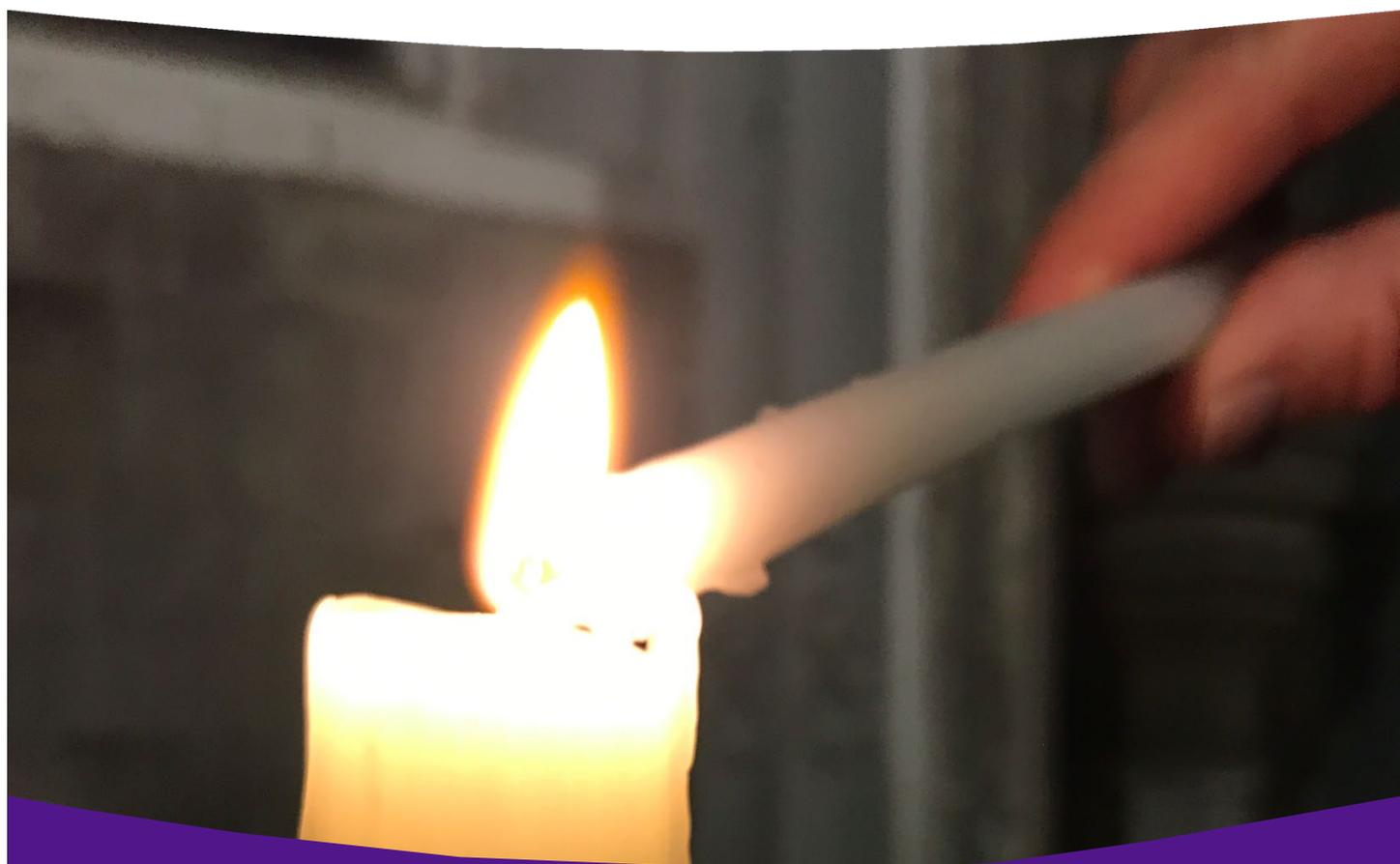




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Prayer Diary
January to March 2024

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God who in Jesus calls us -
open hearts and minds to your invitation.
God of the pilgrim way - be our companion day by day.
God of the still, small voice - teach us to pray.
Grant that in our calling, our following, our pilgrimage,
we may see your kingdom of truth and peace -
and delight to bring others to your love.
We make this prayer through Jesus, the Lord.
(The "Follow" Prayer)

God of generosity,
whose Son Jesus gathers us as one around the table of rejoicing;
be with us as we gather in his name.
Give us hope, encouragement, unity, expectancy,
and by our time together,
draw us closer to one another and to you.
We make this prayer through Jesus, the Lord.
(The "Gather" Prayer)

Hereford Archdeaconry

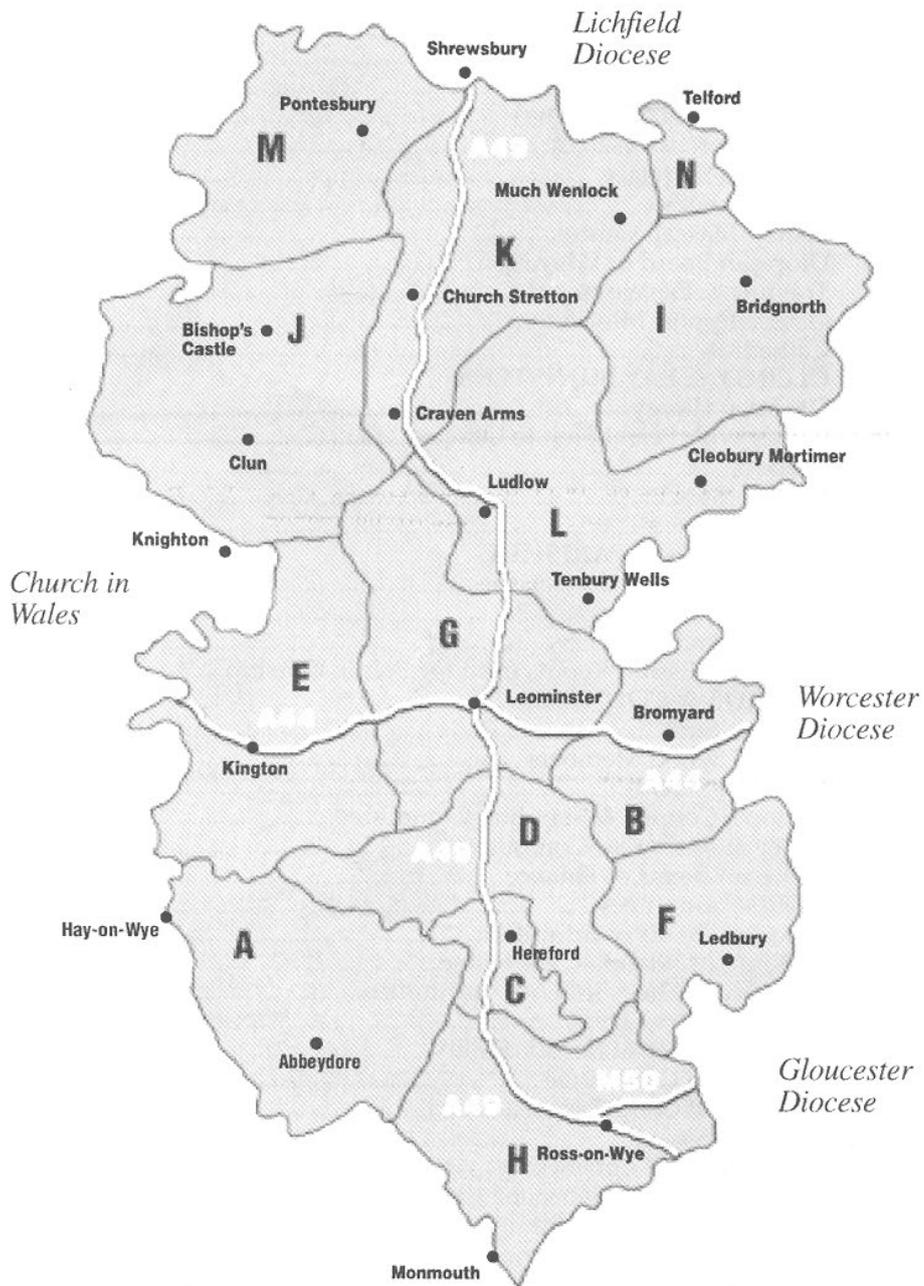
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- F Ledbury
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- H Ross & Archenfield

Ludlow Archdeaconry

- I Bridgnorth
- J Clun Forest
- K Conover
- L Ludlow
- M Pontesbury
- N Telford Severn Gorge

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The Prayer Diary - January to March 2024

The main part of this Prayer Diary covers the quarter from Sunday 24th December to Saturday 23rd March, week by week, under the following headings:

- **Anglican** - Biddings for each day taken from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer (adapted and updated where possible), so that we are praying with the Anglican Church round the world. The new version of the Cycle of Prayer, spread over more than two years, allows us once again to pray for just one diocese each day.
- **Hereford** - Again, a bidding for each day: each quarter these will feature half of our deaneries and parishes, along with diocesan organisations, areas of work, and officers.
- **Porvoo** - This weekly bidding pairs the Lutheran churches of the Nordic and Baltic areas and the Anglican churches of the British Isles and of Spain and Portugal, which have signed the Porvoo Declaration recognising each others' ministries. Also included is the Latvian Church, which has not yet taken a decision on signing the Declaration, and the Church of Denmark, which has not signed but wishes to develop links with the churches which have signed.
- **The Wider View** - Biddings and promptings for prayer relating to world mission and development, including our own World Church links, among them our companion links with the Kirchenkreis Nürnberg in Germany, and the Tanzanian dioceses of Tanga, Dar es Salaam, Masasi and Newala.
- **This Week** - Focuses for prayer during the week, on themes and issues in healthcare, the community, education and the changing seasons, along with events, meetings, and activities within our Diocese and perhaps more widely.
- **Today** - Events and activities from the Diocesan Diary - please note that many of these are provisional, depending on what restrictions remain in place.
- **Prayer** - A prayer or reflection appropriate to the week.

Please send entries for the next edition which covers the quarter April to June 2024 to me at wkrowell@btinternet.com - clearly marked in the subject area as Prayer Diary. The more I know about events and activities, the more accurate and focused our prayer biddings can be. Please also let me know if you spot any mistakes or omissions - they do happen, alas, but I do my best to make sure this Diary is as accurate as possible!

