earth.

### Thur 15 Teme Valley South

We pray for those in our communities of Eastham, The Hanleys, Kyre, Rochford, Stoke Bliss, Stanford on Teme who are struggling with financial, health or relationship worries. Praying for wise stewardship of our local charities who support them and that we may reach those in need.

### Fri 16 Worcestershire Severn parishes

At St James, Hartlebury, pray for new opportunities in the village and with the school and the future of the mission church at Crossway Green. Clergy: Stephen Winter; Readers: James Homer, Richard Jeynes and Richard Berry.

### Sat 17 Growing as Kingdom People

We pray for the Open Conversations planned for 20 and 26 September, that parishes will feel inspired, supported and resourced as we journey into the future together and they explore the next steps for their church.

## Disability Awareness Sunday

There are 1 billion disabled people living in the world today, with 12 million of those in the UK alone (18% of the population). Statistics show that globally a disabled person is more likely to live in poverty and isolation and to be a victim of crime and discrimination. They are less likely to be in employment and have less access to education, transport, appropriate housing, and the internet (Office of Disability Issues). The cost of bringing up a disabled child is three times greater than bringing up a non-disabled child (Scope).

Through the Roof is a Christian disability charity, which wants to see everyone valued equally, fully belong, and able to contribute their gifts and skills. The charity's name comes from the Bible account where some men break through the roof to help their disabled friend meet Jesus (Luke 5). We recognise that every person is made in the image of God and has inherent value and worth, which includes people who have personal experience of disability.



### Mon 19 Worcestershire Severn parishes

At St Andrew, Ombersley, pray for the ongoing 'Towards 10 Years' programme looking forward to the 200th anniversary of the current church in 2028. At St Mary, Doverdale, pray for links with Sytchampton school and the securing of the church fabric. Clergy: Stephen Winter; Readers: James Homer, Richard Jeynes, Richard Berry

### Tue 20 Worcestershire Severn parishes

At St Michael, Elmley Lovett, pray for plans for the church building and links with Cutnall Green school. At St James, Hampton Lovett, pray for the vision for the future of the church building. At St Mary, Elmbridge, for our All Age Worship and at St Michael, Rushock, for the opportunities with young families. Clergy: Stephen Winter; Readers: James Homer, Richard Jeynes and Richard Berry.

### Wed 21 Economy & Daily Life

On St. Matthew's day, pray for all who work in the tax system, and for fairer tax nationally and globally, ending tax avoidance by multi-nationals and taxes that mean the poorest and most vulnerable bear more than their fair share of tax. Pray for the campaigning charity Church Action on Tax Justice.

### Thur 22 Wyre Forest West

We celebrate the restarting of our projects for young people – Little Fishes, Activity Days, School involvement etc. We pray for all those being baptised, for their families and godparents, that this is the beginning of a growing faith. Clergy: Julia Quinn, Sallie Butcher

### Fri 23 Wyre Forest West

We pray for our growing outreach through regular coffee mornings and for the fellowship which they provide. We give thanks for all our volunteers who enable worship and community activities to continue – our ALMs, PCCs, Churchwardens and treasurers. Clergy: Julia Quinn, Sallie Butcher

### Sat 24 Wyre Forest West

We pray for all those who are sick and suffering from across our church congregations and communities. We give thanks for all the support that they are receiving from those that are treating and caring for them. Clergy: Julia Quinn, Sallie Butcher

**Pray that throughout the world, people with disabilities may experience dignity, acceptance of equality and self-sufficiency in their lives.**

*Diocesan Disability Adviser:  
Jo Hyrons*

**Sheffield:**  
*Bishop Pete Wilcox with  
Bishop Sophie Jelley (Doncaster)*  
**Church of Greenland:** (Diocese of Greenland within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark)  
*Bishop Paneeraq Siegstad Munk*  
**Anglican Church of Brazil:**  
*Archbishop Naudal Alves Gomes*

**Mpumalanga (South Africa):**  
*Bishop Daniel Kgomosotho*

**Mpwapwa (Tanzania):**  
*Bishop Jacob Erasto Chimeledya*

**Mthatha (South Africa):**  
*Bishop Hummingfield Ndwandwe*

**Muhabura (Uganda):**  
*Bishop Cranmer Mugisha*

**Mukono (Uganda):**  
*Bishop James William Ssebaggala*

**Multan (Pakistan):**  
*Bishop Leo Rodrick Paul*

**M** *Montreal (Canada):  
Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson*

**T** *Moosonee (Canada):  
Bishop Anne Germond*

**W** *Moray, Ross & Caithness  
(Scotland): Bishop Mark Strange*

**Th** *Port Moresby  
(Papua New Guinea): Vacant*

**F** *Morobo (South Sudan):  
Bishop Data Aмоса Elinama*

**S** *Morogoro (Tanzania):  
Bishop Godfrey Sehaba*

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### A generous God

Generosity is at the heart of our faith. We believe in a generous God and our own generosity is a testament and hallmark of our faith in action. Every day we see generosity in our churches and Christian communities, reflecting the generous God we believe in. It takes time, support and above all prayer to grow a generous culture. Last Harvest, the Church of England launched Generosity Week which we are repeating this year to give us the time and space to reflect on God's Generosity and celebrate God's generosity within our church's ministry and mission.

