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Prayer Diary

October to December 2022

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*Give thanks for the life, service and Christian witness of our late Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth II,
and pray for our Sovereign Lord, King Charles III, and for all the Royal Family.*

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)

2023 - A YEAR OF PRAYER

Bishop Richard has called for next year to be a Year of Prayer across our
Diocese. Please use the "Follow" prayer above to pray for our preparation for
this year, and for our keeping of it.

The year will be launched at a Festival of Light at the Cathedral
4.30 pm on Saturday 7th January - ideas and materials will be available to
enable a response to the launch in parishes and deaneries on 8th January,

Two "Prayer Ambassador Sharing Events" are planned,
facilitated by ReSource:

Saturday 14th January 10am - 1pm at Church Stretton Church Centre, and
Saturday 21st January 10am - 1pm at The Palace, Hereford.

Hereford Archdeaconry

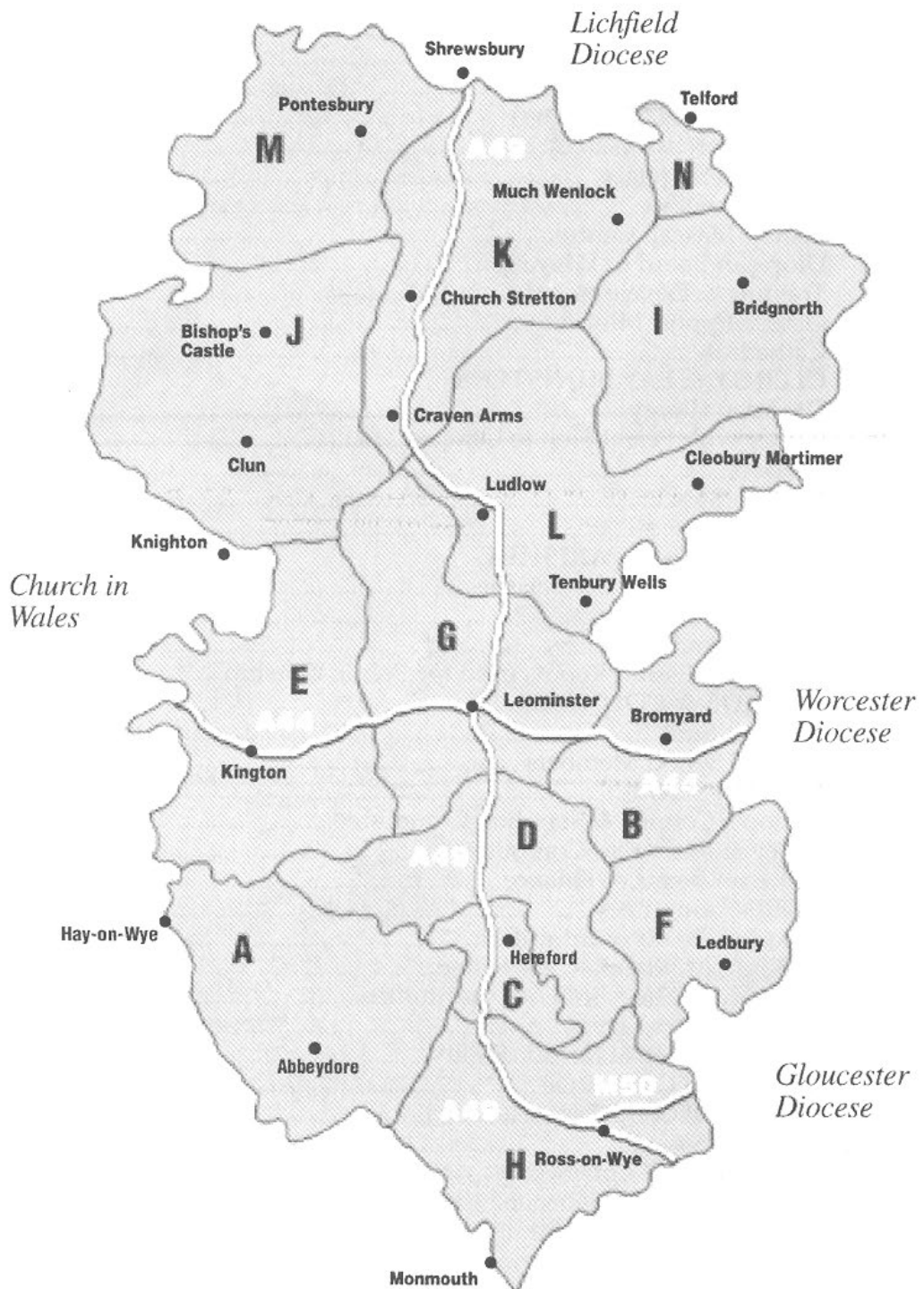
The Deaneries

- A Abbeydore
- B Bromyard
- C Hereford City
- E Kington & Weobley
- F Ledbury
- G Leominster
- H Ross & Archenfield

Ludlow Archdeaconry

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

(D - These parishes now part of Leominster, Ledbury or Ross & Archenfield Deaneries)



The Prayer Diary - October to December 2022

The main part of this Prayer Diary covers the quarter from Sunday 25th September to Saturday 24th December, Christmas Eve, 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. A new version of the Cycle of Prayer began last year, spread over more than two years, and allowing 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** - Some suggestions for prayer through the week, with themes and issues in healthcare, the community, education and the changing seasons, along with events and activities in our Diocese and 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.
- **On Prayer** - A prayerful reflection appropriate to the week.

Please send entries for the next edition which covers the quarter January to March 2023 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! Obviously we don't know whether Covid restrictions might return this Winter, so there is still a sense in which events and dates are provisional.

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

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| CGH | - | Cuddesdon in Gloucester & Hereford (formerly WEMTC) |
| CMD | - | Continuing Ministerial Development |
| CMS | - | Church Mission Society |
| DAC | - | Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches |
| DBE | - | Diocesan Board of Education |
| DDVO | - | Diocesan Director of Vocations and Ordinands |
| DHET | - | Diocese of Hereford Educational Trust |
| HAMPSC | - | Hereford Archdeaconry Mission & Pastoral Sub-Committee |
| IM | - | Intergenerational Missioner |
| IMD | - | Initial Ministerial Development |
| LAMPSC | - | Ludlow Archdeaconry Mission & Pastoral Sub-Committee |
| LMC | - | Ludlow Mascall Centre (formerly BMC) |
| MAP | - | Mission Action Plan |
| MDO | - | Mission (MAP) Development Officer |
| MU | - | Mothers' Union |
| 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 25th September: 15th after Trinity Proper 21 <i>Generosity Week 2022 begins</i> | |
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| Anglican | The Anglican Church of Burundi - The Most Revd Sixbert Macumi, Archbishop. |
| Hereford | Pray for all that encourages and nurtures vocation within our Diocese, for those who advise, discern and mentor and for all that helps people to take seriously a sense of being called to Christian ministry of various kinds. Pray for all who are training, that they may receive the training and experience they need. |
| Porvoo | <i>Wales:</i> Swansea and Brecon, Bishop John Lomas; <i>England:</i> Leicester, Bishop Martyn Snow, Bishop Saju Muthalaly. |
| The Wider View | Devastating floods have hit Pakistan as a result of global warming: pray for those who have lost family members and the many who now have no home or livelihood. May we as a nation hear their pleas for charitable help and have a generous heart to assist them. |
| This Week | <p>In the period following the death of our late Queen, and her state funeral, give thanks for the example she has set of faith, duty and service, and pray for King Charles III as his reign begins.</p> <p>As the Season of Creation draws towards its close, praise God for the beauty and the richness of our world. This year's theme is "Listen to the Voice of Creation" - may we hear that voice in the diminishing number of species, in the places and people suffering from climate change, and in those who have learned to live gratefully and at peace within what God has made, and may we respond to what we hear.</p> <p>Vincent de Paul, commemorated on Tuesday, devoted his life to the service of the poor. Pray we may respond generously our neighbour's need, whoever our neighbour may be. Pray especially for Syrian, Afghan and Ukrainian families finding refuge within our communities.</p> <p>Michaelmas reminds us that the voices of angels are ever united in songs of praise around the throne of heaven: may we join our voices with theirs, standing firm in the service of all that is godly and good.</p> <p>Pray for the work in evangelism and pastoral care of the Church Army as we remember its founder, Wilson Carlile, this week.</p> <p>Bike to School Week this week provides opportunity to remember and celebrate all that is done to help our children keep fit and healthy, and in particular the ways in which schools encourage cycling and help ensure children can use their bikes safely and with proficiency.</p> <p>Wednesday is kept as World Rabies Day. Pray for all who are working to eliminate this deadly disease from our world, and for education, prevention and prompt action.</p> <p>Pray for fundraising events at this time as part of the "Biggest Coffee Morning" appeal to support the work of Macmillan Nurses, and give thanks for the support given to those living with cancer and their families.</p> <p>In the week of World Heart Day (Wednesday), pray for all who are working to understand and better treat heart disease in its various forms, and for therapy and support for those who have survived severe heart trauma.</p> |