You may find the following explanation of the initials used helpful:

CGH	-	Cuddesdon in Gloucester & Hereford (formerly WEMTC)
CMD	-	Continuing Ministerial Development
CMS	-	Church Mission Society
DAC	-	Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches
DDVO	-	Diocesan Director of Vocations and Ordinands
DHET	-	Diocese of Hereford Educational Trust
DBE	-	Diocesan Board of Education
IM	-	Intergenerational Missioner
IMD	-	Initial Ministerial Development
LMC	-	Ludlow Mascall Centre (formerly BMC)
MAP	-	Mission Action Plan
MDO	-	Mission (MAP) Development Officer
PAT	-	Post Admission Training for Readers
SIAMS	-	Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools
TEC	-	The Episcopal Church (of the United States)
USPG	-	United Society - Partners in the Gospel

SUNDAY 24th December: 4th of Advent (CHRISTMAS EVE)

Anglican	The Episcopal Church in the Philippines - Most Revd Brent Harry Alawas, Prime Bishop.
Hereford	Pray that all we decide and do as a diocese may be firmly grounded in prayer, and give thanks for all that encourages and enlivens our prayer life and spirituality, and especially for the sense of blessing and of a deepening sense of the power of prayer that the Year of Prayer has given us.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Chichester, Bishop Martin Warner, Bishop Ruth Bushyager, Bishop Will Hazlewood; <i>Finland:</i> Mikkeli, Bishop Mari Parkkinen.
The Wider View	Pray for the land called holy by three great religions, at this time of conflict and suffering. Pray for those bereaved, hurt and traumatised by the horrific events of the past weeks, beginning with the terrorist outrage perpetrated by Hamas and its allies and continuing with the strength and severity of the Israeli response. Pray especially for children and families caught up in the violence.
This Week	<p>Pray that all who join us for Christmas worship may feel welcomed and valued, and that we may present the message of Christmas in ways that are both fresh and compelling. Pray for those joining us for whom this will be their first Christmas following the loss of a loved one or some other life-changing experience, that they may find comfort and reassurance in the Prince of Peace born among us. Pray too for the many people who will visit our churchyards over the Christmas period, to place flowers or wreathes on the graves of loved ones.</p> <p>Pray for all who are, for whatever reason, separated from loved ones over Christmas, and also for the safety of those travelling long distances to share Christmas with families and friends. Pray for those who will be alone over Christmas.</p> <p>Give thanks for those who provide essential and emergency services through the Christmas holiday period, and also for those who are working as volunteers to provide help and support to those who need it. Pray for those who are homeless or rough sleepers, and for all who offer refuge and support through Christmas and in cold weather.</p> <p>Pray for livestock farmers, whose animals need the same care and attention at Christmas as on any other day in the year.</p> <p>Tuesday commemorates Stephen, the first martyr of the Church. Pray for the persecuted Church today, and for all of whatever religion who face persecution because of the faith they follow.</p> <p>The Holy Innocents, commemorated on Thursday, prompt prayers for the innocent victims of the cruelty of tyrants and dictators, and for families and children caught up in and traumatised by war. Pray too for all children who face neglect, abuse or exploitation, and also for all bereaved parents.</p> <p>Pray for all who work in the retail industry, as post-Christmas sales begin, and for those businesses that are struggling in these days when so much of what we buy is purchased on line.</p>

Monday 25th December: CHRISTMAS DAY	
Anglican	Birmingham (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Michael Volland; Suffragan - Rt Revd Anne Hollinghurst (Aston).
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Sarah Whitelock, Communications Director, and all involved in communicating our message and vision as a Diocese, and ensuring a flow of up-to-date and accurate advice and direction to the local church.
Tuesday 26th December: Stephen, first martyr	
Anglican	Blackburn (York, England) - Rt Revd Philip North; Suffragan - Rt Revd Jill Duff (Lancaster).
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Pray for all who help compile and produce this Prayer Diary, for the Prayer Station established by Archdeacon Derek on Facebook, for Mark Melliush in his role as Mission Enabler, prayer groups in our churches, and all that helps us pray for one another, for the mission we share and for the world.
Wednesday 27th December: John, apostle and evangelist	
Anglican	Bo Sierra Leone (West Africa) - Rt Revd Solomon Scott-Manga.
Hereford	<i>Health Chaplaincy:</i> Hospital Chaplaincy in Hereford County Hospital & the Wye Valley NHS Trust: Philip Roberts, chaplain, and the honorary chaplains and lay volunteers. Pray also for the RC Chaplain, Rev. Michael Evans, and all who offer spiritual support to patients and families. Pray for all healthcare staff at a time when pressures on them are at their greatest.
Thursday 28th December: The Holy Innocents	
Anglican	Boga (Congo) - Rt Revd William Bahemuka.
Hereford	<i>Health Chaplaincy:</i> Pray for chaplaincy teams at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, the Princess Royal Hospital, Telford, and other hospitals outside our Diocese but providing healthcare to our area; pray too for all who offer chaplaincy support in the smaller local hospitals within our Diocese.
Friday 29th December: Thomas a Becket, archbishop and martyr	
Anglican	Bolivia (South America) - Rt Rev Walter Toro Martínez.
Hereford	<i>Health Chaplaincy:</i> Chaplaincy support at the 2gether NHS Foundation Trust, providing mental health and learning disability services in Herefordshire and Gloucestershire, including the Stonebow Unit in Hereford.
Saturday 30th December	
Anglican	Bondo (Kenya) - Rt Revd David Hellington Kodia; Assistant Bishop - Rt Revd Emilly Onyango.
Hereford	<i>Health Chaplaincy:</i> Chaplaincy support for those in mental health care in the northern part of our Diocese, within the Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust.
Prayer <i>Reinhold Niebuhr</i>	Help me, Lord, to live one day at a time, and enjoy one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that you will make all things right, if I surrender to your will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with you forever in the next.

SUNDAY 31st December: 1st of Christmas

Anglican	Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda - Most Revd Laurent Mbanda, Archbishop.
Hereford	<i>The Abbeydore Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Jane Rogers; Lay Co-Chair – vacant; Sub-Warden of Readers – Vacant. Rural Pioneer Priests serving across the Deanery: Mark Godson, Simon Lockett, Luci Morriss, Cate Thomson; Curate - Angie Kateley; Deanery Mission Coordinator: Anne Lloyd. Deanery team of pastoral visitors; lay leaders; mission projects with children & young people, pilgrimages, new people in the deanery.
Porvoo	<i>The Porvoo Communion Diary has not included a bidding for today, but please pray for all the member churches of the Communion.</i>
The Wider View	Pray for preparations being made for the Christian Days of Encounter to be held in early June 2024, in Frankfurt/Oder (eastern Germany) and Słubice (on the opposite bank of the Oder, in Poland), under the motto “Nothing can separate us”. This is an international meeting of Central and Eastern European Protestant churches, focusing on faith, charity and exchange, with family and youth activities, seminars and discussions, concerts and worship events, and will be attended by people of many denominations and world views.
This Week	<p>Dry January is an initiative to help people reduce their dependence on alcohol, and to emphasise the health risks posed by excessive alcohol consumption, and the benefits of drinking less. Pray for those who are seriously at risk, and for agencies and organisations that give advice, support and common purpose.</p> <p>As the New Year begins, pray for the unquiet places of our world, and for those who do not feel able to look ahead with hope. Pray we may dedicate ourselves afresh to the cause of peace, justice and freedom, and to the care of those who are hurt, afraid, exploited or rejected in our world.</p> <p>Monday is also the Naming and Circumcision of Jesus. The name Jesus literally means “The Lord is Salvation” - may we witness faithfully to the truth of this name, and may the light of salvation shine in the Church, in our praise and prayer, and in our service and mission.</p> <p>Pray for our schools as the new term begins, and especially for schools facing inspections in the near future, dealing with budget deficits, or looking to cope with staff vacancies, especially among teaching assistants. Pray for all school governors, especially the Foundation Governors of our Church schools.</p> <p>Give thanks for the Year of Prayer last year, and pray for 2024 as a Year of Faith in our diocese. The theme, following on from last year’s focus on prayer, will centre on ‘Faith – living a Christ like life’. Through the year, we will be thinking about how we can grow in confidence in our faith in Christ and in the Bible. Pray for the various events being planned.</p> <p>The feast of the Epiphany, on Saturday (or next Sunday in many of our churches) reminds us that Jesus is given for the salvation of the whole world, as Magi visit to bring gifts that speak of kingship, priestly ministry, and sacrifice, all of which combine in what this child is born to do.</p>

Monday 1st January: The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus <i>New Year's Day</i>	
Anglican	Bor (Jonglei, South Sudan) - Most Rev Moses Anur Ayom.
Hereford	<i>Black Mountains Group</i> - Clodock & Longtown with Craswall, Llanveynoe, St Margaret's, Michaelchurch Escley & Newton: Luci Morriss, Mark Godson; Longtown Primary School; Michaelchurch Escley Primary School.
Tuesday 2nd January: Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, teachers of the faith; <i>Seraphim, monk and spiritual guide; Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, bishop and evangelist</i>	
Anglican	Botswana (Central Africa) - Rt Revd Metlhayotlhe Beleme.
Hereford	Ewyas Harold & Dulas, with Abbeydore, Bacton, Kentchurch, Llangua, Rowlestone & Llancillo, Walterstone, Kilpeck, St Devereux & Wormbridge: Mark Godson; Local Ministry Team; Ewyas Harold Primary School.
Wednesday 3rd January	
Anglican	Brandon (Rupert's Land, Canada) - Ven Rachael Parker, bishop-elect.
Hereford	<i>Cagebrook</i> - Kingstone with Clehonger, Eaton Bishop, Allensmore and Thruxton: Cate Thomson, Ann Hitchiner, Michael Westall; Kingstone High School; Clehonger CE Primary School, Kingstone & Thruxton Primary School.
Thursday 4th January	
Anglican	Brechin (Scotland) - Rt Revd Andrew Swift.
Hereford	<i>Wye Dore</i> - Madley with Tyberton, Peterchurch, Vowchurch & Turnastone: Simon Lockett, Judy Dinnen.
Friday 5th January	
Anglican	Brisbane (Queensland, Australia) - Most Revd Jeremy Greaves; Regional Bishops: Rt Revd Cameron Venables, Rt Revd John Roundhill.
Hereford	<i>Wye Dore Ministry Team</i> – Simon Lockett, Brenda Stokes, Judy Dinnen, Julie Lunn, Sam Morgan, Helen Byard, Joy Rickwood, Lyn Garwood, Barbara Llewellyn-Samuel, Jane Hirst; Fairfield High School, Peterchurch; Madley Primary School; Peterchurch Primary School.
Saturday 6th January: THE EPIPHANY	
Anglican	Bristol (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Vivienne Faull; Suffragan - Rt Revd Neil Warwick (Swindon).
Hereford	<i>Borderlink</i> – Blakemere, Bredwardine with Brobury, Clifford, Cusop, Dorstone, Hardwicke, Moccas & Preston-on-Wye: Luci Morriss, Jane Rogers, John Winter; our benefice team of Lay Leaders, Messy Church and Clifford Primary School.
Prayer <i>RC New Year liturgy</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Remember us, O God: from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, for ever and ever.</p>

