

11TH AUGUST - TRINITY 11 (PROPER 14)

Anglican The Anglican Church of Korea.
Hereford Give thanks for the parish church as a Christian presence at the heart of each community, and pray that all may be places of welcome and support, responding to local need, change and challenge.

Porvoo England: Portsmouth; Sweden: Stockholm.

The Wider View A Prayer from Tanzania: Heavenly Father, touch the hearts of our political leaders and all those in power. We pray that they may exercise power gently, that they may humbly seek a disinterested dialogue that will bring about understanding, leading us all to a place where all nations and all people live together in peace and harmony. Where there is bitterness teach us forgiveness and reconciliation, replace hatred with love and indifference with care.

This Week **Florence Nightingale**, remembered on Monday, prompts prayer for nurses in our hospitals, nursing homes and health centres, and also for health care workers in war zones, often in appalling conditions and lacking equipment and medicines.
Monday is also **International Youth Day**: pray for all young people, and for a world where all are valued and affirmed.
Maximilian Kolbe, remembered this week, was a Polish priest and Franciscan friar who took the place of a condemned man in the death camp at Auschwitz during the Second World War. Give thanks for those who with sacrificial courage shine the light of Christ in the darkest and most desperate places.
Thursday is the main feast day of the **Blessed Virgin Mary**: may her purity, obedience and service be present in every church.
In **National Allotments Week**, pray for all gardeners, and for all who encourage a love of gardens and gardening in the young.
Pray for the work of **Caring for God's Acre**, and for the ways in which churchyards can be developed as refuges for wildlife.
In the week of **VJ Day**, give thanks for those who fought on in the far east after the war in Europe had ended in 1945, and, at a time of increased nuclear tension in our world, that nuclear weapons may never again be used.

18TH AUGUST - TRINITY 12 (PROPER 15)

Anglican The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

Hereford Conover Deanery.

Porvoo Ireland: Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh; Denmark: Aarhus.

The Wider View As the conflict between Israeli and Hamas continues, pray for all who remain trapped in dangerous places, that they may be free from harm, especially the very old or young, and those who live with disability. Pray for the work of humanitarian aid and the safety of all who are working to provide it.

This Week On **Never Give Up Day**, pray for all for whom life is a struggle, and for a spirit of kindness in community and family and church. Give thanks for the work and witness of the **Salvation Army**, in the week that remembers William and Catherine Booth. Monday is **World Humanitarian Day**. Pray for those who on the front lines of our world are there for the most needy and vulnerable, and that at every level of life we may be ready to show care and concern to those in need. Pray for the work of local **Wildlife Trusts**, planning and maintaining nature reserves, and encouraging an interest in nature conservation among those of every age. Pray for **Christian festivals**, including Greenbelt (taking place this week) and the Big Church Festival (taking place over the coming weekend). Pray for the vital work of **foodbanks** in our communities, and for families for whom the school holiday period is a time of increased financial struggle.

25TH AUGUST - TRINITY 13 (PROPER 16)

Anglican La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.
 Hereford Care, conservation and creative use of our church buildings, and all who help look after them.
 Porvoo Finland: Espoo; Scotland: Edinburgh.
 The Wider View Pray for our partners in the Lutheran Church in Nuremberg, facing similar challenges to us - of falling finances and attendances. Pray for a revival of faith, and a renewed commitment to social and environmental justice and Christian unity.

This Week Monday is **National Dog Day**: give thanks for dogs as companions, and for working dogs. Pray too for all domestic pets, including those that are treated badly or neglected. Pray for the work of the RSPCA and other animal charities.

Monica, remembered on Tuesday before the day of her son Augustine of Hippo on Wednesday, prayed constantly for her son to come to faith, until at last her prayers were answered. Give thanks for all those who pray for others, and for all who, perhaps in old age, give prayerful support to the work and mission of the Church. In the week that marks the **Beheading of John the Baptist**, pray for all whose faith in Christ leads them to stand firm against tyranny and the abuse of power, often at risk to themselves. Friday remembers **John Bunyan**, author of "The Pilgrim's Progress": may we be ready to help and guide one another, to correct and admonish where needed, on our pilgrim journeys. Pray for those who maintain and administer **village and community halls**, for community run village shops, and also for those who keep cultural traditions and local history alive in our communities.