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| Monday 26th September: Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army | |
| Anglican | Mumbai (North India) - Rt Revd Prakash Patole. |
| Hereford | <i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for organists and other musicians serving our churches, for members of choirs and worship groups, and for all who enable our worship and praise to be enriched by music. |
| Tuesday 27th September: Vincent de Paul, founder of the Lazarists | |
| Anglican | Mumias (Kenya) - Rt Revd Joseph Wandera. |
| Hereford | <i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray today for all who prepare our churches for worship and those who greet people as they arrive, and give thanks for those who work to ensure that our buildings are clean, attractive and safe for all. |
| Wednesday 28th September: Ember Day | |
| Anglican | Mundri (Amadi, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Bismark Monday Avokaya. |
| Hereford | <i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for tower captains and bell ringers. |
| Diary | DBE Collective Worship in Schools training. |
| Thursday 29th September: Michael & All Angels | |
| Anglican | Mundu (Central Equatoria, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Samuel Lomude. |
| Hereford | <i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for all who prepare for and assist at the Eucharist; pray also for all who help with home communions or communion services in care homes, day centres etc. |
| Friday 30th September: Jerome, teacher of the faith; Ember Day | |
| Anglican | Murang'a South (Kenya) - Rt Revd Julius K Gicheru. |
| Hereford | <i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray today for our churches as places where the wider community can come to celebrate at joyful times, or to mourn together at times of tragedy or shared sorrow. Pray for prayer corners and other quiet places, and that our churches may be places of welcome for all who seek refuge. |
| Saturday 1st October: Remigius, bishop; Anthony Ashley Cooper, social reformer; Ember Day | |
| Anglican | The Murray (South Australia, Australia) - Rt Revd Keith Dalby. |
| Hereford | <i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for all that enables the worship we offer to be joyful, attractive and relevant, and for all who help to plan and lead worship. Pray for those who at this time may be preparing and decorating our churches for Harvest. |
| On Prayer <i>Vincent de Paul</i> | <p>We have to have great devotion to being faithful to reading a chapter of the New Testament and, in the beginning, to produce acts of adoration, adoring the word of God and his truth:</p> <p>of entering into the sentiments with which Our Lord pronounced them, and consenting to these truths;</p> <p>of resolving to put these same truths into practice.</p> <p>For example, I will read, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit,' and will resolve and give myself to God to practice this truth on such and such an occasion.</p> <p>Likewise, when I read, 'Blessed are the meek,' I will give myself to God to practice gentleness.</p> |

| SUNDAY 2nd October: 16th after Trinity Proper 22 | |
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| Anglican | The Anglican Church of Canada - Most Revd Linda Nicholls, Metropolitan. |
| Hereford | <i>Ledbury Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Robert Ward; Lay Co-Chair – Kevin Hewison; Sub-Warden of Readers – Chris Blanchard. |
| Porvoo | <i>England:</i> Liverpool, vacant, Bishop Beverley Mason; <i>Wales:</i> Monmouth, Bishop Cherry Vann; <i>Denmark:</i> Haderslev, Bishop Marianne Christiansen. |
| The Wider View | Africa has seen more than 12 million cases of Covid 19, and 255,000 deaths - but the true extent of the pandemic across the continent is not known, as testing rates are low. Pray that vaccine uptake will be increased as the pandemic drags on into its third year. |
| This Week | <p>Tuesday both commemorates Francis of Assisi and brings to a close the Season of Creation. Pray for all who are influenced by the life and teachings of Francis to follow Jesus in simplicity and service, for all who, like him, discern God’s love, care and provision within the natural world around us, and for the First, Second and Third Orders of the Society of St Francis.</p> <p>The commemoration of William Tyndale on Thursday reminds us how precious it is that the Scriptures are available for all to read in their own language. Pray for the Bible Societies, and for all who work to translate God’s word so that it is there for all to use.</p> <p>Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder affects a great many children and families, and October is kept as a month to focus on ADHD. Pray for families struggling to cope, and for children needing special care and attention; pray for those who provide the additional support needed in our schools.</p> <p>Pray for all who will run the London Marathon on Sunday (or have done, if you’re reading this later in the week!). Many of those running will be raising funds for a charity or cause - give thanks for those who take part in testing events of all kinds in order to raise funds or promote awareness.</p> <p>As the Autumn Covid vaccination programme gets under way, pray that all who need booster may receive one, and give thanks for all who offer their help as volunteers. Pray too for the many people still needing to shield at a time when much of society has returned to normal, and that anti-viral drugs which should help may be made available.</p> <p>National Hygiene Week which begins on Monday aims to draw attention to “hygiene poverty”, and those whose access to hygiene products is limited. This prompts prayer for all who are struggling as the cost of living rises, especially the elderly and families with young children. Pray for foodbanks and other local initiatives aiming to help families who are struggling to afford the basics they need.</p> <p>Thursday is National Poetry Day, with the theme of “The Environment”. Give thanks for poetry as a way of expressing ideas, perceptions and emotions that may not be easily expressed in any other form, and pray for all who encourage the gifts of poetry and other creative writing in the young.</p> |

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| Monday 3rd October: George Bell, bishop, ecumenist and peacemaker | |
| Anglican | Muyinga (Burundi) - Rt Revd Paisible Ndacayisaba. |
| Hereford | Ledbury with Eastnor – Keith Hilton-Turvey, Tony Hodder, Joan Wakeling; Local Ministry Team – Keith Hilton-Turvey, Tony Goodall, Tony Hodder, Tim Keyes, Heather Lucas, Christabel Panter. John Masefield High School; Ledbury Primary School; Eastnor Parochial CE Primary School; Ledbury Community Health and Care Centre. |
| Tuesday 4th October: Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon | |
| Anglican | Myitkyina (Myanmar) - Rt Revd John Zau Li. |
| Hereford | <i>The Hop Churches</i> – Ashperton, Bosbury, Canon Frome, Munsley, Stoke Edith, Stretton Grandison, Tarrington and Yarkhill: Mandy Williams, Linde Melhuish: Clergy with PTO: Nicky Seabright, David Good, Len Moss; Lay Reader: Michael Llywelyn-Jones; Bosbury CE Primary School; Ashperton Primary Academy. |
| Diary | Bishop's Staff residential; St Thomas Cantilupe lecture (Cathedral). |
| Wednesday 5th October | |
| Anglican | Nagpur (North India) - vacant, Rt Revd Andrew Rathore, acting. |
| Hereford | <i>The Cider Churches</i> – Aylton, Putley, Pixley, Wellington Heath, Little Marcle, Much Marcle and Yatton: Val Tait; Elizabeth Reed, William Simmonds; Readers – Jonathan Andrew, Eric Porter; Much Marcle CE Primary School. |
| Diary | Bishop's Staff residential. |
| Thursday 6th October: William Tyndale, translator & martyr | |
| Anglican | Nairobi (Kenya) - Rt Revd Joel Waweru. |
| Hereford | Colwall with Upper Colwall & Coddington: Melanie Horton; Readers: Andrew Richardson; Retired Ministers: Bernard Ingram, Anne Spargo, Ros Trafford-Roberts, Ken Withington, Tim Wright; Local Ministry Team – Melanie Horton, Barbara Ashton, Stuart Hands, Trish Hockett, Joy Conlon; Colwall CE Primary School; The Elms School; The Downs School. |
| Friday 7th October | |
| Anglican | Nakuru (Kenya) - Rt Revd Joseph Kamwati Muchai. |
| Hereford | Cradley, Mathon & Storridge: Robert Ward; Local Ministry Group – Kevin Brewer, Robert Ward, Liz Lamb, Sue Ronan; Cradley CE Primary School; Retired ministers: Nicholas Menon, Ven George Howe. |
| Saturday 8th October | |
| Anglican | Nambale (Kenya) - Rt Revd Robert Magina Barasa. |
| Hereford | Fownhope, Mordiford, Brockhampton, Woolhope & Checkley: Chris Moore. St Mary's CE Primary School, Fownhope (Tim Milne); Mordiford CE Primary School (Sue Warmington). |
| Diary | "Celebrate Together" - north event, at Bishop's Castle Community College. |
| On Prayer <i>Instruction to Franciscan tertiaries</i> | Seek to live in an atmosphere of praise and prayer, and to be constantly aware of God's presence, so that we may pray without ceasing. An ever-deepening devotion to the indwelling Christ is a source of strength and joy. |

| SUNDAY 9th October: 17th after Trinity Proper 23 | |
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| Anglican | The Province of Central Africa - Most Revd Albert Chama. |
| Hereford | Pray for all that informs and resources the local church in its outreach and ministry to children, young people and families; pray too for church schools, and for the growth and deepening of church-school links. |
| Porvoo | <i>England:</i> Truro, Bishop Philip Mounstephen, Bishop Hugh Nelson; <i>Norway:</i> Tönsberg, Bishop Jan Otto Myrseth; <i>Sweden:</i> Strängnäs, Bishop Johan Dalman. |
| The Wider View | Our attention is rightly focused on the increased cost of living at home, but may we also pray for people in the developing world. The global fuel crisis and the increased costs arising from it will hit even harder elsewhere in our world, and drive many millions further into poverty. |
| Diary | Order of St Ethelbert presentations (Cathedral). |
| This Week | <p>Give thanks for the work and witness of those from around our diocese who received the Order of St Ethelbert in our Cathedral church this Sunday. The social reformer Elizabeth Fry is remembered this week. Pray for all who like her are concerned about the conditions in which prisoners are held, and for all who continue to work for prison reform. Pray for all in prison, for prison officers and for the work of prison chaplaincy.</p> <p>This is Dyspraxia Awareness Week. Dyspraxia, or Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) affects movement and coordination in children and adults, making it hard for them to carry out functions that others might take for granted. Pray for awareness, understanding and therapy.</p> <p>This is also Baby Loss Awareness Week, sponsored by a coalition of charities across the UK. Pray for bereaved parents and their families and friends, for research into the causes of perinatal death, for professional staff working in this area, and for sensitive and focused support for parents and families.</p> <p>National Work-Life Week focuses awareness on wellbeing at work and on the importance of maintaining a good work-life balance. As more people work from home, so some at least are realising that when work and other life activities happen in the same place, the balance between them can be lost. Pray for all who feel their life is unbalanced in this way.</p> <p>Many local choirs and music groups will already be practising Christmas music. Pray for all who enjoy singing or playing together, and for those who give their time and talents as musical directors and accompanists.</p> <p>Tuesday is the International Day of the Girl Child. In many communities girls are thought of as second best, denied access to education, and in some cases unwanted. The day aims to highlight the issues and challenges faced by many girls, such as lack of education, forced child marriages, access to healthcare and gender-based violence, and to work for the freedom and training that will help girls become successful and independent young women. Pray for all who are discriminated against and denied opportunity because of their gender.</p> |