SUNDAY 7th January: Baptism of Christ or <i>The Epiphany</i> [or kept as <i>Plough Sunday</i>]	
Anglican	The Scottish Episcopal Church - Most Revd Mark Strange, Primus.
Hereford	<i>The Bridgnorth Deanery</i> : Rural Dean: Jeanetta Stokes; Lay Co-Chair: Martin Elcock; Sub-Warden of Readers: Garry Ward.
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : London, Bishop Sarah Mullally, Bishop Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy, Bishop Emma Ineson, Bishop Jonathan Baker, Bishop Ric Thorpe, Bishop Joanne Grenfell; <i>Norway</i> : Nidaros and Trondheim, Presiding Bishop Olav Fykse Tveit, Bishop Herborg Oline Finnset.
The Wider View	Three diseases of major importance in Tanzania are HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria. Malaria is the most significant disease, with the risk of stable malarial infection higher than in almost any other African nation. TB related deaths have declined, but the disease continues to be a major public health issue, perhaps due to the impact of HIV, but also affected by population growth and urban overcrowding. Pray for progress towards the declared aim of universal access to health systems that are integrated, equitable, and sustainable.
This Week	<p>Pray for the work of mission in the Church worldwide. Emil Brunner wrote that “the Church exists by mission, just as a fire exists by burning” and went on to add, “where there is no mission, there is no Church.” Pray for a mission that is “from everywhere to everywhere”, that is expressed in service as well as in preaching, that is about fruitful partnership in Christ, but is also seen as the responsibility of, and the glad service offered by, every Christian.</p> <p>Give thanks for the faith and service offered by the Society of Friends (Quakers) in this week that honours George Fox; and especially for the deep concern of Quakers for justice and peace.</p> <p>Pray for the safety and release of those who are trafficked as migrants worldwide, and for a greater awareness of all forms of modern slavery; pray for all who are working against the criminal gangs involved in trafficking.</p> <p>Paget’s Disease Awareness Day falls on Thursday. This disease affects the normal repair and renewal process of bone, so that affected bone is renewed and repaired at an increased rate, adversely affecting the bone’s structure, perhaps making it enlarged and misshapen. The disease is more prevalent with age, but is treatable once identified.</p> <p>The Big Schools’ Birdwatch, organised by the RSPB, begins this week (and runs till mid-February). Give thanks for all that helps encourage in children and young people a love of nature and a concern for the environment, and for all outdoor activities provided for children.</p> <p>The Baptism of Jesus, celebrated today or on Monday, reminds us that baptism was for our Lord a point of identification with the people in their desire for renewal, and a moment of recognition, empowerment and commission. May we be ready always to revisit and renew our baptismal vows. At a time of challenge and change within our Church, our task can never be just to “keep the Church going,” but to commit ourselves to whatever God is wanting now to do among us and through us as his people.</p>

Monday 8th January: <i>The Baptism of Christ, if Epiphany is celebrated on Sunday 7th</i>	
Anglican	British Columbia (BC & Yukon, Canada) - Rt Revd Anna Greenwood-Lee.
Hereford	Alveley and Quatt: Jon Aldwinckle; Clergy with PTO: Ruth Sims, Wendy Rylance; Reader: Sue Chidwick; Licensed Lay Worker (from 16th July): Wendy Anne Aldwinckle; Alveley Primary School.
Tuesday 9th January	
Anglican	Central Buganda (Uganda) - Rt Revd Michael Lubowa.
Hereford	<i>Brown Clee Group:</i> Ditton Priors, Chetton, Neenton, Burwarton with Cleobury North, Aston Botterell, Wheathill & Loughton: <i>vacant</i> ; Reader: Dorothy Cartwright; Local Ministry Group: Bobbie Jarvis, Carole Smith, Mike Teague, Marjorie Jones; Brown Clee C E Primary School.
Today	Bishop's Staff meeting
Wednesday 10th January: <i>William Laud, archbishop</i>	
Anglican	West Buganda (Uganda) - Rt Revd Henry Katumba-Tamale.
Hereford	Stottesdon with Farlow, Cleeton St Mary, Silvington, Sidbury & Middleton Scriven: <i>vacant</i> ; Reader: Alex Daborn; Farlow CE Primary School; Stottesdon CE Primary School.
Thursday 11th January: <i>Mary Slessor, missionary</i>	
Anglican	Buhiga (Burundi) - Rt Revd Evariste Nijimbere.
Hereford	<i>Bridgnorth and Morville Parishes Team Ministry:</i> Bridgnorth with Tasley, Astley Abbots, Oldbury & Quatford, Morville, Aston Eyre, Acton Round and Monkhopton: <i>vacant</i> ; Reader: Jane Peeler; Clergy with PTO: Simon Boxall, Marjorie Brookes, David Chantrey, Clive Parr; Reader with PTO: Sheila Hodgkins; Local Ministry Team: Clergy with Kay Prior, Sheila Royle, Sandie Phillips; Bridgnorth Endowed School, Oldbury Wells School, Castlefields Primary School, St Leonard's CE Primary School, St Mary's Bluecoat CE Primary School, Morville CE Primary School, St John's Catholic Primary School; Bridgnorth & South Shropshire Infirmary.
Today	DAC meets; MU midday prayers at the Cathedral
Friday 12th January: <i>Aelred, abbot; Benedict Biscop, scholar</i>	
Anglican	Bujumbura (Burundi) - Rt Revd Eraste Bigirimana.
Hereford	Claverley with Tuck Hill: Garry Ward; Claverley CE Primary School.
Saturday 13th January: <i>Hilary, bishop; Kentigern, bishop; George Fox, founder of the Quakers</i>	
Anglican	Bukavu (Congo) - Rt Revd Sylvestre Bahati Balisusane.
Hereford	Pray for the churches of other denominations with whom we share ministry, giving thanks for the fellowship we share and the ways in which we can work together in the service of Christ. Pray for those of other denominations who worship regularly in our churches, particularly in more rural areas.
Today	Year of Faith - Bishop's Teaching Day at Pontesbury
Prayer <i>From the Thanksgiving for Baptism</i>	Grant, O Lord, that all who have been born anew by water and the Spirit may daily be renewed in your image, walk by the light of faith, and serve you in newness of life.

SUNDAY 14th January: 2nd of Epiphany

Anglican	The Province of South-East Asia - Most Revd Melter Tais, Primate.
Hereford	Pray for our outreach to families and young people, and for those within the local church who lead or help organise Messy Church, Muddy Church, Forest Church, Open the Book and other activities and worship events with children, young people and families in mind. Pray also for traditional “children’s church” alongside main Sunday services, and for those involved in leading, and for teams working within local schools.
Porvoo	<i>Finland: Oulu, Bishop Jukka Keskitalo; Norway: Sør-Hålogaland (Bodø), Bishop Svein Valle; England: Coventry, Bishop Ruth Worsley (acting).</i>
The Wider View	Pray for those currently training for ordained ministry at St Marks College in Dar es Salaam, supported from our Diocese; pray for a generous response this Lent in our churches, toward the cost of training for ministry in Tanzania.
This Week	<p>Blue Monday, the third Monday in January, has been claimed as the most depressing day of the year; while that’s just a light-hearted label originating with a travel company (!), it may prompt prayer for those who really do suffer from depression and mental stress at this dark and cold time of the year, and for all who find it hard to escape unhappiness.</p> <p>The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins this week. Pray for those of other denominations within our communities, and that we may work creatively together in mission and service. Pray for the various events of the week, including shared acts of worship or prayer meetings, and for the Christian communities of Burkina Faso who have prepared the material for this year.</p> <p>Wulfstan was a saintly bishop of our neighbouring diocese of Worcester at the time of the Norman Conquest: pray for the churches of the Worcester Diocese today.</p> <p>Plough Sunday is traditionally the first Sunday of the New Year, but may well be kept this week or later in many churches because of clashes with Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus. Pray for farmers and for all who work in agriculture, and especially those who do not have good sources of support to call on or share with at times of difficulty and stress. Pray for the work of the Arthur Rank Centre, agricultural chaplaincies, and in particular the Borderlands Rural Chaplaincy.</p> <p>Pray for all who continue to work in traditional country crafts, for those who teach, and those eager to learn. Give thanks for those who research the history of our countryside and its various legends, activities and celebrations, and for storytellers and other visitors to our schools; in a rapidly changing world, pray we may remain in touch with our roots.</p> <p>Pray for all who administer and use our village and community halls, giving thanks for the service they provide. Pray too for those who serve on our elected parish or community councils, and for those who help organise voluntary community help groups, including help with shopping, travel to appointments and hospital visits, etc.</p>

Monday 15th January	
Anglican	Bukedi (Uganda) - Rt Revd Samuel Egesa.
Hereford	Highley with Billingsley, Glazeley & Deuxhill, Chelmarsh: Kina Robertshaw; Associate Ministers: David Poyner, Rosemary Lawley (PTO); Reader (PTO) Keith Smith; Highley Community Primary School.
Tuesday 16th January	
Anglican	Bukuru (Jos, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Jwan Zhumbes.
Hereford	Worfield: Jeannetta Stokes; Worfield Endowed CE Primary School.
Wednesday 17th January: Antony of Egypt, hermit, abbot; Charles Gore	
Anglican	Bunbury (Western Australia, Australia) - Rt Revd Ian Coutts.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Elizabeth Hackney, Lead Intergenerational Missioner, and Kathy Bland, Intergenerational Church Enabler, and all who work with them in Intergenerational Mission, and as volunteer teams in the local church, e.g. organising Messy Church events, or taking Open the Book into schools.
Today	Hereford Archdeaconry Mission & Pastoral Sub-Committee
Thursday 18th January: Amy Carmichael, spiritual writer; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	
Anglican	Bungoma (Kenya) - Rt Revd George Mechumo.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all that helps update us on partnership and development issues, makes us aware of development needs and opportunities worldwide, and directs us to the organisations and societies whose work in areas of challenge and need we can help support.
Today	Ludlow Archdeaconry Mission & Pastoral Sub-Committee
Friday 19th January: Wulfstan, bishop	
Anglican	Bunyoro-Kitara (Uganda) - Rt Revd Samuel Kahuma.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all that encourages awareness and good practice on disability issues across our churches, and for Revd Garry Ward in his work as Diocesan Disability Adviser.
Saturday 20th January: Richard Rolle, spiritual writer	
Anglican	Busan (Korea) - Rt Revd Onesimus Park.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Hospice chaplains and their teams - at St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, Hereford, and at the Severn Hospice sites in Shrewsbury, Telford and Newtown that serve the north of the Diocese. Give thanks for the important work of the hospice movement, and for all they offer both to patients and to their families.
Prayer <i>from a Plough Sunday service</i>	Blessed are you, Lord of all creation: you have given seed to the sower with the hope of a good harvest and the hungry fed. Bless the seed and watch over it, that the harvest may be plentiful. Bless the seed of your Word, planted in our hearts, that our lives may be a blessing to others.