**Generous God, we thank you for all the good things you give us. As we thank you for our food, we remember all those who do not have enough. We give thanks for the harvest donations for the food banks across the diocese and the time, money, and talents of those working to provide food for the people who need it most. We pray for farmers, fishermen and all those who work in the food industry; we give thanks for their work.**

Stewardship and Resources Officer:  
Chris Boden

**Swansea and Brecon (Wales):**  
Bishop John Lomas  
**Leicester:**  
Bishop Martyn Snow with  
Bishop Saju Muthalaly  
(Loughborough)  
**The Anglican Church of Burundi:**  
Archbishop Sixbert Macumi

**M** **Mumbai (India):**  
Bishop Prakash Patole

**T** **Mumias (Kenya):**  
Bishop Joseph Wandera

**W** **Mundri (South Sudan):**  
Bishop Bismark Monday  
Avokaya Azuma

**Th** **Mundu (South Sudan):**  
Bishop Samuel Lomude Eluzai

**F** **Murang'a South (Kenya):**  
Bishop Julius Karanu Wa Gicheru

**S** **The Murray (Australia):**  
Bishop Keith Dalby

### Mon 26 Volunteers

Pray for all those who serve the church in a voluntary capacity, offering their time and talents to share the love of Christ with others.

### Tue 27 Retired Clergy in Kidderminster & Stourport Deanery

Approaching the season of Michaelmas, many older clergy will remember this as the time of their ordination. Thanks be to God for their response to the call of their vocation and their faithfulness through the years.

### Wed 28 The Protestant Church of Central Germany

Magdeburg is surrounded by the most fertile soil. With thanksgiving ahead, we pray that this region will contribute to the food supply regionally as well as globally.

### Thur 29 Children's and Youth Officers

Pray for all the children and young people in our churches throughout the Diocese. Pray for those who are part of the Children's and Youth Councils and for Children's Officer, Emma Pettifer and Youth Officer, Simon Hill. Please pray for working through changes to how children and young people's ministry is supported going forward.

### Fri 30 Ministry and Discipleship Team

Please pray for the diocesan Ministry and Discipleship Team, as they seek to support existing and new ministries, help nurture ever-deepening discipleship, and point people to a wide range of resources and opportunities. Please pray for all involved with the pilot Auxiliary Pathway of discernment and formation towards locally-focused ordained ministry. Team members: Doug Chaplin, John Fitzmaurice, Simon Hill, Jonathan Kimber, Emma Pettifer.

### Sat 1 OCTOBER Growing as Kingdom People

At the start of Black History Month, help us to see the image of God in every person, irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing.

### Wild Christian

A Rocha UK's Wild Christian scheme is a community of families and individuals exploring the connections between our Christian faith, the natural environment, and how we live.

It is a chance to journey together, reflecting biblically and acting boldly. Through the Wild Christian programme, A Rocha invites you to share your story, ideas and learning so that collectively we can live more joyfully and sustainably with the rest of God's Creation. All are welcome to sign up and each month you will receive something to think about and some practical actions that you can take to help you enjoy, nurture and protect nature. You'll also have the opportunity to share your own stories, if you wish, and to help generate ideas for future editions.

Find out more at [arocha.org.uk/wildchristian](http://arocha.org.uk/wildchristian)



### Mon 3 Malvern & Upton Deanery

Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we embark on the journey of transformation and change in our deanery. Give thanks for the faithfulness, creativity and energy in our parishes and pray that we will grow ever closer as Kingdom people, serving our communities and sharing the good news of Jesus. Area Dean: Mark Badger, Lay Chair: Maria Toman, Leadership Team: Sarah Kelsey, Sarah Maxfield Phillips, Philip Johnson, Gary Crellin, Derek Valentine

### Tue 4 Third Order of the Society of St Francis

Please pray for the Wyvern Area (Hereford & Worcester) Third Order of the Society of St Francis who will be meeting today for the annual renewal of their vows. For our Rector, Fr Garry Ward TSSF.

### Wed 5 Diocese of Peru

Pray for Bishop Jorge in his leadership of the Diocese of Peru, as he seeks to consolidate the work of the Anglican Church in challenging circumstances and determine a vision for the future.