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| Monday 10th October: Paulinus, bishop, missionary; <i>Thomas Traherne, priest and poet</i> | |
| Anglican | Namibia (Southern Africa) - Rt Revd Patrick Djuulume. |
| Hereford | <i>The Bartestree Cross Group</i> - Lugwardine with Bartestree, Weston Beggard, Dormington, Withington & Westhide: Simon Tarlton; IM - Christine Cattanach; Lugwardine Primary School; Withington Primary School; St Mary's RC High School. |
| Tuesday 11th October: <i>Ethelburga, abbess; James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus</i> | |
| Anglican | Namirembe (Uganda) - Rt Revd Wilberforce Kityo Luwalira. |
| Hereford | <i>Education:</i> Andrew Teale, Director of Education, Sian Lines, Deputy Director, Toni Enefer, Business and Governance Officer, Mark Harrington, Education Development Officer, and all who work with them; members of the Diocesan Board of Education. |
| Diary | National churches tourism conference. |
| Wednesday 12th October: Wilfrid, bishop; <i>Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer; Edith Cavell, nurse</i> | |
| Anglican | Nampula <i>Mozambique</i> (Mozambique & Angola) - Rt Revd Manuel Ernesto. |
| Hereford | <i>Education:</i> The 78 church schools and academies of our Diocese - heads, teachers and other school staff; children, young people and their families |
| Thursday 13th October: Edward the Confessor, king | |
| Anglican | Nandyal (South India) - Rt Revd Pushpalalitha Eggoni. |
| Hereford | <i>Education:</i> All who offer themselves as school governors, and especially the foundation governors of our church schools. |
| Diary | MU midday prayers; Bishop's Council. |
| Friday 14th October | |
| Anglican | Nasik (North India) - vacant. |
| Hereford | <i>Education:</i> Parent-Teacher and Friends associations, and all who help support our schools financially, including helping fund extracurricular activities. |
| Diary | "Can You Hear Me?" concert in aid of Samaritans / SSAFA (Cathedral). |
| Saturday 15th October: Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith | |
| Anglican | Nasir (Upper Nile, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Simon Lual Bang Jal. |
| Hereford | <i>Education:</i> All that develops and deepens links between churches and schools; chaplaincy and similar work in high schools and further education. |
| Diary | "Celebrate Together" south event, at the Hereford Academy. Pray for all who have attended last and this weeks' events, and for our sharing in mission. |
| On Prayer <i>Theresa of Avila</i> | <p style="text-align: center;">Today may there be peace within you. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born in faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God. Let this presence settle into your bones and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.</p> |

| SUNDAY 16th October: 18th after Trinity Proper 24 | |
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| Anglican | The Anglican Church of Central America - Most Revd Julio Murray, Primate. |
| Hereford | <i>Leominster Deanery:</i> Rural Dean (acting) – Paul Roberts; Lay Co-Chair – Lydia Davies; Sub-Warden of Readers – Culain Morris. |
| Porvoo | <i>Sweden:</i> Växjö, Bishop Fredrik Modéus; <i>England:</i> Oxford, Bishop Steven Croft, Bishop Olivia Graham, Bishop Gavin Collins, Bishop Alan Wilson. |
| The Wider View | Pray for our Nuremberg friends as they continue to prepare to host the German Kirchentag in June, 2023. In particular pray that enough volunteers may come forward to ensure that the Nuremberg Church may be able to operate effectively as hosts - some have withdrawn, partly because of uncertainties about Covid, and also because of the need to provide for refugees from Ukraine. |
| This Week | <p>The third week in October is kept as National Adoption Week, and aims to debunk some of the myths surrounding adoption, as well as encouraging prospective adoptive parents to come forward. Pray for adopted children and their adoptive parents, and for children waiting for adoption.</p> <p>St Luke's Day on Tuesday prompts prayer for doctors and all involved in medical care, and for the work of hospital chaplaincy, at a time when our National Health Service remains under immense pressure, and many who work in health care feel exhausted and disillusioned.</p> <p>Monday is kept as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Covid has pushed some 100 million plus people, mostly in South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, into poverty, swelling further the ranks of the some 1.3 billion people living in persistent poverty. In many countries Covid shut down the informal economy which was a lifeline for many of the most desperate poor. Pray for all who will go hungry today, and for all who are working to lift people out of poverty.</p> <p>Tuesday is Anti-Slavery Day. Pray for all who are caught up in the evil of human trafficking and forms of modern slavery, and for their freedom.</p> <p>Thursday is World Osteoporosis Day - this condition affects around one in three women and one in five men aged 50 or over, and is a major cause of broken bones in later life. Pray for all who suffer from this disease.</p> <p>Post-Polio Syndrome awareness Day on Saturday draws attention to the problems that can be faced in later life by people who have had polio. These include persistent fatigue, sleep apnoea and muscle problems including wastage. Pray for those who experience this condition, and for research and therapy.</p> <p>Saturday is also Stammering Awareness Day. Pray for all those whose life is made difficult by speech problems, for understanding and acceptance, and for speech therapists.</p> <p>Pray for all involved in amateur dramatics within our communities, and also for professional touring companies bringing drama to local halls and theatres. Pray also for those who use drama to teach the faith.</p> |

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| Monday 17th October: Ignatius, bishop and martyr | |
| Anglican | Natal <i>South Africa</i> (Southern Africa) - Rt Revd Nkosinathi Ndwandwe. |
| Hereford | <i>Leominster Clergy with PTO</i> : Michael Denny, Richard Spencer, Pauline Rees, James Forrester, Celia Rees, Andrew Mayes, Gareth Jones, John Thewlis, David Hewlett, Alison Leigh. |
| Diary | MU Council; Year of Prayer planning meeting. |
| Tuesday 18th October: Luke, evangelist | |
| Anglican | Navajoland Area Mission (Province VIII, TEC) - Rt Revd David Bailey. |
| Hereford | Canon Pyon with Kings Pyon, Birley & Wellington: Vicar - Jane Davies (until 31st October), Assistant Curate - David Wyatt; Associate Priest - Anne Price. Canon Pyon CE Academy; Wellington Primary School. |
| Diary | Building Intergenerational Church - Conference at Sutton Hill. |
| Wednesday 19th October: Henry Martyn, translator and missionary | |
| Anglican | Ndokwa (Bendel, Nigeria) - Rt Revd David Obiosa. |
| Hereford | Kingsland with Eardisland, Aymestrey & Leinthall Earles: Julie Read; Nick Read, Associate Agricultural Chaplain; Assistant Curate - Katie Smith; Reader - Rosemary Capon; Kingsland Primary School. |
| Diary | DAC meeting. |
| Thursday 20th October | |
| Anglican | Nebbi (Uganda) - Rt Revd Ozelle Awinjo. |
| Hereford | <i>Leominster Team Ministry</i> : Team Rector - Guy Cole; Team Vicars - Matthew Burns, Mark Strong; Curate - Jonathan Roberts; Readers - Chris St Clair, Rob Walker; Intergenerational Ministers - Kathy Bland and David Bland; Rural Chaplain - Des Hall. |
| Friday 21st October | |
| Anglican | Nebraska (Province VI, TEC) - Rt Revd J. Scott Barker. |
| Hereford | <i>Leominster Team Ministry</i> : The Priory, Leominster; Community Hospital; Leominster County Primary School; Earl Mortimer College; Westfield School, Leominster. |
| Saturday 22nd October | |
| Anglican | <i>Nelson New Zealand</i> (Aotearoa, NZ & Polynesia) - Rt Revd Stephen Maina Mwangi. |
| Hereford | <i>Leominster Team Ministry</i> : Eastern Parishes – Pudleston-cum-Whyle, Hatfield, Docklow, Stoke Prior & Ford, Humber; Hope-under-Dinmore, Kimbolton with Hamnish, Middleton-on-the-Hill, Leysters, and Bockleton. St James CE Primary School, Kimbolton; Stoke Prior Primary School. |
| On Prayer <i>Timothy Jones</i> | <p>We pray not only for what we want to see happen; we pray about what actually does happen.</p> <p>We attend to our lives as they are, as they already have been.</p> <p>We “read life backwards” for clues about where we should go. We try to see what God is saying, recognizing that we can learn much simply by listening to what transpires around and within us.</p> |

| SUNDAY 23rd October: Last after Trinity; Bible Sunday | |
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| Anglican | The Anglican Church of the Congo - Most Revd Titre Ande, Archbishop. |
| Hereford | Pray for all that helps develop and resource ministry in the local church, such as courses and study days, the sharing of resources and good practice, and all that helps stimulate ideas, develop teamwork and motivate action. |
| Porvoo | <i>England:</i> Carlisle, Bishop James Newcome, Bishop Rob Saner-Haigh; <i>Norway:</i> Stavanger, Bishop Anne Lise Ådnøy. |
| The Wider View | Refugees and economic migrants continue to cross the Channel in small and unseaworthy craft despite government efforts to deter them. Pray for the safety of those who are willing to put their lives at risk to seek a better and peaceful life; pray too that we may be prepared to look sympathetically at their plight, and to offer sanctuary to those in need. |
| This Week | <p>On Bible Sunday, pray for all who teach and translate the Scriptures, and for the Bible Societies working together to ensure the Word of God is available as widely as possible in our world, and in every tongue.</p> <p>As we prepare for the clocks to go back next weekend, pray for the many people who really struggle when the days grow short - those with physical disabilities who may find it harder to get out and about, and those prone to depressive illness who may fear the dark evenings.</p> <p>Pray for members of our parish councils (community councils in Wales), as they seek to manage the local environment and respond to the needs of the communities they serve.</p> <p>Brain Tumour Awareness Week begins this Saturday. Pray for early and accurate diagnosis and swift and effective response, particularly where tumours are not benign.</p> <p>For many of us, our household pets are an important part of our lives. Pray for those who, perhaps for reasons of age, have had to give up their pets, and also for those situations where pets are abandoned, poorly treated or abused.</p> <p>Jude, whose day (with Simon) is this week, is regarded as a patron saint of lost causes and desperate situations. Pray for those who feel they have reached a point of desperation in their life, and give thanks for those who are there to help when people feel they have nowhere else to turn. Pray especially for the work of the Samaritans.</p> <p>Pray for our rural postmen and women. The regular postal worker on a country route is often there to spot signs others may miss, and can be an essential point of contact.</p> <p>Pray for households with small children, especially where parents are worried about whether they will be able to afford the usual Christmas expenditure.</p> <p>Pray for the many Young Farmers' Clubs within our diocese, giving thanks for the way in which they keep young people connected to the land, provide opportunities for social interaction, and help develop skills in, for example, communication and entertainment as well as in agriculture.</p> |