SUNDAY 21st January: 3rd of Epiphany	
Anglican	The Church of South India - Most Revd A. Dharmaraj Rasalam, Moderator.
Hereford	<i>The Bromyard Deanery</i> : Acting Rural Dean – Steven Baggs; Lay Co-Chair – Roger Wilkins.
Porvoo	<i>Finland</i> : Tampere, Bishop Matti Repo; <i>England</i> : Manchester, Bishop David Walker, Bishop Matthew Porter, Bishop Mark Davies.
The Wider View	Coastal regions of Tanzania are under significant threat from climate change, including rising sea levels, with more than ten million people predicted to have to flee their homes by 2050. Dar-es-Salaam is at particular risk, with a growing population of some five million residents, many of them poor. Seawater will intrude into fresh water sources, impacting on drinking water supplies, and infrastructure is at risk. Pray that responses to this such as better monitoring, new sea walls and the expansion of mangrove forests may find funding and bear fruit, and that rapid urbanisation may be controlled.
This Week	<p>Pray for all who are struggling to pay energy bills during this month when our bills are probably higher than for most of the rest of the year, and for campaigns such as Big Energy Saving Week that aim to encourage people to change suppliers, find better tariffs, and be more aware of ways of reducing the amount of energy they use.</p> <p>World Religion Day (today) is a reminder of the need for harmony and understanding between religions and faith systems. The day provides an opportunity for those of different faiths to become more aware each other, and to celebrate both the differences and the connections between different faiths. Pray for those of other faiths living within our communities.</p> <p>Pray for organisations like Race against Dementia, that seek to highlight this condition and to urge for and fund research into dementia. Pray for those living with dementia, and for their families, for better awareness of what it is like to live with this condition, and for all that helps us to be “dementia-friendly”.</p> <p>The Conversion of St Paul (Thursday) also brings to a close the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Give thanks for the apostleship of Paul, and for the teaching expressed in his letters.</p> <p>Thursday is also Burns Night - pray for the people of Scotland, and for the Episcopal Church of Scotland. Pray too for Burns Night events and celebrations within our own communities.</p> <p>On Saturday the world marks Holocaust Memorial Day, this year focusing on the “Fragility of Freedom”. The removal of various freedoms has often been a first step in a process of persecution, though at the time presented as a means to ensure safety or self-determination. Freedom is a much more fragile flower than we often imagine; pray for all who lack the freedoms we take for granted.</p> <p>Parent Mental Health Day (also Saturday) aims to bring together parents and carers involved with young people’s mental health, to discuss the struggles they face and to mark the achievements and successes. This year’s theme is “creating positive relationships”.</p>

Monday 22nd January: Vincent of Saragossa, martyr	
Anglican	Busoga (Uganda) - Rt Revd Paul M.S. Naimanhye.
Hereford	<i>Frome Valley Group</i> – Bishop’s Frome with Castle Frome, Frome’s Hill, Acton Beauchamp, Evesbatch, Stanford Bishop, Much Cowarne, Ocle Pychard: Steven Baggs, Richard Allaway; Burley Gate CE Primary School; Burley Gate Pre-School.
Tuesday 23rd January	
Anglican	Central Busoga (Uganda) - Rt Revd Patrick Wakula. East Busoga (Uganda - a new diocese) - Rt Revd Paul Hannington Suubi.
Hereford	Bromyard and Stoke Lacy: Philip Miller; Queen Elizabeth Humanities College Bromyard, Brockhampton Primary School; St Peter’s Primary School; Froome Bank Hospital; The HOPE Family Centre: Sarah Eardley, Centre Manager.
Today	Finance Committee meets
Wednesday 24th January: Francis de Sales, bishop and teacher of the faith	
Anglican	Butare (Rwanda) - vacant, presently under the care of Most Revd Laurent Mbanda.
Hereford	Bredenbury with Grendon Bishop and Wacton, Collington, Edwyn Ralph, Little Cowarne, Pencombe with Marston Stannett, Thornbury and Ullingswick: Elizabeth Sidwell, Mari Nowell, Bredenbury Primary School; Pencombe CE Primary School; Rowden House Special School.
Today	“Servants & Stewards” session 4 (Mascall Centre)
Thursday 25th January: Conversion of Paul; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends	
Anglican	Butere (Kenya) - Rt Revd Rose Okeno.
Hereford	<i>Greater Whitbourne</i> – Edvin Loach with Tedstone Delamere, Tedstone Wafer, Upper Sapey, Wolferlow & Whitbourne: Dawn Hyett (Interim Minister), Chris Evans, Local Ministry Development Group.
Friday 26th January: Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul	
Anglican	Buye (Burundi) - Most Revd Sixbert Macumi.
Hereford	<i>Archdeacons</i> : Pray for Derek Chedzey, Archdeacon of Hereford, and Fiona Gibson, Archdeacon of Ludlow, in the responsibilities of their offices and in their wider roles within the Diocese, and for those who support them in this work.
Saturday 27th January	
Anglican	Byumba (Rwanda) - Rt Revd Emmanuel Ngendahayo.
Hereford	<i>Rural Deans, Lay Co-Chairs and Deanery officers / leadership teams</i> : Pray for all who serve in this way, and for Deaneries preparing for pastoral change, developing forms of collaborative ministry and seeking to fill vacant posts.
Today	Bishop’s Council / Finance Committee awayday; Christmas Oratorio (cathedral)
Prayer from “Ten Prayers for Stressful Times”	Lord, calm the waves in my mind and comfort my heart with your presence. Let the authority of your word give me stillness, joy, and peace and drive away my fears and doubts.

SUNDAY 28th January: 4th of Epiphany or <i>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple</i>	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Southern Africa - Most Revd Thabo Makgoba, Archbishop.
Hereford	Pray for all that helps resource the local church in mission, as we plan for new and responsive ways of being a serving and responsive church in these communities. Pray for Mark Melliush, and for all who offer guidance and support; may we be ready to listen and learn, and open to change.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Birmingham, Bishop Michael Volland, Bishop Anne Hollinghurst; <i>Ireland:</i> Cork, Cloyne & Ross, Bishop Paul Colton; <i>Denmark:</i> Elsinore, Bishop Peter Birch.
The Wider View	More than half the area of Dar-es-Salaam is made up of unplanned and informal settlements, which both spread and become more dense due to the constant migration into the city from various parts of Tanzania to Dar, mostly for economic reasons. This rapid and informal urbanization, with its poor and densely packed housing, has significant impacts on health. Heat stress is an issue, exacerbated by the urban “heat island” effect, and cholera outbreaks are not uncommon, with density of housing and floods caused by heavy coastal rain contributory factors. Pray for work to improve urban health and living conditions.
This Week	<p>Today is World Leprosy Day. This year the theme of the day is “Ending Stigma, Embracing Dignity” - a reminder that we need to address the social and psychological aspects of leprosy, alongside the medical efforts to eliminate the disease. It calls for a world where leprosy is no longer a source of stigma, and for all to be treated with compassion and respect.</p> <p>Candlemas may be celebrated today, or on the actual day (Friday). We mark the child Jesus being recognised by Simeon as “a light for the gentiles, and the glory of Israel”, and this is often an occasion to renew our baptismal vows. Pray for special events and services, and for all that encourages a spirit of discipleship and self-offering within the Church.</p> <p>This is National Storytelling Week. The week celebrates the power of sharing stories. Stories can teach us about the world, allow us to step into someone else’s shoes and feel empathy, and help us to relax and escape. Creative storytelling also helps children develop essential literacy skills. Give thanks for those who are skilled at storytelling, and for those who use these skills in the service of the Gospel.</p> <p>Friday is World Wetlands Day, focusing attention on an important and often fragile component of our environment. Pray for the protection of wetland habitats and the animal and human communities that live within them, and for the creation of new wetland areas.</p> <p>The charity Mind sponsors Time to Talk Day on Thursday. Mental illness can isolate people and even leave them feeling ashamed, yet about one in four of us will experience a mental health issue this year. The day aims to bring people and communities together to talk about mental health. Open conversation can be the first step towards better mental health.</p>