### Thur 6 Great Malvern Priory

Please pray for the Priory as we prepare to launch our £12 million bid for funding to preserve the wonderful mediaeval glass and improve our out-dated facilities. Pray that this project will involve the town as well as the church community. Clergy: Rod Corke, Jonny Gordon, Adam Wharton, Readers: Richard Weatherill, David Webster, Sue Williams, Chris Boulton

### Fri 7 Longdon, Castlemorton, Bushley

Please pray for Longdon, Castlemorton, Bushley. Pray for our worship, giving and outreach in Longdon; the future use of the completed church development project in Castlemorton, and for ministry to the CE Primary School; in Bushley, for the wisdom and funds to deal with a raft of building repairs.

### Sat 8 Eldersfield, Hollybush and Birtsmorton

Please pray for Eldersfield, Hollybush and Birtsmorton. Pray for the PCC and all office holders, Eldersfield Lawn CE Primary School, Open the Book Team, bell ringers, Prayer Group, and for all community involvement and outreach. For our ALM. Clergy: Julie James, Anthea Elston

**Pray for all Eco Churches across the diocese and give thanks for all that individuals and parishes are doing to care for God's creation.**

Chair of the Diocesan Climate Crisis Group: Hugh Burton  
Eco Church Champion: Sue Adeney

**Praying for our Baptism families**  
Loving Father, this is a constantly changing world for parents to bring up children. Help them to embrace change and to make the right decisions for the lives of their children. Amen.

**Liverpool:**  
Vacant with Bishop Beverley  
Mason (Warrington)  
**Monmouth (Wales):**  
Bishop Cherry Vann  
**Haderslev (Denmark):**  
Bishop Marianne Christiansen  
**The Anglican Church of Canada:**  
Archbishop Linda Nicholls

**Muyinga (Burundi):** **M**  
Bishop Paisible Ndacayisaba

**Myitkyina (Myanmar):** **T**  
Bishop John Zau Li

**Nagpur (India):** **W**  
Bishop Paul Dupare

**Nairobi (Kenya):** **Th**  
Bishop Joel Waweru Mwangi

**Nakuru (Kenya):** **F**  
Bishop Joseph Muchai

**Nambale (Kenya):** **S**  
Bishop Robert Magina Barasa





Malvern & Upton Deanery -  
Area Dean: Mark Badger  
Lay Chair: Maria Toman

**Truro:**

Bishop Philip Mounstephen with  
Bishop Hugh Nelson (St Germans)

**Tönsberg (Norway):**

Bishop Jan Otto Myrseth

**Strängnäs (Sweden):**

Bishop Johan Dalman

**Church of the Province of Central**

**Africa:** Archbishop Albert Chama

**Prisons Sunday**

'I was in prison and you visited me . . .'

Matthew 25 v 36



Today, Prison Sunday, and during this Prisons Week, we pray for prisoners, their families, victims of crime, the courts, the police, and probation services and all who work in prisons and the Criminal Justice System.

In Matthew 25 one of those simple acts which mark out a Christian response to our neighbour, alongside feeding the hungry and thirsty, welcoming the stranger and caring for the sick, is visiting those in prison. This is where justice, judgement, redemption, repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation, and resurrection can be very real. Whilst any need for prison is a sign of failure, they, and the system of justice of which they are the most visible element, can also be a means of rehabilitation. Through restorative justice schemes, there can be an understanding of the impact of actions on others, and the hope of reconciliation and forgiveness.

COVID, amongst other factors, has placed great pressure on the whole of the Criminal Justice System, leading to delays in resolving cases. Pray too for those responsible for the whole system, for clarity and wisdom in how it is managed and resourced so that justice may be established for all.

**Mon 10 World Mental Health Day**

On World Mental Health Day, pray for those who struggle with their mental health and all who support them. Give us faith to see beyond the current troubles and hope to see each day with the love that we are given by those around us.

**Tue 11 Hanley Castle & Hanley Swan, Welland**

Please pray for all who minister in both our benefices of Upton & Hanley Castle with Hanley Swan & Welland. For all who work to maintain our churches in Upton and the surrounding rural communities. Clergy: Barry Unwin, Sue Adeney; Readers: Alison Martin

**Wed 12 Diocese of Morogoro**

We pray for the doctors, nurses and all other staff of the Tunguli Health Centre which is linked with Berega Hospital. May God bless the efforts of the Mission Morogoro Charity as they fundraise to appoint a full-time midwife to serve the needs of both mothers and children and to provide the necessary education which will lead to safer childbirth and to improved health for the very young.

**Thur 13 Holy Trinity, Malvern**

Please give thanks for the monthly community meal, the toddler group, weekly coffee morning and musical events we have held recently. Please pray as we seek to live out our vision to be a 'thriving church and beacon in the community'. Clergy: Becky Elliott, Eric Knowles, Sylvia Coke-Wood and Clare Griffiths.