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| Monday 24th October | |
| Anglican | Nevada (Province VIII, TEC) - Rt Revd Elizabeth Bonforte Gardner. |
| Hereford | <i>Leominster Team Ministry:</i> Western Parishes – Eyton, Ivington, Monkland, Dilwyn & Stretford; Eye, Croft with Yarpole & Lucton; Orleton and Brimfield. Dilwyn CE Primary School; Ivington CE Primary School; Luston Primary School; Orleton CE Primary School; Lucton School. |
| Tuesday 25th October: Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs | |
| Anglican | New Busa (Kwara, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Israel Amoo. |
| Hereford | <i>Wigmore</i> – Brampton Bryan, Downton, Burrington, Aston, Elton, Leintwardine, Adforton, Wigmore, Leinthall Starks: Mike Catling; Readers – Alastair Gloag, Carole Gloag, Culain Morris; Wigmore High School; Wigmore Primary School; Leintwardine Endowed Primary School. |
| Diary | IME2 curates' training - army chaplaincy. |
| Wednesday 26th October: Alfred, king and scholar; Cedd, abbot and bishop | |
| Anglican | New Guinea Islands (Papua New Guinea) - Rt Revd Reginald Makele. |
| Hereford | <i>The Maund Group</i> – Rector: Paul Roberts; Assistant Curate: Natalie Jennings; Intergenerational Missioner at Sutton: Christine Cattanach; Bodenham, Felton, Marden with Amberley and Wisteston, Preston Wynne, Sutton Saint Nicholas, Sutton St Michael; St Michael's CE Primary School Bodenham, Marden Primary Academy, Sutton Primary Academy. |
| Thursday 27th October | |
| Anglican | New Hampshire (Province I, TEC) - Rt Revd Robert Hirschfeld. |
| Hereford | <i>The Burghill Group</i> - Team Rector – Phill Brown; Reader - Susannah Peppiatt. St Mary the Virgin, Burghill; St Andrew's Moreton-on-Lugg; St Mary Magdalene, Stretton Sugwas; St Peter's, Pipe-cum-Lyde. Schools – Burghill Academy, Stretton Sugwas CE Academy. Stretton Sugwas Nursing Home. |
| Friday 28th October: Simon and Jude, apostles | |
| Anglican | New Jersey (Province II, TEC) - Rt Revd William Stokes. |
| Hereford | <i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all who provide spiritual direction, and for the caring, supportive and prayerful work involved. Pray for all that enables an effective and perceptive pastoral response when ministry becomes difficult or stressful and people need support. |
| Saturday 29th October: James Hannington, bishop and martyr | |
| Anglican | New Westminster (British Columbia & Yukon, Canada) - Rt Revd John Stephens. |
| Hereford | <i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all who lead, enable and take part in Bible study, fellowship and prayer groups within our local communities. |
| On Prayer Andrew Clitherow | Prayer may well provide us with the Way to learn and re-learn our identity and the purpose of our lives, as we grow closer to God. Here our faith is a source of joy, because it helps us respond to the divine love that lies at the heart of the universe, so that we may live fully in a world where little is assured. |

SUNDAY 30th October: 4th before Advent: All Saints Sunday

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| Anglican | The Anglican Church of Chile - Most Revd Hector Zavala, Archbishop. |
| Hereford | Ludlow Deanery: Rural Dean – Ashley Buck; Lay Co-Chair – Sadie Chalkley; Sub-Warden of Readers – John Beesley. |
| Porvoo | <i>England</i> : Winchester, vacant, Bishop Debbie, Sellin Bishop David Williams; <i>Norway</i> : Agder and Telemark, Bishop Stein Reinertsen. |
| The Wider View | Pray for Richard and Karilyn Collins, hoping to travel back to Tanzania in November 2022 to see the progress in the palliative care work they are involved in Muheza and also in the south-east of the country. |
| This Week | <p>Give thanks for the faithful witness to our Lord we find in the lives of the saints, and pray that courage, constancy and a sacrificial but joyful faith may be marks of the Church here and everywhere.</p> <p>Monday commemorates Martin Luther. Give thanks for the links we have with Lutheran churches, including the links we have with the Nordic and Baltic Lutheran churches via the Porvoo Agreement, and our diocesan links with Nuremberg. Pray that many may respond to the opportunity to visit Nuremberg when it hosts the national evangelical Kirchentag next year.</p> <p>On All Souls Day, pray for all those who have lost a loved one in the year past, and for any who are struggling to come to terms with that loss. Pray for all the members of the Royal Family as they continue to mourn our late Queen. Pray for Cruse and similar organisations, and for bereavement care within our parishes.</p> <p>Many people will take the Veg Pledge and go vegetarian for the month of November. This will raise funds for Cancer Research UK, but may also encourage people to be more aware of what they eat and its impact.</p> <p>November is also National Novel Writing Month. Pray for local writing groups, and for all who feel they have a story they want to tell.</p> <p>November is kept as an awareness month for a number of different cancers, among them mouth cancer, lung cancer and pancreatic cancer. Pray for all who receive a cancer diagnosis, and those who support, counsel and advise; pray for those receiving treatment, and for research and the development of new treatments and methods of diagnosis.</p> <p>World Vegan Day on Tuesday champions a plant-based diet. Not all vegans are tolerant of those who eat meat, though many of course are. Pray for a spirit of tolerance where people make different lifestyle choices, but also that we may be thoughtful, health-aware and careful when we choose what to eat.</p> <p>This week also includes Hallowe'en. When your Prayer Diary editor was a lad, this provided a healthy and enjoyable brush with the “dark side” that, if anything, helped to strengthen my faith. Now it seems to have become a major commercial exercise, that can legitimise and even glorify ghosts, ghouls and witches. Pray for a sensitive and serious response from our churches.</p> <p>Pray for those preparing and attending community bonfires and fireworks displays this coming weekend, and for the safety of all involved.</p> |

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| Monday 31st October: <i>Martin Luther, reformer</i> | |
| Anglican | New York (Province II, TEC) - Rt Revd Andrew M.L. Dietsche; Rt Revd Allen Shin, suffragan; Rt Revd Mary Glasspool, assistant. |
| Hereford | <i>Tenbury Team Ministry</i> - Burford, Clee Hill, Coreley with The Knowle, Greete, Hope Bagot, Little Hereford, Nash & Boraston, Tenbury St Mary's, Tenbury St Michael's & Whitton: vacant; Mark Inglis, Sue Foster; Reader - Kevin Bryant. |
| Tuesday 1st November: All Saints | |
| Anglican | Central New York (Province II, TEC) - Rt Revd DeDe Duncan-Probe. |
| Hereford | <i>Tenbury Local Ministry Group</i> – clergy, Kathleen Bills, Michael Holmes, Mary Thomas and Ros Plested; Tenbury CE Primary School; Burford CE Primary School; Clee Hill Community Academy; Tenbury High Ormiston Academy; Saint Michael's College; Tenbury District Hospital: Chaplaincy Team. |
| Wednesday 2nd November: All Souls (Commemoration of the Faithful Departed) | |
| Anglican | Western New York (Province II, TEC) - Rt Revd Sean Rowe. |
| Hereford | <i>Ludlow</i> (Ludlow St Laurence & Ludlow St John): Kelvin Price, Laurence Gittins, Wayne Davies; Readers - Stephen Ashford, Roger Hall; Reader Emeritus - John Robson. Ludlow Community Hospital; Ludlow CE Secondary School, St Laurence CE Primary School, Ludlow Infants School, Ludlow Junior School, Ludlow College. Give thanks for the life and ministry of the late Ann Barge. |
| Thursday 3rd November: Richard Hooker, teacher of the faith; <i>Martin of Porres, friar</i> | |
| Anglican | Newala (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Oscar Mnung'a. |
| Hereford | <i>Bromfield Group</i> : Bitterley with Middleton; Stoke St Milborough & The Heath; Clee St Margaret & Cold Weston; Onibury; Bromfield; Stanton Lacy: Justin Parker. Bitterley CE Primary School, Onny CE Primary School. |
| Diary | Deanery treasurers' forum. |
| Friday 4th November | |
| Anglican | Newark (Province II, TEC) - Rt Revd Carlye Juanita Hughes. |
| Hereford | <i>Ashfords Group</i> : Ludford, Ashford Carbonell, Ashford Bowdler, Caynham, Knowbury, Richards Castle: Lyn Money, Nick Helm; Lay leaders - Rob Downes, Susannah Hall. Bishop Hooper CE Primary School. |
| Saturday 5th November: | |
| Anglican | Newcastle (New South Wales, Australia) - Rt Revd Peter Stuart; Rt Revd Sonia Roulston, assistant (inland), Rt Revd Charlie Murry, assistant (coastal). |
| Hereford | Ludlow Clergy with Permission to Officiate. |
| Diary | Faculty training - Ross & Archenfield Deanery. |
| On Prayer <i>Martin Luther</i> | <p style="text-align: center;">We must feel our need, the distress that drives and impels us to cry out. Then prayer will come spontaneously, as it should, and no one will need to be taught how to prepare for it, or how to create the proper devotion. For we are all lacking plenty of things: all that is missing is that we do not feel or see them.</p> |