Monday 29th January	
Anglican	Calabar (Niger Delta, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Nneoyi Egbe.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Dean – Sarah Brown, and Residentiary Canons - Andrew Piper (Precentor), James Pacey (Chancellor); Lay Canons of Chapter Dr Duncan Jones, Benjamin Pardoe, David Howell Marc Leppard and Clare Wichbold; Chapter Clerk and Chief Operating Officer – Chris Milton. Pray also for the maintenance and conservation of this great and important building, the furthering of its eco agenda and the future vision and ministry of the cathedral.
Today	Bridgebuilding - Churches Supporting Schools; Curates' residential
Tuesday 30th January: Charles, king and martyr	
Anglican	Calcutta [Kolkata] (North India) - Rt Revd Paritosh Canning.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Administrative staff - Joanne Gibson, Liz Morawiecka, Alan Cartwright, Julie Anscomb, Abby Jones, Jess Stallwood and Owen Towndrow; Vergers - Tim Pryse-Davies, Alex Reed, James Brady and Chris Murphy. Pray for the safety of all who visit and use the cathedral, and of staff and volunteers.
Today	DBE meets; Curates' residential
Wednesday 31st January: <i>John Bosco, priest, founder of the Salesians</i>	
Anglican	Caledonia (BC & Yukon, Canada) - Rt Revd David Lehmann.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Geraint Bowen, Organist and Director of Music; Peter Dyke, Assistant Director of Music; Kath Proctor, Chorister Tutor, choristers, lay clerks and choral scholars; all who support the music of the Cathedral. Pray also for the Cathedral bell ringers.
Today	Curates' residential
Thursday 1st February: <i>Brigid, abbess</i>	
Anglican	Calgary (Rupert's Land, Canada) - Most Revd Greg Kerr-Wilson; Indigenous Bishop - Rt Revd Sidney Black.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> The commercial operations of the Cathedral in shop and cafe; Kirsty Price, Commercial Manager; William Talbot-Ponsonby, Head of Schools and Family Learning; Jennifer Dumbelton, Librarian; Elizabeth Semper O'Keefe, Archivist; the Cathedral Friends and the Mappa Mundi and Perpetual Trusts. Give thanks for the many volunteers and the welcome they extend in the cathedral and Mappa Mundi exhibition.
Friday 2nd February: Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)	
Anglican	California (Province VIII, TEC) - Rt Revd Marc Handley Andrus.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Hereford Cathedral School – Dr Michael Gray, head teacher; Hereford Cathedral Junior School – Mrs Helen Hoffmann, head teacher.
Saturday 3rd February: Anskar, archbishop and missionary	
Anglican	Northern California (Province VIII, TEC) - Rt Revd Megan Traquair.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Pam Row, Cathedral Chaplain, and all who share in the worship of the Cathedral; Ecumenical Companions: Steve Faber (URC), Fr Simon McGurk (RC).
Prayer "Simple Prayers"	I arise and share this day with you; I praise you for the light of dawn; I carry your hope of life within me, my Saviour and beloved Lord.

SUNDAY 4th February: 2nd before Lent	
Anglican	Anglican Church of South America - Most Revd Brian Williams, Primate.
Hereford	<i>The Clun Forest Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Stephanie Fountain; Lay Co-Chair – Andrew Wood; Sub-Warden of Readers – Julia Francis; Deanery Healing Adviser - Mary Hardham.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Portsmouth, Bishop Jonathan Frost; <i>Sweden:</i> Stockholm, Bishop Andreas Holmberg.
The Wider View	Give thanks for the links made over the years with our companion dioceses in Tanzania, and for the opportunities for friendship and understanding that exchange visits can provide; pray we can enable and maintain a healthy programme of exchanges in each direction, as we look to the future.
This Week	<p>Today (Sunday) is World Cancer Day, with a theme of “Close the care gap.” Pray that advances in diagnosis and medical care may be made available to all who need it, as presently there are considerable inequalities as regards provision of cancer care and treatment worldwide.</p> <p>This week is kept as Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week. Too many people are still victims of sexual violence, and many voices still go unheard, or are silenced by an unjustified sense of guilt. Pray for serious and open conversation, effective teaching, and for all those who experience abuse of this kind, and for their care and support.</p> <p>Schools Football Week provides an opportunity for schools, teams and clubs from across the country to celebrate football in schools, and the benefits it provides. Pray for all who teach and encourage football and other sports in our schools and within the wider community, and for all that encourages young people to take part in sports.</p> <p>This is also National Apprenticeships Week. Pray for all who are taking part in apprenticeship schemes, and for the highest standards to be maintained in what is provided. The theme this year is “Skills for Life”, looking at how apprenticeships can help develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and future-ready skills within a workforce.</p> <p>Many small rural parishes (and some larger ones) find it hard to fill posts such as churchwarden, secretary and treasurer. Pray for those that are struggling at this time, and for strategies to tackle this.</p> <p>Safer Internet Day takes place on Tuesday, with the theme ‘Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online’. Pray for young people at risk from inappropriate material on line, and for awareness in schools and homes.</p> <p>The Chinese New Year begins at the end of this week, and is the Year of the Dragon. Pray for the Chinese community within our nation, and for Chinese communities worldwide; pray too for the churches of the Republic of China, both authorised (Three Self) and underground.</p> <p>Pray for church and community choirs, and for our churches as places where choral music both old and new can be performed and valued.</p>

Monday 5th February	
Anglican	Cameroon (West Africa) - Rt Revd Dibo Thomas-Babyngton Elango.
Hereford	<i>Ridgeway Group</i> - Bishop's Castle with Mainstone, Lydbury North and Edgton, & Sarn: Stephanie Fountain; Readers – Cathy Owen, Sylvia Taylor, Jenny White; Retired Clergy - Ian Ball; LMDG - Angela Pooley, Rita Baker; Community College, Bishop's Castle; Bishop's Castle Primary School; Lydbury North CE Primary School; Bishop's Castle Community Hospital.
Tuesday 6th February: <i>The martyrs of Japan</i>	
Anglican	El Camino Real (Province VIII, TEC) - Rt Revd Lucinda Ashby.
Hereford	<i>Middle Marches Group</i> - Bedstone, Bucknell, Chapel Lawn, Clungunford, Hopton Castle, Llanfair Waterdine, Stowe: Martin Quayle; Vision and Strategy Group: Pat Hancock, Richard Lewis, Maurice Moore, Margi Savery; St Mary's CE Primary School, Bucknell; Bedstone College.
Wednesday 7th February	
Anglican	Canberra & Goulburn (New South Wales, Australia) - Rt Revd Mark Short; Assistant Bishop - Rt Revd Carol Wagner.
Hereford	<i>Clun Valley Group</i> - Clun with Bettws y Crwyn, Newcastle, Clunton, Clunbury and Hopesay: <i>vacant</i> ; Retired Clergy – Robert Payne; Local Ministry Team – Sandra Davies, Pam Pittwood; Newcastle CE Primary School; St George's CE School, Clun; Clunbury Primary CE School.
Thursday 8th February	
Anglican	Canterbury (Canterbury, England) - Most Revd & Rt Hon Justin Welby; Bishop in Canterbury - Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin (Dover). Provincial Episcopal Visitors - Rt Revd Rob Munro (Ebbsfleet), Rt Revd Norman Banks (Richborough), Rt Revd Paul Thomas (Oswestry).
Hereford	<i>Onny Camlad Group</i> – Wentnor with Ratlinghope; Myndtown & Norbury, Lydham, More & Snead, Churchstoke & Hyssington: <i>vacant</i> ; Carol Whittock (Mission Priest half-time); Retired Clergy – Michael Pollit, Michael Whittock; Reader - David Jelves; Onny Camlad Local Ministry Dev't Group: Carol Whittock, Margaret Wallsgrove, Anita Bright, Bob Berry. Churchstoke School; Norbury School.
Today	Bishop's Staff meeting; MU midday prayers at the Cathedral
Friday 9th February	
Anglican	Cape Coast (Ghana, West Africa) - Rt Revd Victor Atta-Baffoe.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Wendy Coombey, Community Partnership and Development Officer, and those who work with her.
Saturday 10th February: <i>Scholastica, abbess</i>	
Anglican	Cape Town <i>South Africa</i> (Southern Africa) - Most Revd Thabo Makgoba; Rt Revd Joshua Louw, Bishop of Table Bay.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Stephen Challenger, Property Secretary, Mike Williams, Diocesan Surveyor, Sophie Mead, Lorna Theophilus - the Property Team.
Today	Rachmaninoff Vespers (cathedral); Year of Faith - Bishop's Teaching Day at Ludlow
Prayer <i>Clement</i>	Lord, purify our hearts, and direct the paths we take, that all that we think and do may be good and acceptable to you.

SUNDAY 11th February: Next before Lent	
Anglican	The Episcopal Church of South Sudan - Most Revd Justin Badi Arama, Primate.
Hereford	Give thanks for our parish churches as a Christian presence at the heart of each community, and pray that we may always be ready to listen and care, that each church may be a place of prayer, of service and of light, open and welcoming to all who come.
Porvoo	<i>Ireland:</i> Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, Bishop Ferran Glenfield; <i>Denmark:</i> Aarhus, Bishop Henrik Wigh-Poulsen.
The Wider View	One of the strongest messages to come from Africa at the recent COP28 climate change summit was that developing countries urgently need the funding resources to enable them to respond to climate-related health issues. It was noted that (for example) only about 1% of the vaccines used on the continent actually come from African suppliers - other necessities such as PPE are also mostly imported. Pray that those countries that need it may be enabled to develop resilient systems that can cope with climate-linked disease outbreaks.
This Week	<p>Pray for Shrove Tuesday events in our churches, schools and communities, and that as we enjoy the day, we may also be readying ourselves to keep the fast that follows.</p> <p>Pray for our worship on Ash Wednesday, and for our keeping of the fast of Lent. Pray for Lent groups and other activities and worship events in our churches. Pray for the preparations at this time for the Hereford Passion, to take place in the cathedral at the beginning of March.</p> <p>Thomas Bray, commemorated on Thursday, was a child of this diocese, baptised at Chirbury. As a priest he founded both SPCK and (U)SPG - pray for the work of both societies in publishing and teaching, and in mission and partnership, today.</p> <p>This year, unusually, Ash Wednesday is also Valentine's Day. Pray for all who are newly in love, for those whose partnership is long established, and for all who are planning and preparing to be married in our churches this year.</p> <p>Real Bread Week begins on Saturday 17th, and prompts prayer for the small and artisan bakeries of our diocese, as well as for all home bakers.</p> <p>The first week of Lent is also, as it happens, Random Acts of Kindness Week. To receive an unexpected kindness can transform a day - and, just occasionally, a life - may our keeping of Lent include a readiness to take on some new commitment to kindness.</p> <p>Janani Luwum, the Archbishop of Uganda who was martyred on the orders of Idi Amin, is commemorated on Saturday. Pray for all who today face persecution and opposition because as Christians they are standing against those who divide, exploit or persecute the vulnerable.</p> <p>Pray too for Sarah Cawdell, in her work as the principal of Archbishop Janani Luwum Theological College in Uganda, and also for Simon, following their move from Bridgnorth to be CMS Mission Partners in Gulu, Uganda.</p>