**Fri 14 Malvern Community Hospital**

Please pray for Malvern Community Hospital. Pray for all in-patients and the medical teams that support them. For out-patient services always on-hand to serve the community. Remember also those who work in the background: medical secretaries, admin support and the facilities team. Prayerful thanks to all volunteers and the chaplaincy and pastoral support team.

**Sat 15 Growing as Kingdom People**

Pray for all the leaders in our churches, both lay and ordained. Pray that they will feel supported in their role as they work to develop the discipleship of their congregations and welcome new Christians.

**M** **Namibia** (Southern Africa):  
Bishop Luke Pato

**T** **Namirembe** (Uganda):  
Bishop Namirembe

**W** **Nampula** (Mozambique):  
Vacant

**Th** **Nandyal** (India):  
Bishop Eggoni Pushpalalitha

**F** **Nasik** (India):  
Vacant

**S** **Nasir** (South Sudan):  
Bishop Simon Lual Bang Jal

**Eco Family Fair at Worcester Cathedral**

The Cathedral Eco Group have been inviting the local community to join in a series of free events to help learn how to live more gently on the Earth.

The events have explored faith, cooking, gardening, money and shopping among other things. They have been funded by the National Lottery and will culminate in a Big Green Family Fair in the Cathedral's medieval cloisters in October.

Vice-Dean of Worcester, Canon Stephen Edwards, said: "We are extremely grateful to have secured funding to be able to work with our community to build a legacy of ongoing climate action."

In September 2021, the Cathedral declared a climate emergency and committed to encouraging the community to make relevant lifestyle changes. The Cathedral also signed up to A Rocha UK's Eco Church Scheme, and last month became a Bronze Eco Church – it is now working towards Silver.



**Mon 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**

Let us pray on International Eradication of Poverty Day for an end to food waste and for governments to put in place policies so that no one has to be hungry.

**Tue 18 Anti-Slavery Day**

Heavenly Father, who sees the unseen and notices the unnoticed, help each of us to hear the hidden voices of those who pray for release from slavery and exploitation and to feel the fear of the cornered and be roused to action.

**Wed 19 The Protestant Church of Central Germany**

The Magdeburg Area is now led by a team of two area bishops - Johann Schneider and Bettina Schlauff. We pray for their ministry.

**Thur 20 Kempsey & Severn Stoke w Croome d'Abitot**

Pray for Kempsey & Severn Stoke w Croome d'Abitot, giving thanks for our partnership with All Saints Worcester and praying for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we work together to refresh and reinvigorate our worship and establish a mission project in Norton. Clergy: Mark Badger, Rachel Colthurst, Owain Bell, Don Sloggett; Families' Missioner: Libberty Holt, Readers: Libby James, Ron Rust.

**Fri 21 Little Malvern**

Pray for our outreach to walkers, cyclists, pilgrims and others who visit this ancient church, and for the development of a 'Benedictine Trail.' We give thanks for our links with Little Malvern Court and Gardens. Clergy: Stephen Sealy.

**Sat 22 Diocesan Secretary's Team**

Please pray for John Preston, Rob Quarton, Emma Woollaston and Judith Nex, for wisdom and effectiveness as they manage our administration and governance.

*Please pray for the wisdom to care for the Earth for all those who live on it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures.*

Malvern & Upton Deanery:  
Secretary - Sarah Kelsey  
Treasurer - Derek Valentine

**Växjö (Sweden):**

Bishop Fredrik Modéus

**Oxford:**

Bishop Steven Croft with Bishops Olivia Graham (Reading), Gavin Collins (Dorchester), Alan Wilson (Buckingham)

**The Church of Central America:**  
Archbishop Julio Murray Thompson

**Natal** (South Africa): **M**  
Bishop Nkosinathi Ndwandwe

**Navajoland** (USA): **T**  
Bishop David Bailey

**Ndakwa** (Nigeria): **W**  
Bishop David F. A. Obiosa

**Nebbi** (Uganda): **Th**  
Bishop Pons Ozelle

**Nebraska** (USA): **F**  
Bishop Scott Barker

**Nelson** (New Zealand): **S**  
Bishop Steve Maina



Malvern & Upton Deanery  
Leadership Team members:  
Sarah Maxfield Phillips,  
Philip Johnson, Gary Crellin

Carlisle:  
Bishop James Newcome  
with Bishop designate Robert  
Saner-Haigh (Penrith)  
Diocese of Stavanger (Norway):  
Bishop Anne Lise Ådnøy  
Anglican Church in the Congo:  
Archbishop Titre Ande Georges

## Bible Sunday

Today is Bible Sunday, which is all about celebrating the Scriptures.

The story of Bible Sunday goes back to 1549 when the Anglican Book of Common Prayer was first published. This has set verses and prayers for each Sunday. The prayer for the second Sunday in Advent was a Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Holy Scriptures. It was based upon the first line of Romans 15.4: 'For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us ...'

