

14TH AUGUST - TRINITY 9 Proper 15

Anglican	The Extra-Provincial Churches. Those under the oversight of the Archbishop of Canterbury are Bermuda, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), Falkland Islands, the Lusitanian Church in Portugal, and the Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church.
Hereford	Give thanks for the parish church as a Christian presence at the heart of each community, and for the ways in which our churches can be a focus for a service ministry that proclaims the love of Christ.
Porvoo	Ireland: Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh; Denmark: Aarhus.
The Wider View	Pray we may be responsible stewards of God's world, and that the economic uncertainty arising from the war in Ukraine and other destabilising factors will not mean that climate change targets are watered down or abandoned.
This Week	<p>As on Monday we mark the main feast of Mary, the Mother of our Lord, give thanks for her example of humility and service.</p> <p>World Humanitarian Day is 19th August, focusing on "the humanitarians who have been heroes during Covid".</p> <p>Pray for local nature reserves and wild places, and for those who look after them and protect them, helping retain a diverse natural fauna, and encouraging interest in the natural environment.</p> <p>Pray for the work of the Riding for the Disabled Association, giving lessons to people with developmental and physical disabilities and improving the lives of those with mental health difficulties.</p> <p>This week remembers William and Catherine Booth: pray for the Salvation Army, locally and nationally, and worldwide - and for its work supporting victims of modern slavery.</p> <p>Pray for all who ring bells in our churches, and for those towers which struggle to get a team together.</p>

21ST AUGUST - TRINITY 10 Proper 16

Anglican	The Province of Alexandria.
Hereford	Condover Deanery.
Porvoo	Finland: Espoo; Scotland: Edinburgh.
The Wider View	Pray for all the diocesan and other school links, and for Steve Chandler who co-ordinates them.
This Week	<p>Pray for veterinary practices within our communities, and for their work on farms, with horses, with domestic pets, etc.</p> <p>This week closes with the last Bank Holiday of the summer: pray for those visiting our area and perhaps our churches, for those just passing through, and for the safety of all who travel our roads.</p> <p>Pray for families struggling to equip children with school uniforms, etc. Give thanks for those who offer help and support, for example recycling uniforms schemes.</p>

Pray for all those who are organising events over the holiday period, and for **musicians**, especially folk and traditional musicians whose music often springs from the history of the land around us.

Pray for young people preparing to start their first term at **university** or college. Pray for local charities that offer support to those in further education.

Make Waves is the theme of this year's Hereford **River Carnival** on 26th and 27th August. Pray for those organising the events of this carnival and for all those taking part. Pray too for our care and conservation of the River Wye and its catchment.

Pray for those all who document and record **local history**, for local museums, galleries and libraries, and for all who visit our churches in search of family or community history.

28TH AUGUST - TRINITY 11 Proper 17

Anglican	The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia.
Hereford	Pray for 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.
Porvoo	Finland: Turku; England: York.
The Wider View	Pray for our Lutheran partners in Nuremberg as they continue with plans to host the Kirchentag in June 2023. Pray for those planning the Kirchentag programme and recruiting host families to welcome visitors, and for our own plans and participation.
This Week	<p>John Bunyan is commemorated this week; may we be faithful pilgrims, and careful guides to those around us, and may all we do or decide be firmly rooted in prayer.</p> <p>The International Day of the Disappeared, on 30th August, draws attention to all who have been imprisoned without their friends or relatives knowing where or why. Pray for all taken unjustly and imprisoned without trial, and for those who worry or grieve for them.</p> <p>"Organic September" begins this week, a month-long campaign to draw attention to the benefits of organic vegetables, fruit etc. May all our food be produced with care and to the highest standards.</p> <p>As Blood Cancer Awareness Month begins, pray for all who are diagnosed as having blood cancers of various sorts, some 40,000 or so each year in the UK, for effective diagnosis and early treatment, and for research leading to therapies and cures.</p> <p>Doodle Day on 2nd September raises funds for Epilepsy, and helps support those affected by the disease. Pray for all who live with epilepsy.</p> <p>Pray for areas where substantial new housing developments are planned or under construction, and for those moving into new homes.</p>

Saturday next is **International Vulture Awareness Day**. Vultures play a vital role in many less developed communities - as they clear dead carcasses they reduce the risk of disease. Vultures are vulnerable to agricultural chemicals; this day aims to draw attention to their value and importance. Pray for those working for the conservation and protection of vultures.