Monday 12th February	
Anglican	North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba (West Indies) - Rt Revd Ernest Flemming.
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Katie Smith, Chaplain for the Deaf, and the Deaf Church meeting at St Peter's, Hereford. Pray also for all that is done to enable ministry with deaf people, including training in sign language.
Tuesday 13th February: Shrove Tuesday	
Anglican	Carlisle (York, England) - vacant; Suffragan - Rt Revd Rob Saner-Haigh, Penrith.
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Pray for parishes and groups seeking to develop shared and local ministry, and for Elizabeth Wild, Local Ministry Officer.
Wednesday 14th February: ASH WEDNESDAY	
Anglican	East Carolina (Province IV, TEC) - Rt Revd Rob Skirving.
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Carl Steventon and Rachel Arnold-Kent, and all involved in organising training, providing resources, and ensuring good practice in safer recruitment and in our response to safeguarding issues.
Thursday 15th February: Sigfrid, bishop; Thomas Bray, founder of SPG and SPCK	
Anglican	North Carolina (Province IV, TEC) - Rt Revd Samuel Rodman; Assistant Bishop - Rt Revd Jennifer Brooke-Davidson.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and Mission:</i> Pray we may make effective use of all types of media in outreach, mission and worship. Pray for all who edit and produce church and community magazines and newsletters, and keep our church notice boards, websites and social media pages up to date, and for those who help stream live worship or make recordings available.
Friday 16th February	
Anglican	South Carolina (Province IV, TEC) - Rt Revd Ruth Woodliff-Stanley.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and Mission:</i> Life events: pray we may offer a warm welcome and a generous and caring response to all who come to our churches wanting a way to mark important times, happy or sad, in their lives.
Saturday 17th February: Janani Luwum, archbishop and martyr	
Anglican	Upper South Carolina (Province IV, TEC) - Rt Revd Daniel Richards.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and Mission:</i> Pray we may reach out in ways relevant to each local situation, engaging creatively as Christians with the local issues, questions and concerns that are real to those around us.
Prayer <i>Cally Logan</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Father, in Micah 6:8, you say, "O people, the LORD has told you what is good, and this is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God." Today we choose to walk humbly with you. We choose to live by your Holy Spirit and to follow where you lead. Help us to hear you clearly, for we do not want to walk by pride or self-sufficiency, we want to walk with you. </p>

SUNDAY 18th February: 1st of Lent	
Anglican	The Episcopal Church of Sudan - Most Revd Ezekiel Kondo, Primate.
Hereford	<i>The Condover Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Christobel (Chris) Hargraves; Lay Co-Chair – vacant; Sub-Warden of Readers – vacant.
Porvoo	<i>Finland</i> : Espoo, Bishop Kaisamari Hintikka; <i>Scotland</i> : Edinburgh, Bishop John Armes.
The Wider View	All who perpetrate violence and terrorism should face the full weight of the law, and the Hamas-led attacks on Israeli targets last October were truly horrific in the brutality to which peaceful families were subjected. Israel was bound to take decisive action to protect its integrity and the safety of its communities. At the time of preparing this Diary action to destroy Hamas targets had left much of Gaza in ruins; it isn't possible to predict whether this conflict will still be continuing by mid-February, but it is more than likely that the Israeli action will have radicalised many Palestinians, and deepened the divisions between the two communities. Continue to pray for all who have been impacted by this conflict, on either side, and for all who are still working for peace.
This Week	<p>In a week of Ember Days, pray for all who are training for ordained ministry, and for the courses and colleges where this is happening. Pray too for all who are sensing a call to this ministry, and for the process of discernment and selection. Pray too for lay ministers, and for those training for forms of local ministry as this is developed in our diocese.</p> <p>Thursday is World Encephalitis Awareness Day. This is inflammation of the brain, caused by infection or by the immune system attacking the brain. The death rate is high, and those who survive do so often with life-changing injuries. Early diagnosis can save lives and improve outcomes - pray for better awareness and recognition of symptoms, and for all who have been affected by the disease.</p> <p>Thursday is also World Thinking Day, this year with a theme of "Our world, our thriving future" that takes in environmental awareness, gender equality, and issues around peace and poverty. Pray for the Girl Guide movement worldwide, and for Guides and their leaders in our own diocese.</p> <p>Pray for all who look after local sports grounds, play areas, public gardens and open spaces, and ensure they are tidy and safe for all users. Many offer their services as volunteers, ;perhaps as part of their service on village hall committees and the like.</p> <p>Polycarp, remembered on Friday, was probably a disciple of the apostle John, and so provides a link between the apostles and the fathers of the early Church. In old age he was Bishop of Smyrna, and an account of his execution at the hands of the Roman proconsul remains. Give thanks for the foundation of faith even unto death on which our Church stands.</p> <p>Pray for our schools, as the second half-term of the Spring Term gets under way. Some children will be sitting mock exams during these weeks: pray for them and for all who teach or offer support.</p>

Monday 19th February	
Anglican	Western North Carolina (Province IV, TEC) - Rt Revd José Antonio McLoughlin.
Hereford	Conover with Ryton, Frodesley, Acton Burnell & Pitchford: <i>vacant</i> ; Readers – Raymond Evanson (PTO), Jeremy Lowe; Conover CE Primary Sch.
Today	MU Trustees
Tuesday 20th February	
Anglican	Cashel, Ferns & Ossory (Dublin, Ireland) - Rt Revd Adrian Wilkinson.
Hereford	Church Stretton with All Stretton and Little Stretton: Steve Johnson, Chris Hargraves, David Andrews; Reader - Gillian Taylor; Children & Youth Worker - Sally Clilverd; Church Stretton School; St Lawrence CE Primary School.
Wednesday 21st February: Ember Day	
Anglican	Chandigarh (North India) - Rt Revd Denzal Peoples.
Hereford	<i>The Steeplewood Fold Group</i> - Dorrington with Leebotwood, Longnor, Stapleton, Smethcote & Woolstaston: Laura Hnatiuk; Caro Wright (Associate Priest); Reader – Mike James; St Edward's CE Primary School; Longnor CE Primary Sch.
Today	Servants & Stewards session 5 at the Mascall Centre
Thursday 22nd February	
Anglican	Chelmsford (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Guli Francis-Dehqani; Area Bishops - Rt Revd Lynne Cullens (Barking), Rt Revd Adam Atkinson (Bradwell), Rt Revd Roger Morris (Colchester).
Hereford	<i>The Apedale Group</i> - Hope Bowdler with Eaton-under-Heywood, Rushbury and Cardington: <i>vacant</i> , Sue Jelleyman; Readers - Joy Kohn, Margaret Stratton; Rushbury CE Primary School.
Today	DAC meets
Friday 23rd February: Polycarp, bishop and martyr; Ember Day	
Anglican	Chester (York, England) - Rt Revd Mark Tanner; Suffragans - Rt Revd Julie Conalty (Birkenhead), Rt Revd Sam Corley (Stockport).
Hereford	<i>The Craven Arms Benefice</i> – Stokesay with the Pilgrim Centre in Craven Arms, Halford with Sibdon, Acton Scott, & Wistanstow: Clive Munday; Associate Minister, Mervyn Williams; Pioneer Priest, Steve Alston; Stokesay Primary Sch; Wistanstow CE Primary Sch.
Today	General Synod (until Tuesday)
Saturday 24th February: Ember Day	
Anglican	Chhattisgarh (North India) - Rt Revd Ajay James.
Hereford	<i>Wenlock Team Ministry</i> – Much Wenlock with Bourton, Easthope, Stanton Long, Shipton; and Berrington with Betton Strange and Cross Houses, Church Preen, Cressage, Cound, Harley, Hughley, Kenley, Sheinton: Matthew Stafford (Team Rector), Reader: Paul Trenberth; Associate Priests, Robert Bull, Philip Bytheway, David Janes; Godly Play - Catherine Benbow, Family Breakfast Service Leaders - Jackie Birt, Jude Walker; Brockton CE Primary School; William Brookes School, Much Wenlock; Much Wenlock Primary School; Christ Church CE Primary School, Cressage; Church Preen Primary School.
Prayer	Thank you, Lord, that you always hear our prayers, even those prayers we don't manage to put into words.

SUNDAY 25th February: 2nd of Lent

Anglican	Anglican Church of Tanzania - Most Revd Maimbo Mndolwa, Archbishop.
Hereford	Pray for the all that enables the care, conservation and creative use of our church buildings, as places of worship and fellowship, and as resources for each local community. Give thanks for all who continue to work to ensure our churches are safe spaces, and attractive and clean.
Porvoo	<i>Finland:</i> Turku, Archbishop Tapio Luoma, Bishop Mari Leppänen; <i>England:</i> York, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, Bishop Paul Ferguson, Bishop John Thomson, Bishop Eleanor Sanderson, Bishop Stephen Race.
The Wider View	Pray for our continued reflection on the experience of the Kirchentag in June, by those who were able to attend and participate from here and by our partners in Nuremberg. Pray for our reflection on the various conversations that have taken place, including between Bishops Richard and Elisabeth. Pray for the future development of our link with Nuremberg, including ways in which we can work alongside other cultural points of contact, organise visits, and involve young people.
This Week	<p>Wednesday is kept as National School Governors Awareness Day. There are probably some 300,000 school governors and trustees supporting education in England alone, all giving time and skills on a voluntary basis. Pray especially for the governing bodies of our church schools.</p> <p>Rare Disease Day is held this year on Thursday 29th, the rarest day of the year. This is a globally-coordinated movement working towards equity in social opportunity, healthcare, and access to diagnosis and therapies for people living with a rare disease. Pray for all who are affected by the many different rare diseases, and for their assessment and treatment.</p> <p>St David's Day on Friday prompts prayer for the Welsh churches and communities within our diocese, and for our neighbour dioceses within the Church in Wales. The following day commemorates Chad, the first bishop of Lichfield, another of our neighbouring dioceses.</p> <p>Eating Disorders Awareness Week begins this week. About 1.25 million people in the UK, of all backgrounds, ages and gender, suffer from a range of eating disorders, with bulimia and anorexia nervosa perhaps the best known. Disordered eating behaviour usually has an emotional/mental origin, but can of course also have a very serious physical impact. Pray for all who suffer in this way, and also for their families and friends, as they try to cope and to help.</p> <p>Self injury and self harm can be as difficult to interpret and understand as are eating disorders. Friday is an international awareness day on self harm, which may affect some 15 million people worldwide, and often has quite complex origins, but is an attempt to reduce the impact of severe emotional distress or pain. Pray for understanding and help for all who self harm.</p> <p>The Marie Curie Nurses daffodil appeal also begins this week - pray for a generous response to help fund this important service of care, offered at times of greatest need.</p>