As a result, for centuries the second Sunday in Advent was called Bible Sunday in Anglican churches and is often when churches focus their Sunday service on the same Bible passage and join together to celebrate God's word.

The collect from the Book of Common Prayer:

**Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

### Mon 24 Parsonages & Facilities Team

We give thanks for our parsonages and facilities team, Ruth Beard, Jaine Simm, Paul Coombes and Carl Woollaston, and pray for their work supporting the ministry and mission of parishes and the diocesan office.

### Tue 25 Mental Health Awareness

On National Stress Awareness Day pray for all those who are suffering with their mental health. Help us all to find time in our day to pause and reflect on the things causing us stress and find ways of reducing it.

### Wed 26 Economy & Daily Life

Since the beginning of the COVID pandemic the number of self-employed people in the UK has fallen 17% to 4.2 million people. They do not benefit from employment law concerning such things as maternity and paternity leave and sick pay. Pray for people who are self-employed in your community.

### Thur 27 St Andrew, Malvern

For our children and youth through our Early Birds service, toddlers, and Sunday groups. For our work on the Brook Farm Estate and at the Octagon Community as we seek to explore setting up a new worshipping community there. Clergy: Dave Bruce; Readers: Heather Williamson, Derham Cooke, Judith Keene

### Fri 28 All Saints, Malvern Wells & Wyche

For our work in our two church primary schools, for strengthening relationships and opportunities to share God's love with the children. For our Toddlers group and Messy Church reaching local families. Clergy: Dave Bruce; Readers: Peter Buchanan, Jacqui Green

### Sat 29 Growing as Kingdom People

Pray for all those who feel excluded from our churches and help us to find new ways to ensure they are welcomed.

M Nevada (USA):  
Bishop Dan Edwards

T New Busa (Nigeria):  
Bishop Israel A. Amoo

W The New Guinea Islands  
(Papua New Guinea):  
Bishop Reginald Makele

Th New Hampshire (USA):  
Bishop Robert Hirschfeld

F New Jersey (USA):  
Bishop William Stokes

S New Westminster (Canada):  
Bishop John Stephens

## Light Parties

Many churches are offering an alternative to Hallowe'en trick or treating by inviting local families to a 'Light Party' in the church, which celebrates light rather than darkness.

St Michael's Church in Norton and St James in Wollaston plan and run their children and family events together, alternating location between the two churches. Last year they hosted a Family Light Party, a non-scary alternative to Hallowe'en. There were light-related crafts, hot dogs, hot chocolate and a light trail in the trees, which became more magical as dusk fell.

Approximately 100 children and adults attended and had a wonderful time.



### Mon 31 Christ Church, Malvern

Please pray for Christ Church, Malvern. We are a small bible-based and Eucharistic-centred congregation with a great welcome and outreach in Malvern. Pray for our work in our schools, our fantastic concerts, our weekly book fairs and coffee mornings and our charity work.

### Tue 1 November Queenhill w Holdfast

Pray for worship, giving and outreach at Queenhill w Holdfast.

### Wed 2 Diocese of Peru

Pray for all who minister in the Diocese of Peru, lay and ordained, and for all the places in which they serve. Pray too for all those exploring a vocation to ministry in the diocese.

### Thur 3 Emergency services

Pray for all those who work in the emergency services, particularly for the increased challenges they have faced throughout the pandemic. Give them strength and pray that they will feel God's love as they carry out their vital work.

### Fri 4 Diocesan Counselling Team

Please pray for the Bishop's Adviser in Pastoral Care and Counselling, Dr David Mair and give thanks for all that he and the wider counselling team do to support clergy, their families and diocesan staff.

### Sat 5 Those who mourn

Gracious God, surround all who mourn this day with your continuing compassion. Do not let grief overwhelm your children or turn them against you. When grief seems never-ending, take them one step at a time along your road of death and resurrection.

*Dear God, at a time when darkness is often celebrated, we pray for your light. Shine across our world and lead people to yourself this Hallowe'en. We pray for all of our churches planning alternative light-based celebrations, giving thanks for all they do to reach out and bless their communities. Amen.*

Malvern & Upton Deanery:  
Secretary - Sarah Kelsey  
Treasurer - Derek Valentine

Winchester:  
Bishop Timothy Dakin with Bishops  
David Williams (Basingstoke)  
Debbie Sellin (Southampton)  
Agder and Telemark (Norway):  
Bishop Stein Reinertsen  
Anglican Church in Chile:  
Archbishop Hector Zavala

New York (USA):  
Bishop Andrew Dietsche

Central New York (USA):  
Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe

Western New York (USA):  
Bishop Sean Rowe

Newala (Tanzania):  
Bishop Oscar Mnung'a

Newark (USA):  
Bishop Carlye J Hughes

Newcastle (Australia):  
Bishop Peter Stuart

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**All Souls service at St Nicholas, Warndon**

During Covid, St Nicholas Church moved their service of Remembering outside to enable people to still attend. It worked so well that they decided to hold the service in the churchyard again the following year.