4TH SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 12 Proper 18

Anglican	The Anglican Church of Australia.
Hereford	The Hereford City Deanery.
Porvoo	England: Salisbury; Wales: St Asaph.
The Wider View	Pray for doctors from many nations working to alleviate suffering in Ukraine and other theatres of war around our world.
This Week	<p>As the new school year begins, pray that children may return safely, and for all school staff, especially those in lead roles, and governors.</p> <p>Monday is the International Day of Charity: Give thanks for the many charities whose work is vital in our society and in the wider world, and for all who give their time and skills in charity work.</p> <p>Migraine can be a fairly temporary annoyance, but for some it is extremely disabling. Pray for all those who suffer seriously from migraine attacks which impair their work and social life.</p> <p>Thursday is a feast of Mary: pray for our MU branches and leaders, for families and carers, and for all new mothers.</p> <p>Pray for those who run inns and public houses in our communities, at a time when many are struggling or having to close.</p> <p>International Literacy Day falls this week. Pray for the many million adults and young people worldwide who lack basic literacy skills and access to education, and for recognition of literacy as a human right. Pray for all who administer and make use of our village and community halls.</p> <p>Pray for vigilance as, with schools restarting, Covid cases potentially begin to increase.</p>

11TH SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 13 Proper 19

Anglican	The Church of Bangladesh.
Hereford	Pray for all who visit our churches, that they may do so safely, and feel welcomed and informed, about our buildings and their history, and about our faith and work.
Porvoo	Denmark: Ribe; England: Bath & Wells.
The Wider View	Pray for our Nuremberg links: for young people and schools as, post Covid, they look to build international links, and for schools involved in the ICON (International Cross of Nails) programme. Pray for partnership links - for Ludlow/Langwasser, as Pastor Jörg Gunsenheimer plans to visit at Remembrancetide, and for Pastor Johannes Seemann, planning to come to Abbeydore next year.

This Week

In the week of **Holy Cross Day**, give thanks for the cross as the place of our redemption, the battleground on which Satan is defeated, and the ultimate demonstration of divine love.

Give thanks for the remarkable vision of **Hildegard**, remembered on Saturday, in some ways greatly ahead of her time in her music, her understanding of natural history and her awareness of our need to conserve and protect.

In **Orchid Male Cancer Awareness Week**, pray for research into these diseases, for treatment and a greater readiness to seek testing.

Pray for all who live with forms of **rheumatoid arthritis**. Pray for effective treatment and pain control, assistance for independent living, and continued research.

Pray also for those who suffer from **eczema** and other painful or difficult skin conditions, and for treatment and research.

World Sepsis Day falls this week: pray for effective action to prevent infection, and for greater understanding of this disease.

Pray for **teaching assistants** in our schools, as they support teachers and work with children with identified needs.

18TH SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 14 Proper 20

Anglican The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil.

Hereford Kington & Weobley Deanery.

Porvoo England: Sheffield; Greenland.

The Wider View After the celebrations of the Platinum Jubilee, give thanks for the work of our Queen as head of the Commonwealth through her reign.

This Week Give thanks for the Gospel of **Matthew**, and for its distinctive witness to the life and teaching of our Lord.

Give thanks for the pattern of parishes and dioceses that owes much to the 7th century reforms of **Theodore of Tarsus**.

The **Great British Beach Clean** this week is a citizen science project, responding to the risk posed by litter to our beaches and maritime environment are at particular risk from litter; pray we may be learn to use less unnecessary and unrecyclable packaging.

Pray for the provision of **learning opportunities for adults** - those looking to make up for deficiencies in childhood education, those wanting new skills to advance in their profession or move to a new one, and those who simply want to keep their minds active.

Pray for research into **mitochondrial disease**, a major cause of strokes and seizures in children.

The **International Day of Peace** falls this week. In a world transfixed by many wars, and increasingly weaponised, pray for peace.

World Alzheimer's Day this week prompts prayer for all who live with this debilitating disease, for families and friends, and for awareness of dementia in churches and the wider community.