Monday 26th February	
Anglican	Chicago (Province V, TEC) - Rt Revd Paula E. Clark.
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Neil Patterson, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Ordinands. Pray for new vocations for ministry from our Diocese, for those in training or preparing to begin, and for the assistant Directors of Ordinands.
Tuesday 27th February: George Herbert, priest and poet	
Anglican	Chichester (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Martin Warner; Suffragans - Rt Revd Ruth Bushyager (Horsham), Rt Revd Will Hazlewood (Lewes).
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Elizabeth Wild, working to establish, encourage and support local ministry in our diocese, and as Warden of Readers. Pray also for the network of Subwardens of Readers and for the Diocesan Reader's Association.
Today	General Synod ends; Curates and Training Incumbents evening
Wednesday 28th February	
Anglican	Chotanagpur (North India) - Rt Revd Basil Baskey.
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Luci Morriss, Dean of Women's Ministry, supporting women in ordained ministry and as accredited lay workers within the Diocese.
Thursday 29th February	
Anglican	Christ the King <i>Angola</i> (Mozambique & Angola) - Rt Revd Augusto Domingos.
Hereford	<i>Ministry:</i> Give thanks for the ministry offered by Self-Supporting Ministers (SSMs), and those who hold Permission to Officiate.
Friday 1st March: David, bishop, patron of Wales	
Anglican	Christ the King <i>South Africa</i> (Southern Africa) - Rt Revd Mkhusele Sobantwana.
Hereford	<i>Ministry:</i> Pray for the development and practice of Anna Chaplaincy in our Diocese, in our care homes and with the elderly in the wider community.
Saturday 2nd March: Chad, bishop and missionary	
Anglican	Christchurch (Aotearoa/NZ/Polynesia) - Rt Revd Peter Carrell.
Hereford	<i>Ministry:</i> Pray for Readers, for all who support and resource their ministry, and for those newly licensed and currently training.
on Prayer <i>George Herbert</i>	Prayer the church's banquet, angel's age, God's breath in man returning to his birth, The soul in paraphrase, heart in pilgrimage, The Christian plummet sounding heav'n and earth Engine against th' Almighty, sinner's tow'r, Reversed thunder, Christ-side-piercing spear, The six-days world transposing in an hour, A kind of tune, which all things hear and fear; Softness, and peace, and joy, and love, and bliss, Exalted manna, gladness of the best, Heaven in ordinary, man well drest, The milky way, the bird of Paradise, Church-bells beyond the stars heard, the soul's blood, The land of spices; something understood.

SUNDAY 3rd March: 3rd of Lent	
Anglican	The Church of the Province of Uganda - Most Revd Stephen Samuel Kaziimba Mugalu, Archbishop.
Hereford	<i>The Hereford Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – vacant; Lay Co-Chair – vacant; Sub-Warden of Readers – Malcolm Robertson; Treasurer - Rosemary Lording.
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : Salisbury, Bishop Stephen Lake, Bishop Andrew Rumsey, Bishop Karen Gorham; <i>Wales</i> : St Asaph, Bishop Gregory Cameron.
The Wider View	The links between terrorist organizations and criminal activity are real and growing, and it can be hard for poorer nations to respond to this. In Tanzania, such things as trafficking in wildlife, poaching, drug trafficking, the smuggling of precious stones and metals and trafficking in people, may well, when they occur, be linked to terrorism financing operations. Vigilance is needed, and charities and non-profit enterprises are at risk of being exploited - for example as a means of cash transfer. Pray for initiatives designed to raise awareness among communities and organisations at risk of exploitation.
This Week	<p>Pray for the work of local foodbanks, at a time when many are feeling the strain as need grows and greater demands are made. Pray too for all that helps bring aid and support to low-income families, for example by grants, by debt counselling and mutual support schemes.</p> <p>3rd March is an awareness day for dyscalculia. This condition is similar to dyslexia, but to do with numbers and calculations. Though not uncommon, it is many times less likely to be diagnosed than dyslexia, and is often overlooked. The day reaches out to maths teachers and maths learning difficulty specialists to share techniques and best practices to support dyscalculic and maths anxious children and adults.</p> <p>National Careers Week also happens this week: pray for all who are looking to change their career and to develop new skills, for the many school and higher education leavers who will be looking to enter the world of work in the coming months, and for all who offer guidance.</p> <p>Pray for the Hereford Passion at the cathedral this Friday and Saturday, for all who will be participating, and for the audiences who will attend, and that it may speak both to those who come with a faith and those who come with doubts or questions.</p> <p>No More Week this week is dedicated to encouraging grassroots activism and awareness on domestic and sexual violence, to create a culture of safety, respect, and equality in every community. Pray for all who are victims of violence in the home, and for places of refuge.</p> <p>National Butchers Week and British Pie Week both happen this week: pray for our local butchers and pie-makers, and for all that encourages us to buy and eat food that has a local provenance and origin.</p> <p>Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, ('Woodbine Willie', remembered on Friday) had a vital ministry as a war chaplain 1914-18, and prompts prayer for all who serve today as chaplains within our armed forces.</p>

Monday 4th March	
Anglican	Chubu (Japan) - Rt Revd Francis of Assisi Renta Nishihara.
Hereford	St Martin, Hereford & St Peter, Bullinghope; Anne Dowdeswell, Lauren Bell; PTO: Jackie Nevill, Michael Ranyard; Community Pastor - David Bland; Local Min Team Hereford Academy: Chaplain - Barry Stevens; Riverside Prim. Sch; Marlbrook Prim. Sch; St Martin's Prim. Sch; Our Lady's RC Prim. Sch; Blackmarston Sch.
Tuesday 5th March	
Anglican	Clogher (Armagh, Ireland) - Rt Revd Ian Ellis.
Hereford	<i>West Hereford Team Ministry</i> – St Nicholas, Holy Trinity, All Saints and St Michael's, Breinton: Ruth Hulse, Jae Chandler, Lois Beynon; Readers – Stuart Vince, Chris Webb, Malcolm Robertson, Michael Weaver, Diane Bates, Keith Bladon; PTO Clergy; Families Worker: Genevieve Barker; Team Faith in Action Group; Whitecross High Sch; Trinity Primary Sch; Lord Scudamore Academy.
Today	DHET AGM and Directors' Meeting; "PCC Tonight" CPAS training
Wednesday 6th March	
Anglican	On the Coast (Ondo, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Seyi Pirisola.
Hereford	St Peter with St Owen & St James: Andy Morgan, Andy Dodwell, Luke Ayles; PTO - Paul Gill, Val Turner; Readers – Peter Strevens, Mary Bennett; St Thomas Cantilupe CE School, St James CE School. Wardens - Peter Stevens, Richard Paske, Andy Newton, Stephen Turner; Treasurer: Andy Butterfill; Heather Martin, Geri Miller, Tom Milton (Head of Operations), Sandra Zhukova (Ukrainian Project).
Today	"Agile Leadership" CPAS training, at the Mascall Centre
Thursday 7th March: Perpetua, Felicity and their companions, martyrs	
Anglican	Cochin (South India) - Rt Revd Baker Ninan Fenn.
Hereford	Holmer with Huntington: vacant, Erin Butler; Holmer CE Academy.
Today	Finance Committee meeting
Friday 8th March: Edward King, bishop; Felix, bishop; Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, priest	
Anglican	Coimbatore (South India) - Rt Revd Timothy Ravinder.
Hereford	Tupsley with Hampton Bishop: Nick Armstrong, Joe Chipper; Reader - Deborah Hartland; Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School; St Paul's CE Primary School; Hampton Dene Primary School; Broadlands Primary School; St Francis Xavier RC Primary School; Aylestone Business & Enterprise College.
Today	The Hereford Passion
Saturday 9th March	
Anglican	Colombia (Province IX, TEC) - Rt Revd Elias Garcia Cardenas.
Hereford	<i>The Magnis Group</i> - Credenhill with Brinsop & Wormsley, Mansel Lacy & Yazor, Kenchester, Bridge Sollers & Bishopstone: Rana Davies-James, Angie Deane; Lay Worship Leader/reader – Mike Honeysett; Donna Jones (children's ministry), Dorrie Coates. St Mary's CE Primary School, Credenhill.
Today	The Hereford Passion
on Prayer <i>Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy</i>	We have taught our people to use prayer too much as a means of comfort – not in the original and heroic sense of uplifting, inspiring, strengthening, but in the more modern and baser sense of soothing sorrow, dulling pain, and drying tears – the comfort of the cushion, not the comfort of the Cross.

SUNDAY 10th March: 4th of Lent - Mothering Sunday	
Anglican	The Episcopal Church - Most Revd Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop.
Hereford	Pray for our welcome to all who visit our churches as tourists, pilgrims or maybe searching for family history. May they be able to do so safely, and be both informed and challenged by buildings used both to tell stories of their past and to witness to a living and vibrant faith for these times.
Porvoo	<i>Denmark:</i> Ribe, Bishop Elof Westergaard; <i>England:</i> Bath and Wells, Bishop Michael Beasley, Bishop Ruth Worsley.
The Wider View	Pray that conversations at and following the Kirchentag in Nuremberg regarding curates and those in training, and possible exchanges, may bear fruit. Exchanges in the past have been very positive, and our churches face many of the same issues, problems and challenges. At all levels there are ways in which we can learn from each other.
This Week	<p>On Mothering Sunday, pray for all mothers, and for all who share in the work of mothering and protecting children. Pray for the work and witness of the Mothers' Union, and also for the great and historic churches of our diocese, and the places where the faith was first established and preached.</p> <p>This is World Glaucoma Week. Pray for all who live with this condition, and for the work of eye specialists.</p> <p>This is also British Science Week. Pray for all that helps introduce school pupils to the world of science and technology, and for all who teach science subjects. The theme of the week this year is "Time" - which is key to so many discoveries and so much of our understanding, in every scientific discipline.</p> <p>Wednesday is National No Smoking Day. Pray for all who are trying to give up smoking, and for all whose health has been damaged by smoking. Pray that our government may hold firm to its intention to move towards making smoking obsolete in Britain by 2030.</p> <p>Thursday is National University Mental Health Day. Many students face mental health problems during their time at university, and this day aims to offer support and advice, and to ensure that students are not held back by mental health issues, and that high quality advice and support is available to them. Pray for all who as students are affected by issues of this kind.</p> <p>Friday is Red Nose Day. Pray for all who will be taking part in fund-raising activities this week, or responding to the appeal in other ways. Funds raised help support vulnerable people and communities both in the UK and in the developing world.</p> <p>More than a billion people around our world live with disabilities and impairments of various kinds. Disability Access Day (Saturday) is a world initiative to focus on the ways in which access issues can prevent those living with a disability from participating fully in the life of the community. The day focuses especially on digital access and inclusion.</p> <p>Pray for church and community choirs preparing music for Holy Week and Easter, and for our schools as they also prepare for this time.</p>