The Revd Rosie Moss said: "We found that people really enjoyed being out of doors. Being in the churchyard is very special. People gathered under our big 800 year old yew tree, which is almost like the cathedral of the graveyard!"

Ribbons were hung on the tree branches and candle were lit in jam jars and placed around the base of the tree. All those who had lost someone during the past year were invited and the simple service appealed to people whether they were regular churchgoers or not. Hot drinks were served at the end.

"We found being outside was much more accessible for people unused to church and they could still remember their loved ones in a very special way," said Rosie.

**Mon 7 Malvern Link with Cowleigh**

We pray for those in our communities who are struggling, whether from loneliness, separation from loved ones, financial hardship, lack of good employment, difficulties in school, illness, long term conditions. Clergy: Phillip Johnson; Readers: Mike Hancox, Allen Hudson, Eileen Tomlin

**Tue 8 Malvern Link with Cowleigh**

We pray for our work with our local schools, the Malvern Link Dementia Meeting Centre at St Matthias', the Community Fridge at the Church of the Ascension and our arts centre at St Peter's, Cowleigh. Clergy: Phillip Johnson; Readers: Mike Hancox, Allen Hudson, Eileen Tomlin

**Wed 9 Diocese of Morogoro**

We pray for the clergy and people of new parishes that are being created within Morogoro Diocese in areas that have previously not been served by the Christian Church. May these new parishes be blessed, and their leaders strengthened as they seek to bring the good news of the Gospel to those living around them.

**Thur 10 Old Hills parishes**

As our fragile churches across Powick, Callow End, Guarford and Madresfield with Newland grapple with their future role, we pray that our community inspired events will inspire living in these villages and they will get involved with their faith and their church. Pray also for our ALMs. Clergy: Gary Crellin; Reader: Julia Davis

**Fri 11 Old Hills parishes**

On Armistice Day, pray for our involvement with CE primary schools in Powick, Callow End and Madresfield as they embrace Remembrance and for our work with the Royal British Legion branch and Scouts and Guides in Powick and Callow End. Clergy: Gary Crellin; Reader: Julia Davis

**Sat 12 Growing as Kingdom People**

Pray for all our churches as they work to appropriately sustain their life and ministry, with enough volunteers to take on different roles, funds to cover costs and a building which supports mission and ministry.

*Pray for all the All Souls services taking place at this time of year and for all those who have lost someone during the past 12 months.*

*Malvern & Upton Deanery -  
Area Dean: Mark Badger  
Lay Chair: Maria Toman*

*Praying for our baptism families:  
Dear God, we thank you for parents  
and for the juggling act they are  
often performing with the busyness  
of life. Help them to find some  
space each day, to spend time  
talking to you. Amen*

*Norwich:  
Bishop Graham Usher with  
Bishops Alan Winton (Theford)  
Jane Steen (Lynn)  
Luleå (Sweden):  
Bishop Åsa Nyström  
The Church of England:  
Archbishop Justin Welby*

**M** *Newcastle:  
Vacant with  
Bishop Mark Wroe (Berwick)*

**T** *Eastern Newfoundland  
& Labrador (Canada):  
Bishop Sam Rose*

**W** *Central Newfoundland (Canada):  
Bishop John Watton*

**Th** *Western Newfoundland (Canada):  
Bishop John Organ*

**F** *Ngbo (Nigeria):  
Bishop Godwin A. Awoke*

**S** *Niagara (Canada):  
Bishop Susan Bell*

**Remembrance Sunday**

Paying tribute to mark last year's Remembrance Day and to commemorate 100 years of the Royal British Legion, Fladbury Church and CE Primary School made a river of poppies with over 3,800 knitted and crocheted poppies.

The idea came from two neighbours, Angela Fowler, and Elaine Stevens. Angela said: "We wanted to mark the centenary of the Royal British Legion (RBL) and honour all those from our village who served their country in the World Wars. We thought it could be a fundraiser but were also keen for it to be something that was affordable and which anyone could join in with!"

The original aim was to collect 2,340 poppies – 10 for each person from the village who served in the wars. However, many more have been produced, with people contributing from as far away as Nottingham and Eastbourne.



*Today, we pray for the soldiers  
who must fight in wars to protect,  
we remember their sacrifice with  
reverence and sadness. We pray  
for those who have been affected  
by war and for those who have  
lost their homes and security.  
But above all, we pray for peace.*

*Malvern & Upton Deanery  
Leadership Team members:  
Sarah Maxfield Phillips,  
Philip Johnson, Gary Crellin*

*Estonian Evangelical  
Lutheran Church: Archbishop  
Urmas Viilma with Bishops Tiit  
Salumäe & Joel Luhamets  
Rochester:  
Bishop Simon Burton-Jones  
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui:  
Archbishop Andrew Chan*

**Mon 14 St James, West Malvern**

Please give thanks for the friendship we have with St James' Primary school and the joy of welcoming the children into the church. Pray as we work to become a flourishing small church. Clergy: Becky Elliott, Rosemary Herbert and Nicholas Menon.