| SUNDAY 6th November: 3rd before Advent | |
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| Anglican | The Church of England - Most Revd & Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. |
| Hereford | Give thanks for the ecumenical, interfaith and international links that help define and locate us as a diocese. Pray we may develop and value all the existing and potential connections that both challenge and inform, and enable a wider vision of call, service and mission. |
| Porvoo | <i>England:</i> Norwich, Bishop Graham Usher, Bishop Alan Winton, Bishop Jane Steen; <i>Sweden:</i> Luleå, Bishop Åsa Nyström. |
| The Wider View | The war between Russia and Ukraine continues, with lives lost and homes destroyed each day: pray for an end to the hostility and a lasting peace. More than 500 Refugees from Ukraine are now living in Hereford Diocese - pray they may feel welcomed, find work and settle in. Pray for Ukrainian children in our schools, as they learn the language and try to adjust to a new way of life. |
| This Week | <p>International Stress Awareness Week begins on Monday. As Covid-19 has caused an increase in mental health issues, particularly loneliness and grief, this week will focus on emotional management, as well as debating the lack of investment in mental health services. Pray for all that helps us be more aware of our inmost selves, and more able to manage and control the impact on us of outside events.</p> <p>Give thanks for those people of faith in our land who have left examples of courage and commitment to Christ, in some cases dying for their faith and their Lord (Tuesday honours the Saints and Martyrs of England).</p> <p>On Armistice Day on Friday we give thanks for all who have fallen in the great wars and other conflicts, in the defence of our nation. Many schools will visit local memorials on this day: pray for children to realise the cost of war and to know the value of peace.</p> <p>Tuesday is World Radiography Day: pray for all who work in this profession, and give thanks for radiography as a vital tool in healthcare and in the diagnosis of injury and disease.</p> <p>The Berlin Wall came down on 9th November, 1989. Since then many new walls have been erected, some physical like that between Israel and Palestine, some virtual but just as real and harmful. Pray that people everywhere may be able to live in freedom and peace.</p> <p>Pray for all who are victims of bullying - in schools, in the workplace, in institutions of various kinds. Pray for all that is done to stop this happening, including a readiness to believe what people say is happening to them.</p> <p>As we look towards Remembrance Sunday this coming weekend, pray for our local British Legion groups and clubs, for regimental associations and other organisations supporting and bringing together ex-service personnel.</p> <p>As the evenings grow darker at a time when many people are out and about on the roads, pray for road safety, especially on our narrow country roads. Pray especially for those who need to walk our roads in the dark.</p> |

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| Monday 7th November: Willibrord, bishop | |
| Anglican | Newcastle (York, England) - vacant (announcement probable this Autumn); Rt Revd Mark Wroe, suffragan (Berwick) and acting diocesan. |
| Hereford | Cleobury Mortimer with Hopton Wafers, Neen Sollars & Milson, Neen Savage with Kinlet; Doddington: Ashley Buck, Sue Barrett, David Eve, Joe Simons; Readers - Charles Houston, Paul Kemp; Lacon Childe School; Cleobury Mortimer Primary School; Kinlet CE Primary School; St Mary's Youth Project: Mark Greaves. |
| Diary | DHET directors meeting. |
| Tuesday 8th November: The Saints and Martyrs of England | |
| Anglican | Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador (Canada) - Rt Revd Sam Rose. |
| Hereford | <i>Corvedale Group:</i> Culmington, Diddlebury, Munslow with Broadstone, Holdgate, Tugford, Abdon: John Beesley; Corvedale CE Primary School. |
| Diary | Bishop's Staff. |
| Wednesday 9th November: <i>Margery Kempe, mystic</i> | |
| Anglican | Central Newfoundland (Canada) - Rt Revd John Watton. |
| Hereford | <i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for those of other faiths within our communities, and for all that informs our awareness of and work alongside other faith groups. |
| Thursday 10th November: Leo the Great, bishop and teacher of the faith | |
| Anglican | Western Newfoundland (Canada) - Rt Revd John Organ. |
| Hereford | <i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all that supports and informs parish and ministry development within our Diocese; pray for curates presently in training (see back page) and for training incumbents. |
| Diary | MU midday prayers; DBF & Diocesan Synod. |
| Friday 11th November: Martin, bishop; <i>Armistice Day</i> | |
| Anglican | Ngbo (Enugu, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Godwin A. Awoke. |
| Hereford | <i>Support for Ministry:</i> Lizzie Hackney (Lead Intergenerational Missioner), and Kathy Bland (Intergenerational Church Enabler & Messy Church Regional Co-ordinator). Pray for all who are working to develop new forms of ministry and new areas of mission contact, especially with young people and families. |
| Saturday 12th November | |
| Anglican | Niagara (Ontario, Canada) - Rt Revd Susan Bell. |
| Hereford | <i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all that is done to help the local church to plan and develop projects and to realise visions, particularly in making our buildings more relevant and accessible as centres of prayer and worship and as resources for community use. |
| Diary | Parish safeguarding day, at Church Stretton. |
| On Prayer <i>Charles Simeon</i> | I find that an exceeding close walk with God is necessary for the maintaining of fervour in intercession. It is scarcely ever that we can intercede with fervour unless we enjoy habitual nearness to God. His power is mighty, his mercy is rich, his ways mysterious, his promises sure. |

| SUNDAY 13th November: 2nd before Advent; Remembrance Sunday | |
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| Anglican | Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui - Most Revd Andrew Chan, Archbishop. |
| Hereford | <i>Pontesbury Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – William Rowell; Lay Co-Chair – Mike Kirk (retiring this Autumn); Sub-Warden of Readers – vacant; Secretary - Ann Jones; Treasurer - Richard Jones; Intergenerational Missioner - Mark Hackney. |
| Porvoo | <i>Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church:</i> Archbishop Urmas Viilma, Bishop Tiit Salumäe, Bishop Joel Luhamets; <i>England:</i> Rochester, Bishop Jonathan Gibbs, Bishop Simon Burton-Jones. |
| The Wider View | Give thanks and pray for the school links we have with Tanzania, and pray that the new British Council programme will reinstate support for reciprocal link visits. |
| This Week | <p>On Remembrance Sunday and through this week, pray for all who serve in our armed forces, and that we may continue to value the service and sacrifice offered by those who fought in the defence of our realm. Pray for ex-service personnel in need of help and support, perhaps because of the impact of injuries, or of age, or in some cases because they struggle to adapt to civilian society.</p> <p>Hilda of Whitby, remembered on Saturday, played a hugely important role in the Synod of Whitby in 664, and was influential in reconciling those around her to the Synod’s decision to adopt the Roman tradition over the Celtic. Pray for all who, like her, have the gift to educate, to advise, to adapt and to heal.</p> <p>World Kindness Day falls on Sunday, though schools will be keeping it on Monday. Acts of simple kindness can transform situations of grief, worry, loneliness, even panic; they can make people feel special, and they brighten up the world bit by bit. Pray we may have the awareness, the courage and the care to do something kind.</p> <p>Monday is also World Diabetes Day. Pray for all who live with this condition, including children, for those who give care and support where needed, and for research and understanding.</p> <p>Road Safety Week, sponsored by the charity Brake, also happens this week, with the theme of Safe Roads for All. Pray especially for the safety of children on our roads. “Beep Beep Day” on Thursday aims, as part of the week, to get a road safety message to young children at nursery or primary school.</p> <p>Nursery Rhymes are important in early childhood development, and World Nursery Rhyme Week starting on Wednesday aims to promote this. Pray for all who look after young children, and for the care they give.</p> <p>Saturday is World Toilet Day. Something between 3.5 and 4 billion people in our world (that’s one in every three or four of us) lack access to clean and safe toilet facilities. Toilet provision controls diseases like cholera, helps keep human waste out of food chains and water systems, allows children to attend school safely, and supports human dignity. Pray for enterprises like toilet twinning that help supply equipment, and for all who lack access to a toilet.</p> |

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| Monday 14th November: Samuel Seabury, bishop | |
| Anglican | Niassa Mozambique (Mozambique & Angola) - Rt Revd Vicente Msosa. |
| Hereford | <i>The Chirbury Hills Group</i> : Chirbury, Marton-in-Chirbury, Trelystan with Leighton, Middleton-in-Chirbury with Corndon Marsh: William Rowell; PTO - Eric Brazier; Worship Leaders - Kay Yeates, Ann Rowell; Chirbury VC School (within the Shropshire Hills Federation); Leighton CP School. |
| Tuesday 15th November | |
| Anglican | Nicaragua (Central America) - Rt Revd Harold Gustavo Dixon Reynales. |
| Hereford | Ford; Alberbury with Cardeston & Wattlesborough; Great Wollaston, including Middletown: Greg Roberts; PTO - Maxine Neal; Reader – Susan Gaulton; Local Ministry Development Group – Clergy, Jane Weston, Sue Roberts, Alison Lewis, Elvire Mortimer. Trinity CE Primary School, Ford; Brynhafren CP School, Crew Green. |
| Wednesday 16th November: Margaret, queen and philanthropist; Edmund Rich, archbishop | |
| Anglican | Niger Delta North (Niger Delta, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Wisdom Budu Ihunwo. |
| Hereford | Great Hanwood, Longden & Annscroft with Pulverbatch: Graham Phillips; PTO - Emma Phillips; Retired Clergy: Graham Earney, Colin Hurford; Readers Emeritus - Paul Charlesworth, Liba Taconis; Local Ministry Development Group in Hanwood – Margaret Hill, Tracy Jones, Margaret Nichols, Keith Packer, Ros Packer. |
| Thursday 17th November: Hugh, bishop | |
| Anglican | Niger Delta (Niger Delta, Nigeria) - Rt. Revd Emmanuel Okwuchi Oko-Jaja. |
| Hereford | <i>Youthchurch</i> Fresh Expression of Church for 11 to 18's; Longden CE School, St Thomas and St Anne's CE School, Hanwood. |
| Friday 18th November: Elizabeth, princess and philanthropist | |
| Anglican | Niger Delta West (Niger Delta, Nigeria) - vacant, following the translation of Bishop Oko-Jaja to the Diocese of Niger Delta. |
| Hereford | <i>Stiperstones Group</i> : Minsterley & Snailbeach, Habberley & Hope with Shelve: Greg Smith, Richard Lonsdale; PTO Clergy – Pam Bickley, Carolyn Chadwick, Stuart Carter; Long Mountain School, Minsterley School, Stiperstones School (within the Shropshire Hills Federation). Pray for these parishes in plurality with Pontesbury. |
| Saturday 19th November: Hilda, Abbess; Mechild, béguine and mystic | |
| Anglican | On The Niger (Niger, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Owen Chiedozi Nwokolo. |
| Hereford | Pontesbury: Greg Smith, Richard Lonsdale; PTO Clergy – Pam Bickley, Carolyn Chadwick, Stuart Carter; Pontesbury CE Primary School, Mary Webb School & Science College. Pray for this parish in plurality with the parishes of the Stiperstones Group. |
| Diary | Parish safeguarding day, at Ross-on-Wye. |
| On Prayer <i>Anon</i> | It is not the image we create of God which proves God; it's the effort we make to create this image. |

