Diocese of Hereford ... Sunday Prayers (12th May to 16th June)

# 12TH MAY - EASTER 7

Anglican	The Anglican Church of Burundi.
Hereford	Pontesbury Deanery.
Porvoo	England: Gloucester; Sweden: Västerås.
The Wider View	Forms of modern slavery in Tanzania, ensnare an estimated 170,000 people as victims, which makes it a priority for government action. Pray for progress in criminalising the exploitation of children, raising the legal age of marriage, and providing support for all victims of
	modern slavery regardless of age and gender.
This Week	With people around the world continue to pray for those you have named, to come to know Jesus and to have faith in him, as the <b>Thy</b>
	Kingdom Come days of prayer continue.
	This is <b>ME Awareness Week</b> . The number of people diagnosed with
	this condition continues to grow, and some 1.7 million people in the UK have symptoms of Long Covid, which in many resembles ME. Pray
	for the ME Association, seeking to offer support to all who need it.
	Friday is <b>World Hypertension Day</b> : pray for all that promotes better
	awareness of high blood pressure and its health impact, and for
	awareness campaigns to encourage lifestyle and dietary changes that
	can help reduce the risks.
	Saturday is HIV Vaccine Awareness Day. Around 40 million people
	globally live with HIV: pray that all who need it may receive regular
	vaccine treatment, and for continued research.
	Saturday is also International Museums Day: pray for small local
	museums, often under threat as grant sources dry up and local
	authorities are increasingly hard pressed financially.
	Pray for all that encourages a love of <b>gardens and gardening</b> among children and young people. Pray for school gardens, community
	gardens, allotment associations, etc.
	Pray for young people in our schools and colleges as the season of
	GCSE and A Level Exams gets under way.
<u>19TH MAY - PE</u>	
Anglican Hereford	The Anglican Church of Canada. Pray for the communications team in our diocese in their work and in
петегоги	the support they provide to the local church, and that we may share
	the good news of our faith within our local area and beyond in a
	professional and persuasive way.
Porvoo	England: Guildford; Denmark: Viborg.
The Wider View	Pray for those who teach and learn foreign languages, especially as language studies are being cut in many schools. Learning a language is also to engage with a culture and tradition other than our own, and to
	and to ensuge with a culture and tradition other than our own, and to

expand both awareness and opportunity.

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

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

**Alcuin**, commemorated on Monday, is remembered as a liturgist at the court of Charlemagne. Pray for all who develop liturgical resources within today's Church, that our worship may be the best we can offer. Tuesday is the **World Day for Cultural Diversity**. Give thanks for the richness and variety of faith and culture within the human family, and pray we may not allow differences to become barriers.

**World Turtle Day** on Friday prompts prayer for all who are working to reduce the pollution, especially plastic pollution, in our oceans. Friday also commemorates **John and Charles Wesley**. Give thanks for

their record of faith, and pray for the work and witness of Methodism in our nation and worldwide.

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

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

#### **26TH MAY - TRINITY SUNDAY**

Anglican	Church of the Province of Central Africa.
Hereford	Ross and Archenfield Deanery.
Porvoo	England: Exeter; Norway: Nord-Hålogaland.
The Wider View	Pray for all in our world whose lives and livelihoods have been
	impacted by war, civil unrest, corruption and natural disaster. Pray
	for all involved in ensuring that both emergency relief and longer
	term help get to those most in need of it.
This Week	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> centres on a doctrine of the church, rather than an event. As we celebrate the unfathomable mystery of God's being,
	may this be a day of adoration and praise of the God who, though
	beyond our sight and comprehension, meets us in his Son, and fills
	us with his Spirit.
	Tuesday is <b>World Hunger Day</b> : pray for all who lack the food they
	need, and especially for young families and nursing mothers.
	Wednesday commemorates <b>United Nations Peacekeepers</b> . Pray for all those in peacekeeping roles in our world today.
	Wednesday is also <b>Oak Apple Day</b> , marking the restoration of the
	Stuart monarchy. Pray for the King, the royal family and the
	institutions of our nation.
	In the week of <b>Corpus Christi</b> , give thanks for the institution of Holy Communion.