**Tue 15 St Mary, Pickersleigh**

Please pray for the volunteers who support our work at our Community Fridge, Pickersleigh Bears toddlers and Community Café. For those in our community who struggle to provide for their families in these difficult times. Clergy: Lynne Sparkes.

**Wed 16 Families**

We are thankful for the time we have with our families. We pray for our loved ones and ask that you will give strength to those who are struggling and need support.

**Thur 17 Church Buildings Team**

Pray for the diocesan Church Buildings Team - Mark Carter, Kate Andrew and Pat Evemy and for the work they are doing to support our church buildings and churchyards. Pray also for the volunteers on the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the time and expertise they give freely.

**Fri 18 Upton-on-Severn & the Hook**

Please pray for Upton-on-Severn & the Hook. Pray for new leaders to emerge, and for the growth of our Breakfast Church congregation, and for God's prospering of our work in the local schools. Clergy: Barry Unwin, Sue Adeney; Readers: Olive Latham, Alison Martin, Carol Unwin, Mary Weatherill

**Sat 19 Diocesan Education Team**

Loving Father, we give you thanks for all those working in and with our schools, who help our children and our adults flourish. Pray for our Diocesan Education Team: Tim Reid, Spencer Morris, Gilly Maxim, Janine Jenkins, Gemma Martin, and Duncan Hutchison as they work to support our schools and pupils to be the best they can be.

*Niassa (Mozambique): M  
Vacant*

*Nicaragua (Central America): T  
Bishop Sturdie Downs*

*Niger Delta North (Nigeria): W  
Bishop Wisdom Budu Ihunwo*

*The Niger Delta (Nigeria): Th  
Bishop Ralph C. Ebirien*

*Niger Delta West (Nigeria): F  
Bishop Emmanuel O. Oko-Jaja*

*Niger (Nigeria): S  
Bishop Owen Chiedozi Nwokolo*

*In Interfaith Week, pray for those of different faiths and none and for the work of the Interfaith Forum in bringing people together.*

Worcestershire Interfaith Forum  
Chair – Catherine Lack

**St Edmundsbury and Ipswich:**  
Bishop Martin Seeley with  
Bishop Mike Harrison (Dunwich)  
**Aberdeen and Orkney (Scotland):**  
Bishop Anne Dyer  
**The Church of the Province  
of the Indian Ocean:**  
Archbishop James Richard Wong  
Yin Song

## Interfaith Week

Worcestershire Interfaith Forum represents the interests and values of faith communities. They believe in working together and building friendships between people of whatever faith tradition, or if they have no faith. Earlier this year, the Revd Catherine Lack was elected as chair of the group.

She said: “The work of the forum is all about education, not conversion. In today’s world, it’s so important as we all work with people of different faiths, as well as those without faith. Even if we don’t all believe the same thing, we can and must work together to improve our society.”

Worcestershire Interfaith Forum runs events and Catherine has led a series of ‘Scriptural Reasoning’ meetings in which members of different faiths look at pieces of scripture and discuss the similarities and differences between them. The group is also keen to offer training on religious diversity to businesses and others, raising awareness of different faiths and encouraging people to talk to those with different beliefs.

“I am also very willing to visit parishes to preach around this theme or to facilitate small discussion groups. All religions preach peace and the more we respect and understand each other, the better our world will be,” said Catherine.



### Mon 21 **Ripple, Earls Croome with Hill Croome & Strensham**

Pray for Ripple, Earls Croome with Hill Croome & Strensham. For more lay leaders to emerge in our parishes and for unity and mission among our churches, joy in fellowship and clarity about God’s way forward, especially with the building in Ripple. Clergy: Barry Unwin, Sue Adeney; Readers: Olive Latham, Alison Martin, Carol Unwin, Mary Weatherill

### Tue 22 **DBS & Safeguarding Administrator**

Please pray for Liz Toone in her role co-ordinating DBS checks, advising parishes and for her continued studying toward her qualification. Give thanks for all those who help with safeguarding checks in parishes.

### Wed 23 **Economy & Daily Life**

Pray for the ministry of workplace chaplaincy through the Ecumenical Partnerships, the Black County Urban Industrial Mission (BCUIM) and Faith at Work in Worcestershire (FWW). Pray for staff, volunteers, trustees and those they minister to at a time of great need in the economic life of our communities.

### Thur 24 **Berrow with Pendock**

Please pray for Berrow w Pendock. Pray for the PCC, Pendock CE Primary School, Open the Book Team, Bible Study, our mission, ministry and community.