SUNDAY 20th November: Next before Advent: Christ the King

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| Anglican | The Province of the India Ocean - Most Revd James Wong, Primate. |
| Hereford | Pray for the communications team in our diocese in their work and in the support offered to the local church. As we share the good news of our faith within our local area and beyond, may we do so professionally and persuasively. Give thanks for all who have ensured worship has been offered and effective communication maintained through and beyond the changes forced upon us by Covid. |
| Porvoo | <i>England:</i> St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, Bishop Martin Seeley, Bishop Mike Harrison; <i>Scotland:</i> Aberdeen & Orkney, Bishop Anne Dyer. |
| The Wider View | Pray for the plans being made for our active participation in the 2023 Kirchentag in Nuremberg, for people to sign up to travel from every part of our Diocese to attend, and for the possibility of a return visit from Nuremberg to Hereford in 2024. |
| This Week | <p>Cecilia, honoured on Tuesday, is a patron of music and musicians: pray for organists, choirs, music groups, and all who enrich our worship by the musical skills. This week also remembers the hymn-writer Isaac Watts - give thanks for those whose hymns continue to inspire us in praise.</p> <p>Pray for the Shropshire Churches Conference on Saturday, at which Bishop Richard is a keynote speaker. The Conference aims to encourage and resource the rural church in mission.</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day in the USA falls this Thursday. Pray for the people of that nation at a time when political and cultural divisions seem particularly deep. Pray for all in our communities who are victims of domestic violence; pray for places of refuge, for those forced to make a new start, and for children caught up in situations of violence in the home. White Ribbon Day on Friday aims to highlight this issue, and in wearing the white ribbon men and boys are making a statement that they will not take part in, condone or keep quiet about any act of violence against women.</p> <p>Black Friday, this week, is a pre-Christmas sales exercise focusing mainly on technology products. There may be bargains, but - especially in the present economic climate - there will be many who are cajoled into spending money they can't afford on things they don't really need. Pray for those who, as this year's Christmas rush approaches, will find themselves spending beyond their means.</p> <p>Pray for all who care for family members, neighbours or friends. Many carers of this sort don't really see themselves as in that role, and some certainly do not receive the support (and perhaps funding) they need. Pray that all who are within the community may receive the recognition and support they need, and to which they are entitled.</p> <p>Small businesses are very important to our society and its economy, but many are very vulnerable, with the impact of Covid added to by the high prices of fuel and commodities. Pray for all worried about the future of their business.</p> |

| Monday 21st November | |
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| Anglican | Niger West (Niger, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Johnson Ekwe. |
| Hereford | Westbury, Worthen & Yockleton: David Moss, Ruth Leigh; Readers - Christine Jones, Ian Williams; Reader in Training - Claire Williams; Lay Leaders of Worship – Ann Jones, Vicky Jones, Rosemary Williams, Dave Stone; Long Mountain School, Worthen; Trinity School, Ford. |
| Diary | MU trustees; DBE meeting. |
| Tuesday 22nd November: Cecilia, martyr | |
| Anglican | Nike (Enugu, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Christian Onyia. |
| Hereford | <i>Finance and Giving:</i> Stephen Herbert, Director of Finance, and all who work with him, both staff and board members. |
| Wednesday 23rd November: Clement, bishop and martyr | |
| Anglican | Nimule (Eastern Equatoria, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Martin Abuni; Rt Revd Gabriel Angok Arok, suffragan. |
| Hereford | <i>Finance and Giving:</i> Pray that parishes may respond to the challenge of these difficult times, and for all who are working to improve our giving and offers, and to enable our ministry and mission as a diocese to be fully funded. Pray for all who advise on giving. |
| Diary | DAC meeting. |
| Thursday 24th November | |
| Anglican | Nnewi (Niger, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Ndubuisi Chukwuka Obi. |
| Hereford | <i>Finance and Giving:</i> Pray for all members of the Diocesan Board of Finance, its executive and advisory bodies, and for the careful and prudent administration of our finances and other assets. |
| Diary | IME2 curates' training - baptism & confirmation; LAMPSC. |
| Friday 25th November: Catherine, martyr; Isaac Watts, hymn writer | |
| Anglican | Norwich (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Graham Usher; suffragans - Rt Revd Alan Winton (Thetford), Rt Revd Jane Steen (Lynn). |
| Hereford | <i>Finance and Giving:</i> Give thanks for the opportunities provided by the Parish Giving Scheme, and pray for its continued development and take-up. |
| Saturday 26th November | |
| Anglican | Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island (Canada) - Rt Revd Sandra Fyfe. |
| Hereford | <i>Finance and Giving:</i> Pray for churches to maintain their commitment to home and world mission through this time, including effective rapid response to immediate concerns and events. |
| Diary | "Changing Church, Unchanging God" - Shropshire Churches Conference at Telford Minster. Pray for all who will attend, and for mission in rural communities. |
| On Prayer <i>Clement of Rome</i> | Let us pray and implore of His mercy, that we may live blameless in love, free from all human partialities for one above another. Those who, through the grace of God, have been made perfect in love, now possess a place among the godly, and shall be made manifest at the revelation of the kingdom of Christ. |

| SUNDAY 27th November: 1st of Advent | |
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| Anglican | Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Japan) - Most Revd Luke Ken-ichi Muto, Primate. |
| Hereford | <i>Ross and Archenfield Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Sean Semple; Lay Co-Chair – Patrick Darling; Assistant Rural Dean – Tim Starling; Assistant Lay Chair – Gill Wylie; Sub-Warden of Readers – vacant. |
| Porvoo | <i>Scotland:</i> St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane, Bishop Ian Paton; <i>Finland:</i> Porvoo (Borgå), Bishop Bo-Göran Åstrand. |
| The Wider View | Fears are mounting among more than a thousand Palestinians that the Israeli army may soon force them to leave their homes in the occupied West Bank. Pray that Israel may respond to international criticism of their actions, for Palestinians facing homelessness, and for a peaceful and equitable solution for both sides in the ongoing conflict in the Holy Land. |
| This Week | <p>As Advent begins, may the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and lives. Pray for Advent events, including special services and courses of study. Pray for a good response to this year's Advent and Christmas campaign - "Follow the Star - the Great Invitation".</p> <p>As we plan and prepare for the Year of Prayer 2023, it's likely that lantern making classes and other events will take place in Advent. Pray for all who are getting involved, and for preparations for the post-Christmas launch service on Saturday 7th January.</p> <p>Pray for CMS, USPG and other mission societies and agencies of our Church, large and small, as on Tuesday we pray for the missionary work of the Church worldwide. Mission now is "from everywhere to everywhere" - pray for those coming to us with a mission message.</p> <p>The apostle Andrew is sometimes described as "the first Christian missionary", as we read in John 1.41-2 that he brought his brother Simon Peter to Jesus. Pray for today's Andrews, sharing their faith with family members and friends, and for those countries of which Andrew is patron, including Scotland and Russia.</p> <p>Black Friday (see last week) is followed on 28th November by Cyber Monday, another sales exercise, focusing more on on-line sales. Again, pray for those tempted to spend more than they really have.</p> <p>Those who don't already have beards may acquire them this month as part of "Decembeard", which is designed to raise money for and awareness of bowel cancer. Pray for those charities and agencies supporting bowel cancer research and treatment, and for all who are receiving treatment for this disease.</p> <p>The International Day of People with Disability, sponsored by the United Nations, takes place on 3rd December (so, this Saturday). This year's theme is 'Not All Disabilities are Visible'. Disabilities like mental health disorders or chronic pain and fatigue are invisible – but that does not make them any less devastating to someone's quality of life.</p> <p>Thursday is World AIDS Day, promoting awareness of the disease and its causes, and prayer for all who are living with HIV.</p> |