Monday 11th March	
Anglican	Colombo <i>Sri Lanka</i> (Church of Ceylon) - Rt Revd Dushantha Rodrigo.
Hereford	Hereford VI Form College (Chaplain – Deborah Jackson); Herefordshire & Ludlow College; Hereford College of Arts; Royal National College for the Blind; Holme Lacy College.
Today	Bridge Building Network - Churches supporting Schools
Tuesday 12th March	
Anglican	Colorado (Province VI, TEC) - Rt Revd Kym Lucas.
Hereford	<i>The local church</i> - Those who prepare our churches for worship, and ensure that our buildings are clean, attractive and safe.
Today	Bishop's Staff meeting
Wednesday 13th March	
Anglican	Congo Brazzaville (Congo) - vacant.
Hereford	<i>The local church</i> - Those who read, lead intercessions, assist at communion, and assist in worship in other ways - and the people who organise the rotas!
Thursday 14th March	
Anglican	Connecticut (Province I TEC) - Rt Revd Jeffrey Mello; Suffragan - Rt Revd Laura Ahrens.
Hereford	<i>The local church</i> - Organists, choristers, and musicians.
Today	MU midday prayers; Year of Faith - Bishop's Study Day
Friday 15th March	
Anglican	Connor (Armagh, Ireland) - Rt Revd George Davison.
Hereford	<i>The local church</i> - Those who lead prayer and study groups, fellowship and discussion groups etc, and all who take part in the variety of midweek activities that can help link church and community.
Saturday 16th March	
Anglican	Cork, Cloyne & Ross (Dublin, Ireland) - Rt Revd Paul Colton.
Hereford	<i>The local church</i> - All who work with children, young people and families, and all that helps our churches with schools, nurseries, play groups etc within our communities. Pray also for safeguarding officers in our parishes.
Prayer <i>Campsea Ashe Baptist Church</i>	<p>Loving God, we thank you for mothers – for all they mean or have meant, for the love they have shown and the care they have given.</p> <p>We thank you for the qualities of mothers – their patience, their kindness, concern and understanding.</p> <p>We thank you for the part they play in our lives, and we thank you for this day of saying 'thank you', this opportunity to say what we so often mean to say, but so rarely do.</p> <p>For mothers and motherhood, for children and families we bring you this day our grateful praise.</p>

SUNDAY 17th March: 5th of Lent Passion Sunday - Passiontide begins	
Anglican	The Church in Wales - Most Revd Andrew John, Archbishop.
Hereford	<i>The Kington & Weobley Deanery</i> : Rural Dean - Mike Kneen; Lay Co-Chair and Sub-Warden of Readers vacant at the time of going to press.
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : Sheffield, Bishop Pete Wilcox, Bishop Sophie Jelley; <i>Greenland</i> : Bishop Paneeraq Siegstad Munk (<i>a diocese of the Church of Denmark</i>).
The Wider View	Three million or more people in Tanzania live with a disability of some kind. This is about nine per cent of the population. As in many developing countries, people living with disability are vulnerable, and may well be under-educated, untrained, and finding it hard to make a living. This is especially true for women and young people, and for those living in the more rural areas. Disability rights are taken seriously in Tanzania, however, and there is an established disability movement able speak to government. Laws, policies and standards pertaining to people with disabilities are in place, including the right to good productive work, and to vocational training. Having the right to these things is, however, not the same as actually receiving them - pray for those projects and initiatives, often church-based, that help train and prepare people with disabilities.
This Week	<p>At Passiontide give thanks for Jesus as both perfect priest and worthy sacrifice, and for the story of saving love we shall rehearse over the coming days. Pray for our preparations for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter, especially for those events that are about open witness and united fellowship. The feast day of Joseph of Nazareth (Tuesday) allows us to give thanks for the obedience of Joseph and also to focus on him as a worker; by tradition this is a day to pray for the world of work, including prayer for those whose work is tedious, difficult or poorly rewarded, but also to give thanks for the creative skill of the artisan worker.</p> <p>This is English Tourism Week, led by VisitEngland. Pray for all who are preparing at this time to re-open tourist venues and places to stay, as Easter approaches and the Spring and Summer season beyond.</p> <p>This week also celebrates Neurodiversity worldwide. Neurodivergent conditions may be regarded as a form of disability, when it is more a matter of being differently able. The week aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported by providing schools etc with the means to recognise the talents and advantages they can bring, while creating more inclusive and equitable cultures. Pray for all who have felt rejected or excluded because of differences of this kind, e.g. autism or ADHD.</p> <p>Weather forecasters and bird watchers begin Spring on 1st Marsh, but the calendar begins the season on the Vernal Equinox, which this year is on Wednesday 20th. Give thanks for the lengthening days! Wednesday is also the International Day of Happiness, which supports a global movement towards a happier, more inclusive, and resilient world.</p> <p>Thursday is the International Day of Forests. Pray for all who are working to conserve these vulnerable but vital habitats, at risk in many places.</p>

Monday 18th March: Cyril, bishop and teacher of the faith	
Anglican	Costa Rica (Central America) - Rt Revd Orlando Gomez.
Hereford	Eardisley with Bollingham & Willersley, Brilley, Michaelchurch, Whitney, Winforton, Almeley & Kinnersley: Marcus Small, Katie Smith, Bob Mullis; Reader - David Greenwood; Almeley Primary School; Eardisley CEP School.
Tuesday 19th March: Joseph of Nazareth	
Anglican	Coventry (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Ruth Worsley (acting).
Hereford	Kington with Huntington, Old Radnor, Kinnerton & Titley: <i>vacant</i> ; Paul Buckingham, Tony Jardine; Reader - Rob MacCurrach; Kington Primary School; Lady Hawkins High School; Kington Court Hospital.
Today	DAC meets at Leominster; DBE meeting
Wednesday 20th March: Cuthbert, bishop and missionary	
Anglican	Cuba (Province II [2], TEC) - Rt Revd Rafael Morales Maldonado (provisional).
Hereford	Letton with Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, Mansel Gamage & Monnington-on-Wye; Weobley with Sarnesfield & Norton Canon: Philip Harvey; Susan Verwey, John Thewlis, Charles Overton, Mike Kneen, Paul Francis; Staunton-on-Wye Endowed Primary School; Weobley Primary School; Weobley High School.
Today	Servants & Stewards session 6, at the Mascall Centre
Thursday 21st March: Thomas Cranmer, archbishop and martyr	
Anglican	Cueibet (Eastern Bahr el Ghazal, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Elijah Matueny Awet.
Hereford	<i>Arrowvale Group</i> - Pembridge with Moorcourt, Shobdon, Staunton-on-Arrow, Byton & Lyonshall: Anna Branston; Reader – Ian Smith; Pembridge CE Primary School; Shobdon Primary School.
Today	Bishop's Council meets
Friday 22nd March	
Anglican	Cuernavaca (Mexico) - Most Revd Enrique Treviño Cruz.
Hereford	Presteigne with Discoed, Kinsham, Lingen & Knill: Stephen Hollinghurst, Debbie Venables; Clergy with PTO: Barney Bell, Susie Bishop, Michael Tavinor. The John Beddoes Secondary School, and Presteigne Primary School.
Saturday 23rd March	
Anglican	Cuttack (North India) - Rt Revd Surendra Kumar Nanda.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Pray for the work of the Ludlow Mascall Centre and for all who use the facilities provided there.
Prayer <i>Ignatius of Loyola</i>	Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to seek for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will.

Curates in Training:

David Andrews (Year 3 - Church Stretton)
Luke Aylen (Year 3 - Ss Peter & James, Hereford)
Lauren Bell (Year 3 - St Martin, Hereford)
Lois Beynon (Year 3 - West Hereford Team)
Erin Butler (Year 3 - Holmer with Huntington)
(Joe) Stanley Chipper (Year 3 - Tupsley etc)
Wayne Davies (Year 3 - Ludlow)
Angie Kateley (Year 3 - Abbeydore)
Natalie Jennings (Year 3 - Maund Group)
Ruth Leigh (Year 3 - Westbury, Worthen & Yockleton)
Richard Lonsdale (Year 2 - Pontesbury etc)
Linde Melhuish (Year 2 - Hop Churches)
Jonathan Roberts (Year 2 - Leominster)
Andrew Falconer, (Year 1 - Colwall etc)
Fi Honeysett, (Year 1 - Leominster East Parishes)
Sarah Lupton, (Year 1 - Cleobury Mortimer)
Owen Pembery, (Year 1 - Fownhope etc)
Rosie Roberts (Year 1 - Kingsland w. Eardisland etc)
Freddie Strong (Year 1 - Gt Hanwood, Longden etc)

Ordinands in Training:

Michael Aylmer (Cuddesdon)
Tracy Jones (CGH)
William Talbot-Ponsonby (CGH)
Alex Herbert (CGH)
Kate Edwards (CGH)
Vicky Dunlop (CGH)
Geoff Holder (CGH)
Philippa Wright (CGH)
Ewan Gillings (St Stephen's House)
Alex Day (Cuddesdon)
Joanna Day (Cuddesdon)
Christine Cattanach (CGH)
Susannah Peppiatt (CGH)

Warden and Sub-Wardens of Readers:

Warden: Elizabeth Wild

Sub-Wardens:

Abbeydore - vacant
Bromyard – Culain Morris
Hereford - Malcolm Robertson
Kington & Weobley - vacant
Ledbury - Linde Melhuish
Leominster - Culain Morris
Ross & Archenfield - vacant
Bridgnorth - Garry Ward
Clun Forest - Julia Francis
Condover - vacant
Ludlow - vacant
Pontesbury - Julia Francis
Telford Severn Gorge - Garry Ward

Pray for our Reader in Training:

Suanna Rosier

Intergenerational Missioners:

Christine Cattanach - Bartestree/Maund
David Bland - South Wye
Beckie Dotson - Sutton Hill & Woodside