### Fri 25 **Retired Clergy Malvern & Upton Deanery**

The hymnody of Isaac Watts (whom we commemorate today) gave many older clergy a language of praise and dedication - our thanks today for their faithful encouragement of the generations who have followed them.

### Sat 26 **Growing as Kingdom People**

Pray for our churches as we look towards the busy season of Advent. Give thanks for all who will come through our doors at this time and help us to ensure our events and worship are as good as they can be.

**M** **Niger West (Nigeria):** Bishop Johnson N. Ekwe

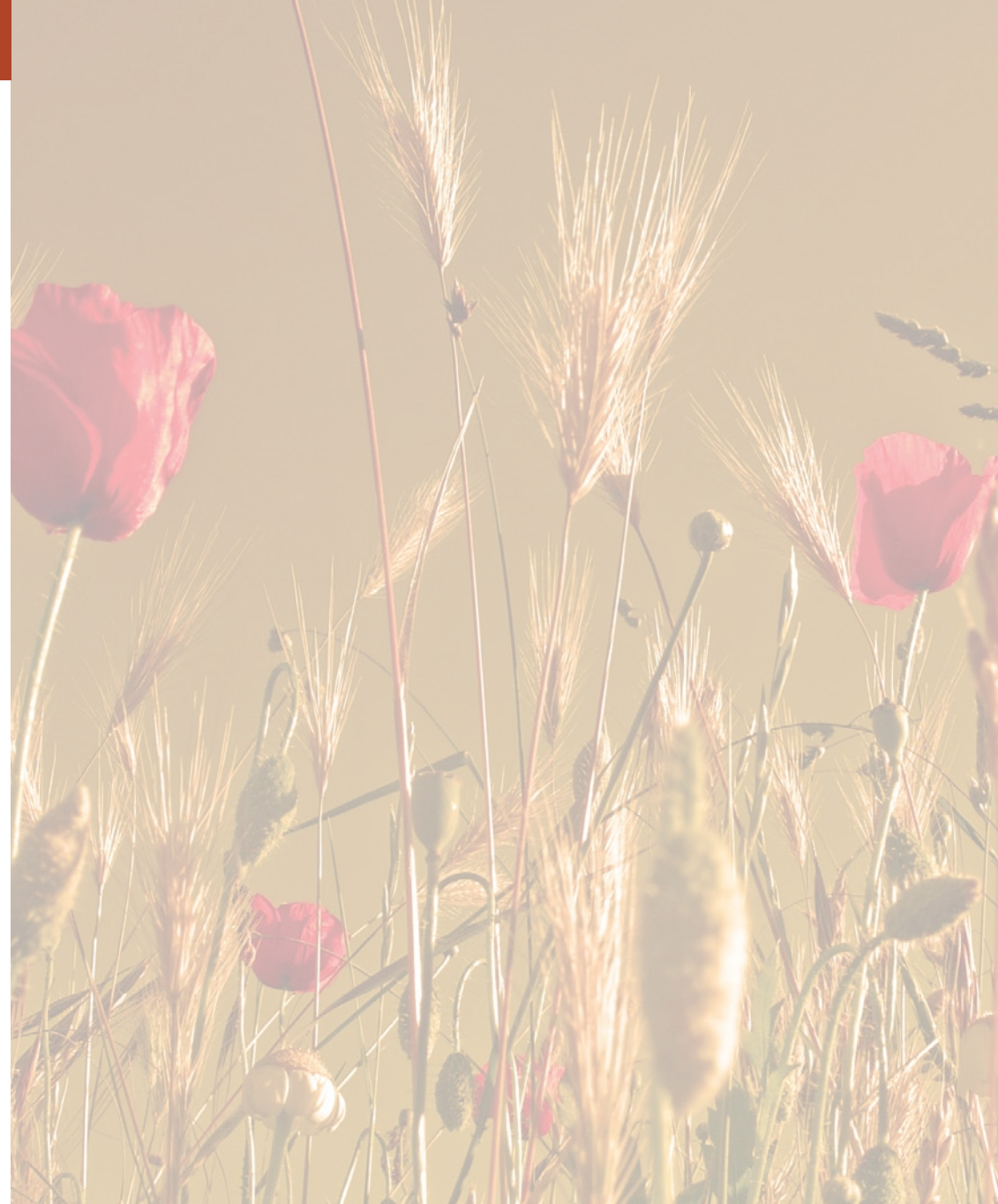
**T** **Nike (Nigeria):** Bishop Christian Onyia

**W** **Nimule (South Sudan):** Bishop Martin Abuni

**Th** **Nnewi (Nigeria):** Bishop Godwin Izundu Nmezina Okpala

**F** **Norwich:** Bishop Graham Usher with Bishops Alan Winton (Thetford), Jane Steen (Lynn)

**S** **Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island (Canada):** Bishop Sandra Fyfe







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