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| Monday 28th November | |
| Anglican | Nsukka (Enugu, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Aloysius Eze Agbo. |
| Hereford | Ross with Walford and Brampton Abbots: Sean Semple, Tiffany Jackson, Curate, Caroline Pascoe, Associate Priest; Canon Freda Davies, Reader, Colin Leggate, Chaplain to Commerce, Industry and Business. Brampton Abbots CE School; Ashfield Park Primary School; St Joseph's RC Primary School; Walford Primary School; John Kyrle High School; Ross Community Hospital. |
| Tuesday 29th November: Day of intercession for the missionary work of the Church | |
| Anglican | Nyahururu (Kenya) - Rt Revd Stephen Kabora. |
| Hereford | <i>StowCaple Benefice</i> – Sellack, Kings Caple, Bridstow, Peterstow, Foy, How Caple, Sollershope: Crispin Pemberton; Bridstow CE Primary School, Kings Caple Primary School. |
| Wednesday 30th November: Andrew, apostle | |
| Anglican | Nyamlel (Northern Bakh el Gazal, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Peter Garang. |
| Hereford | <i>Ariconium Benefice</i> – Aston Ingham, Hope Mansel, Linton, The Lea, Upton Bishop & Weston-under-Penyard: David Howell; Reader –Tony Morgan; Weston-under-Penyard CE Primary School; The Lea CE Primary School. |
| Thursday 1st December: Charles de Foucauld, hermit | |
| Anglican | Nyang (Eastern Bakh el Ghazal, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Paul Tokmach. |
| Hereford | <i>Wye Reaches Group</i> - Dixton & Wyesham, Whitchurch & Ganarew, Bishopswood: Tim Starling; Associate Priest - Penny Powdrill, Assistant Priest - Jill Stephens; Whitchurch CE Primary School; Kymin View Primary School, Wyesham. |
| Diary | Bridgebuilding Network (DBE) - churches to schools; G4 concert (Cathedral). |
| Friday 2nd December | |
| Anglican | Southern Nyanza (Kenya) - Rt Revd Simon Onyango. |
| Hereford | <i>Wye Brooks Benefice</i> - Goodrich w Welsh Bicknor, Marstow, Llangarron, Llangrove, Welsh Newton w Llanrothal: Ben Bentham; Assistant Curates - Penny Powdrill and Jill Stephens; Goodrich CE Primary School; Llangrove CE Primary School; and the Benefice LMDG. |
| Saturday 3rd December: Francis Xavier, missionary | |
| Anglican | Nzara (Western Equatoria, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Richard Aquila. |
| Hereford | <i>St Weonards Benefice</i> : St Weonards, Orcop, Garway, Tretire w Michaelchurch & Pencoyd, Hoarwithy & Hentland: vacant; Associate Minister - Frances Phillips; St Weonards Primary School; Garway Primary School. |
| On Prayer <i>Brother Ramon</i> | <p>Scripture encourages us to pray fervently, unceasingly and persistently, and the word of God in Scripture is the very life blood of men and women of prayer.</p> <p>The Church has always held Scripture as its treasure, and is always under its judgement.</p> <p>Solitude and prayer is the cradle of Scripture, and Scripture begets people of prayer.</p> |

| SUNDAY 4th December: 2nd of Advent | |
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| Anglican | The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East - Most Revd Michael Lewis, Primate. |
| Hereford | Pray for all that ensures and enables the protection and safe care of all who attend and work within our churches, and especially of children and vulnerable adults, and as we select and appoint. Pray for Mandy McPhee, Safeguarding Officer, and her colleagues; pray too for those responsible for safeguarding in each local benefice and church. |
| Porvoo | <i>England:</i> Chester, Bishop Mark Tanner, Bishop Julie Conalty, Bishop Sam Corley; <i>Finland:</i> Kuopio, Bishop Jari Jolkkonen. |
| The Wider View | May the theme of the 2023 Kirchentag - "The Time has Come!" ("Jetztist die Zeit" - Mark 1.14) encourage prayer and reflection on both our emergence from the Covid pandemic and other vital issues of the day. Pray we may support this important event in Nuremberg well - there will be a substantial English language programme, including Bible studies and an Anglican-Lutheran Eucharist. |
| This Week | <p>It remains to be seen whether the bright Christmas decorations will be reduced this year by the increased cost of power. Pray for all who light up houses and streets (and sometimes entire villages) to cheer people up but also to raise funds for charities.</p> <p>Monday this week is World Soil Day, with the strapline "Soil: where food begins". The health of our soils is of vital importance everywhere in our world, which is why this day is promoted by the United Nations. In many parts of the world salinisation, caused by droughts, human activity and poor irrigation, is rendering soils unusable. Pray we may protect our soil.</p> <p>International Anti-Corruption Day on Friday showcases the role of the UN's Convention against Corruption, and highlights too the enormous damage done by corruption wherever it is found in the world. Pray that in the face of corruption all may stand up for their rights and also recognise their responsibility to take action in defence of justice, fairness and what is right.</p> <p>Nicholas of Myra, remembered on Tuesday is a patron of several causes, including children, pawnbrokers and sailors. Pray for those who sail our seas, and for their safety and protection.</p> <p>Saturday is Human Rights Day, on the anniversary of the 1948 Universal Declaration on Human Rights. This year's theme is simply "Equality". In a world that remains less fair than it should be, pray for those who are denied full access to education and opportunity because of colour, faith, ethnicity or gender.</p> <p>The December Ember Days this week prompt reflection on what it means to hear and respond to God's call, and to pray for those for whom it means to train for ordained ministry. Pray for those presently in training (see the back page of this diary).</p> <p>Pray for all who work in the retail trade at this busy and demanding time of the year; and for all who work in the hospitality industry.</p> |

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| Monday 5th December | |
| Anglican | El-Obeid (Sudan) - Rt Revd Ismail Gabriel Abudigin. |
| Hereford | <i>Wormelow Hundred Benefice and South Wye Rural benefice:</i> Much Birch, Little Birch, Much Dewchurch, Llanwarne, Llandinabo, Dewsall with Callow, and Ballingham, Dinedor, Holme Lacy & Little Dewchurch: Mark Johnson; Much Birch CE Primary School; Hereford Steiner Academy, Much Dewchurch. |
| Tuesday 6th December: Nicholas, bishop | |
| Anglican | Offa (Kwara, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Solomon Olusola Akanbi. |
| Hereford | <i>Church governance:</i> Pray for churchwardens, church officers and members of parochial church councils. |
| Diary | Bishop's Staff |
| Wednesday 7th December: Ambrose, bishop and teacher of the faith; Ember Day | |
| Anglican | Ogbaru (Niger, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Prosper Amah. |
| Hereford | <i>Church governance:</i> Pray for all involved with the conservation and care of our church buildings, and for their development to meet changing needs, via faculty legislation. Pray for DAC members, church architects and surveyors, skilled craftspeople, for the Diocesan Registry, and for all who offer advice, support and direction to the local church. |
| Diary | Ex Cathedra - Christmas music by candlelight (Cathedral). |
| Thursday 8th December: Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary | |
| Anglican | Obgia (Niger Delta, Nigeria) - Rt Revd James Oruwori. |
| Hereford | <i>Church governance:</i> Pray for all members of Deanery Synods, for Rural Deans and Lay Co-Chairs, Deanery Treasurers and Secretaries, other members of Deanery Leadership Teams, and for all involved in developing at deanery level of plans for mission and pastoral organisation. |
| Diary | MU midday prayers. |
| Friday 9th December: Ember Day | |
| Anglican | Ogbomoso (Ibadan, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Matthew Osunade. |
| Hereford | <i>Church governance:</i> Pray for the members and officers of the Diocesan Synod and Diocesan Board of Finance, and for the members of Bishop's Council. |
| Saturday 10th December: Ember Day | |
| Anglican | Ogoni (Niger Delta, Nigeria) - The Rt Revd Solomon Gberegbara. |
| Hereford | <i>Church governance:</i> Pray for those who represent our Diocese on General Synod and other provincial or national bodies, and within our ecumenical and partnership links. |
| On Prayer <i>Ambrose</i> | <p>God is not accustomed to refusing a good gift to those who ask for one. Since he is good, and especially to those who are faithful to him, let us hold fast to him with all our soul, our heart, our strength, and so enjoy his light, and see his glory and possess the grace of supernatural joy.</p> |

| SUNDAY 11th December: 3rd of Advent | |
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| Anglican | The Anglican Church of Kenya - Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit, Archbishop. |
| Hereford | <i>Telford Severn Gorge Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – vacant; Lay Co-Chair – Carilyn Simkin; Sub-Warden of Readers – Garry Ward. Give thanks for the life and ministry of the late Christopher Penn, for his work as Rural Dean and as incumbent of the Broseley group of parishes. |
| Porvoo | <i>England:</i> Southwell and Nottingham, Bishop Paul Williams, Bishop Andrew Emerton; <i>Norway:</i> Borg, Bishop Atle Sommerfeldt. |
| The Wider View | As we approach Christmas, pray for the many friendships made over the years, through our links with Tanzania and Nuremberg, and give thanks for the ways in which our faith is enriched by what we learn from others. |
| This Week | <p>UK National Workplace Day of Remembrance takes place on December 12th each year, so this year on Monday. Pray for the highest standards of safety in the workplace, and remember before God those who have lost their lives in the course of their work.</p> <p>John of the Cross, whose day is Wednesday, inspires our prayer for all who seek to express the life of the soul in words of poetry. Give thanks for poetry as a resource for public worship and private reflection and prayer.</p> <p>O Sapientia falls on Saturday, marking the beginning of the last week before Christmas. This is the first of the Great Advent Antiphons, each of which takes a title from the Old Testament for the coming King. O Sapientia (“O Wisdom”) is the only title listed in our lectionary, but the others are 18th December: O Adonai (O Lord); 19th December: O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse); 20th December: O Clavis David (O Key of David); 21st December: O Oriens (O Dayspring); 22nd December: O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations); 23rd December: O Emmanuel (O God with Us). Pray for our faithful and prayerful keeping of these last days of Advent.</p> <p>Pray for those within our communities who are without a permanent home, some may be sofa-surfing or sleeping on floors, and some will be actually on the streets. Many have issues such as mental illness or addiction, others may simply have fallen through a gap in the system or have been impacted by a traumatic life event like marriage breakdown. Some may be here illegally. All will be in need of help and support in the winter weather. Pray for all who are homeless, and for agencies such as Shelter, Crisis, the Salvation Army and local night shelters seeking to respond to their needs.</p> <p>Pray for all who live with addictions of various kinds, for whom Christmas can be a particularly difficult and risky time, and for organisations and charities that offer help and support to those with addictive behaviour.</p> <p>Pray for all our church musicians. Many churches struggle to find people to play the organ on a regular basis - pray for more to come forward and offer their services; give thanks for those who do, and also for projects aimed at addressing the “organist shortage”, and encouraging and providing training for those interested in learning to play the organ.</p> |