1ST SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 14 (PROPER 17)

Anglican	Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola.
Hereford	Hereford City Deanery.
Porvoo	Finland: Turku; England: York.
The Wider View	Tanzania is still regarded as an “island of peace” in a part of Africa that includes many divided or troubled nations. Refugees have come to Tanzania from other parts of the region, bringing significant economic and social strains. Pray for those in power to be able to maintain a healthy economy, and for harmony within communities and between faith groups.
This Week	<p>In Migraine Awareness Week, pray for those living with this condition and for greater awareness and support, also for research.</p> <p>This is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Pray for children and families, for the cure rate to continue to improve for these cancers, and for good provision for parents to remain with their children when they need hospital treatment.</p> <p>Urology Awareness Month draws attention to a wide range of conditions relating to bladder, kidneys etc. Pray for specialists in this field, for greater awareness of symptoms, and for research.</p> <p>Pray for the work and witness of the Papua New Guinea Church Partnership.</p> <p>Allen Gardner, remembered on Friday, founded the South American Mission Society. SAMS is now part of CMS. Pray for Anglicans in South America today, recognising the significant theological, missional and cultural tensions there are in this region.</p> <p>Pray for local libraries - a vital social provision that is under pressure as local government budgets are squeezed.</p>

8TH SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 15 (PROPER 18) *Accession of King Charles III*

Anglican	The Province of Myanmar (Burma).
Hereford	All who visit our churches as tourists, pilgrims, visiting family graves or researching their history. As we tell the story of the past history of our churches, may we also be present our buildings as places where a living, serving and welcoming faith for today is centred.
Porvoo	England: Salisbury; Wales: St Asaph.
The Wider View	Give thanks for the involvement of schools and young people in our links with the church in Nuremberg. Pray for a revival of modern language teaching in our schools, and for the exploration of links and visit opportunities.
This Week	<p>Fairtrade Fortnight begins this week. Pray for a greater awareness of Fairtrade goods, and for Fairtrade’s vision of a world in which trade is based on fairness, and producers can earn secure and sustainable livelihoods.</p> <p>in Air Ambulance Week pray for those who staff and provide this vital service, and that the voluntary support that enables this service</p>

to continue may be maintained.

Pray for all who live with **eczema**, and especially for children with this disease; pray for awareness, treatment and research.

Pray for our **schools and colleges** as the new educational year gets under way. Pray for those starting at new schools, and those soon to begin university courses, many of whom may be leaving home for the first time. Pray for chaplains and all who offer care and support.

Pray for **Young Farmers' Clubs**, encouraging fellowship, building skills and confidence in young people, and helping ensure that young people remain within the agricultural community and industry.

This week ends with **Holy Cross Day**. Give thanks that the ultimate sign of shame and defeat is instead made a throne, and the place where victory is won over all that enslaves us.

15TH SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 16 (PROPER 19)

Anglican	The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).
Hereford	Kington & Weobley Deanery.
Porvoo	Denmark: Ribe; England: Bath and Wells.
The Wider View	There are some 26 million refugees in today's world, many hosted by countries that can hardly afford to provide for their own people. About half of these are children, who may have been through horrors hard to imagine. Pray for aid agencies and workers, that people displaced in this way may find compassion and understanding, and for all that helps restore hope and dignity to those forced to leave their home or land.
This Week	Hildegard of Bingen (remembered on Tuesday) was a prioress and then abbess, an able poet, a composer of music, a mystic and visionary, and wrote on medicine and natural history. Give thanks for those who push the boundaries and challenge norms, and for all who express faith and praise God using poetry and music. Pray for all who live with rheumatoid arthritis , an autoimmune condition in which the immune system impacts on healthy bones, tendons etc in ways that cause severe pain and often deformity. Pray for research into ways to reduce pain and repair damage, and for specialists in this field. This year's Great British Beach Clean starts this week - pray for all who will take part as volunteers, and for the work of the Marine Conservation Society, aiming to keep beaches clean and reduce the impact of plastic and pollution on our inshore waters. Matthew , Apostle and Evangelist, commemorated on Saturday prompts thanks for the Gospel that bears his name, and prayer that we may be faithful to the apostolic commission we inherit from those first sent by Christ "into all nations, to make them my disciples" <i>Matt 28.19</i> . Pray for the agricultural markets that serve our communities: for the work of auctioneers, and for all responsible for the safety, welfare and hygiene necessary in places where animals are bought and sold.