The **Visitation** (Friday), prompts our praise to the God who raises up the meek and lowly, and casts down from their thrones those that are mighty, who by his Son challenges the order of the world.

### 2ND JUNE - TRINITY 1

Anglican	Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.
Hereford	Pray for all that ensures the protection and safe care of children and
	vulnerable adults, and all who attend and use our churches. Pray for
	Carl Steventon, Safeguarding Officer, and his colleagues and for those
	who take responsibility in the local church.
Porvoo	England: Hereford; Lusitanian Church (Portugal); The Latvian
	Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad.
The Wider View	Pray for our linked parishes, especially Madley and their friends in
	Hilpoltstein who are planning a pilgrimage in the Golden Valley this
	summer; and the link between All Saints' Hereford and the Old
	Catholic congregation in Nuremberg, and their new priest Sebastian
	Watzeck.
This Week	On Cancer Survivors Day, pray for all who have been declared clear of
	cancer but face challenges like the fear of recurrence, or long lasting
	side-effects from treatment. Pray for continued research and
	development, so that survival rates continue to improve.
	In <b>Child Safety Week</b> pray for the safety of children at home and
	elsewhere, and for parents and carers.
	Tuesday remembers the child victims of aggression in our world: pray
	for families and children caught up in war zones and civil unrest, and
	for all who work to provide help and refuge.
	Wednesday is World Environment Day. Pray for places in need of land
	restoration, desertification, and drought resilience.
	Friday is <b>Tourette's Awareness Day</b> : pray for all who live with this
	poorly understood mental health condition.
	Thomas Ken, remembered on Saturday, is regarded as a father of
	modern English hymnody: give thanks for composers of hymns.
	World Oceans Day is on Saturday; pray that governments and
	corporate bodies may act urgently to protect our oceans and seas.

## 9TH JUNE - TRINITY 2

Anglican	Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.
Hereford	Telford Severn Gorge Deanery.
Porvoo	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland; The Spanish Reformed
	Episcopal Church.
The Wider View	Mainland Tanzania sees more than four million cases annually of
	malaria, which is endemic across much of the country. This is a major cause of mortality in new born and young children, and a recent fall
	in malaria deaths seems to have halted. Pray for the expansion of
This Week	malaria control work and more support for vulnerable populations. In <b>Carers' Week</b> , pray for all in our communities who are caring for
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family members, neighbours or friends.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **16TH JUNE - TRINITY 3**

Anglican Iglesia Anglicana de Chile - Most Revd Hector Zavala. Hereford Pray that we may affirm the rights, abilities and value of every person in the ministry we offer and the decisions and appointments we make. Porvoo Scotland: Argyll and the Isles; Ireland: Connor; Denmark: Lolland-Falster. The Wider View Pray that the Covid 19 enquiry may avoid being too hooked on the blame game, and work to ensure we and the the world are better prepared for future pandemic events. This Week In Refugee Week, pray we may learn to hear and see refugees as themselves and for what they can offer, and not just in their experience of displacement. Today closes this year's Loneliness Awareness Week. Pray we may create communities in which loneliness is noticed and responded to. Samuel and Henrietta Barnett are remembered on Monday as social campaigners. Pray that in our day we may value and defend the fruits of their labours. As visitations take place, give thanks for the work of churchwardens, and pray for those newly taking on this office. Pray for the work of the Historic Churches Trusts, and for those who give support by opening gardens and organising other summer events. At the **Summer Solstice** give thanks for the rhythm of the seasons, and the way in which the natural world speaks of its Creator. In the week of World Music Day, pray especially for all that helps to generate a love of music and music-making in children. World MND Day is marked on Friday. Pray for all who live with Motor Neurone Disease, for their support, and for continued research.