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| Monday 12th December | |
| Anglican | Ogori-Magongo (Lokoja, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Festus Davies. |
| Hereford | Broseley with Benthall, Jackfield, Linley with Willey & Barrow: vacant; Reader – Rebecca Wood; Local Ministry Development Group: Ann Wall, Sheila Whittles, Mary Kendal, Rebecca Wood, Brian Allaway, Barrow 1618 Free School; Broseley CE Primary School; John Wilkinson Primary School. Pray for these parishes in shock and sadness following the sudden death of their incumbent. |
| Tuesday 13th December: Lucy, martyr; <i>Samuel Johnson, moralist</i> | |
| Anglican | Ohaji / Egbema (Owerri, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Chidi Collins Oparaojiaku. |
| Hereford | Coalbrookdale, Ironbridge & Little Wenlock: Ernest Okeke; Reader – Carilyn Simkin; Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge CE Primary School. |
| Wednesday 14th December: John of the Cross, poet and teacher of the faith | |
| Anglican | Ohio (Province V, TEC) - Rt Revd Mark Hollingsworth; the diocese is now engaged in the search for his successor. |
| Hereford | <i>Madeley:</i> St Michael's Madeley – Alan Walden, Iain McIntyre, Rosemary Freeman; Reader – Jan Holt. |
| Thursday 15th December | |
| Anglican | Southern Ohio (Province V, TEC) - Rt Revd Wayne Smith, bishop provisional. |
| Hereford | Sutton Hill and Woodside – Dawn Taffinder. Intergenerational Worker - Beckie Dotson. |
| Friday 16th December | |
| Anglican | Oji River (Enugu, Nigeria) - Most Revd Amos Amankechinelo Madu. |
| Hereford | John Fletcher of Madeley Primary School; William Reynolds Primary School; Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School; Haughton Special Primary School; John Randall Primary School; St Mary's RC Primary School; Woodlands Primary School; Abraham Darby Academy; Madeley Academy. |
| Saturday 17th December: <i>O Sapientia; Eglantyne Jebb, social reformer</i> | |
| Anglican | Okene (Lokoja, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Emmanuel Onsachi. |
| Hereford | Pray for all who exercise a ministry of prayer and in this way provide support and sustenance to the life, work and mission of their local church. |
| Diary | Cathedral Christmas Fair. |
| On Prayer <i>Paul Wallis</i> | <p>Each of us needs to keep a discipline (of reserving time for ourselves) if we are to catch up with ourselves and be still with God.</p> <p>The pressure of modern-day living is such that we rarely take time to be where we are; we are always living in the next moment, doing what we are doing, but with half a mind on what we have to do next.</p> <p>Being still means actually being where we are for a while. It requires that we take some time out to stop chasing our tails and catch up with ourselves - ourselves being our meeting place with God.</p> |

SUNDAY 18th December: 4th of Advent

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| Anglican | The Anglican Church of Korea - Most Revd Peter Lee Kyeong-ho, Primate. |
| Hereford | Pray that in all the ministry we offer we may affirm the rights, abilities and value of every person, whatever their age, gender, ethnicity or background, and that our planning, decision making and selection and appointment processes may reflect this as a mission priority. |
| Porvoo | <i>Norway:</i> Oslo, Bishop Kari Veiteberg; <i>England:</i> Durham, Bishop Paul Butler, Bishop Sarah Clark; <i>Scotland:</i> Moray, Ross & Caithness, Bishop Mark Strange. |
| The Wider View | Pray for all who are persecuted for their faith across our world, and that all people of faith may learn to be hospitable to one another, and be free to worship without discrimination, arrest or reprisals of any kind. Pray for the ethnic Turkic Uyghur people of China, a Muslim people facing mass surveillance, internment and indoctrination, among other restrictions. |
| This Week | <p>Pray for all who will be travelling to be with families or friends over Christmas, that they may do so safely. Pray also for those who will be apart from families and friends over Christmas for whatever reason.</p> <p>Pray that our churches may be places of warmth and welcome over this Christmas time, and that we may communicate our faith to those who come as visitors or perhaps as enquirers. Pray too for the many people who come to spend time in our churchyards at family graves, some of whom may have travelled a considerable distance to pay their family respects.</p> <p>Pray for those who will be working over Christmas to ensure that our essential and emergency services are functioning, and that our celebrations can take place in comfort and safety; pray for those who staff our hospitals; and pray for farmers, and all who have the care of livestock.</p> <p>Many pre-Christmas services and events will take place this week, among them crib services, carol singing around the streets, and events in pubs, nursing homes, community halls and other places where the Christmas message is shared with those who might not otherwise hear it in church. Pray too for lessons and carols and similar services in our churches, and concerts by church and community choirs and singing groups.</p> <p>As the school Christmas break begins, for most children this will be a special time of fun and enjoyment; pray though for those children who are neglected or treated badly, who may be at particular risk over Christmas. Pray too for those families wanting to do their best, but already struggling to get by.</p> <p>Pray for our outreach to those who may be spending Christmas alone. Some may find it physically or mentally difficult to leave their home, some may simply have no-one close to spend this time with. Pray for community and church schemes to provide a Christmas meal for those who are on their own.</p> <p>Give thanks for those who will be ringing our church bells at Christmas and New Year, and for the teams of ringers who call the faithful to worship week by week. Pray for Ringers' Associations and for training, and that more will come forward to offer themselves to ring church bells.</p> |

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| Monday 19th December | |
| Anglican | Oke-Ogun (Ibadan, Nigeria) - vacant. |
| Hereford | <i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for those “on the fringe” of our churches, and for our outreach to the wider community, especially at this season as people join us for Christmas services and other events. |
| Tuesday 20th December | |
| Anglican | Oke-Osun (Ibadan, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Oluwagbemiro Fabuluje. |
| Hereford | <i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for our support for the World Church via mission and aid associations and through our local contacts and links, giving thanks for all we can offer, discover and receive from these links. |
| Wednesday 21st December | |
| Anglican | Okigwe (Owerri, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Edward Osuegbu. |
| Hereford | <i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for all newly coming to faith, for their welcome and nurture. Pray for churches using Alpha, Emmaus, Life on the Frontline and other courses to lead people into faith or to encourage them in discipleship. |
| Thursday 22nd December | |
| Anglican | Okigwe North (Owerri, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Godson Udochukwu Ukanwa. |
| Hereford | <i>Support for Ministry:</i> All that encourages and supports social responsibility, care and action within our Diocese. Pray for churches seeking to respond to issues of environmental concern, and to work to lighten their carbon footprint, for the Marches Christian Environmental Network and churches participating in the Eco Church scheme sponsored by La Rocha. |
| Friday 23rd December | |
| Anglican | Okigwe South (Owerri, Nigeria) - Most Revd David Onuoha. |
| Hereford | Pray for all who will visit our churches this Christmas, and for the many non-church attenders, who visit our church buildings and churchyards at this time of the year. |
| Saturday 24th December: Christmas Eve | |
| Anglican | Okinawa (Nippon Sei Ko Kai) - Rt Revd David Eisho Uehara. |
| Hereford | Pray for our cathedral and the other “great churches” of our Diocese, and for choirs, musicians, ringers and others in churches large and small as we share with our communities the joy of Christmas. |
| On Prayer <i>Julian of Norwich</i> | <p>It is God’s will that we have three things in our seeking. The first is that we seek willingly and actively, without sloth, as we can through his grace, gladly and happily, without foolish gladness and empty sorrow. The second is that we wait on him steadfastly for love, not grumbling and striving against him, until our life’s end - for it lasts so short a time. The third is that we trust him completely with certainty of faith, because this is his will. We know he will come suddenly and joyfully to all who love him.</p> |

Curates in Training:

David Wyatt (year 4 - Canon Pyon)
Iain McIntyre (year 4 - Madeley)
Jo Jennings (year 3 - West Hereford)
Lawrence Gittins (year 3 - Ludlow)
Tiffany Jackson (year 3 - Ross)
Joe Simons (year 3 - Cleobury Mortimer)
Katie Smith (year 3 - Kingsland)
David Andrews (Year 2 - Church Stretton)
Luke Ayles (Year 2 - Ss Peter & James, Hereford)
Lauren Bell (Year 2 - St Martin, Hereford)
Lois Beynon (Year 2 - West Hereford Team)
Erin Butler (Year 2 - Holmer with Huntington)
(Joe) Stanley Chipper (Year 2 - Tupsley etc)
Wayne Davies (Year 2 - Ludlow)
Angie Kateley (Year 2 - Abbeydore)
Natalie Jennings (Year 2 - Maund Group)
Ruth Leigh (Year 2 - Westbury, Worthen & Yockleton)
Richard Lonsdale (Year 1 - Pontesbury/Stiperstones)
Linde Melhuish (Year 1 - Hop Churches)
Jonathan Roberts (Year 1 - Leominster)

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Michael Aylmer (Cuddeston)
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Sarah Lupton (Queen's, Birmingham)
Rosie Roberts (Queen's, Birmingham)
William Talbot-Ponsonby (CGH)
Charlotte Patrick (Trinity, Bristol)
Alex Day (Cuddesdon)
Joanna Day (Cuddesdon)
Vicky Dunlop (CGH)
Ewan Gillings (St Stephen's House)
Geoff Holder (CGH)
Philippa Wright (CGH)
Alex Herbert (CGH)
Kate Edwards (CGH)

Warden and Sub-Wardens of Readers:

Warden: Elizabeth Wild

Sub-Wardens:

Abbeydore - vacant
Bromyard – Culain Morris
Hereford - Malcolm Robertson
Kington & Weobley - vacant
Ledbury - vacant
Leominster - Culain Morris
Ross & Archenfield - vacant
Bridgnorth - Garry Ward
Clun Forest - Jonathan Kemp
Conover - vacant
Ludlow - John Beesley
Pontesbury - vacant
Telford Severn Gorge - Garry Ward

Readers in Training:

Jennifer White - Bucknell
Claire Williams - Westbury
Wendy Maddocks - Kingsland

Intergenerational Missioners:

Geri Miller - Abbeydore
Wayne Davies - Ludlow
Christine Cattnach - Bartestree Cross
David Bland - South Wye
Beckie Dotson - Sutton Hill & Woodside
Mark Hackney - Pontesbury Deanery