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Prayer Diary

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

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

Hereford Archdeaconry

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 Conover
- L Ludlow
- M Pontesbury
- N Telford Severn Gorge

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



The Prayer Diary - January to March 2023

The main part of this Prayer Diary covers the quarter from Christmas Day 25th December to Saturday 25th March, week by week, under the following headings:

- **Anglican** - Biddings for each day taken from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer (adapted and updated where possible), so that we are praying with the Anglican Church round the world. 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** - Focuses for prayer during the week, on themes and issues in healthcare, the community, education and the changing seasons, along with events, meetings, and activities within our Diocese and perhaps more widely.
- **Today** - Events and activities from the Diocesan Diary - please note that many of these are provisional, depending on what restrictions remain in place.
- **Prayer** - A prayer or reflection appropriate to the week.

Please send entries for the next edition which covers the quarter April to June 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!

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

| SUNDAY 25th December: CHRISTMAS DAY | |
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| Anglican | The Anglican Church of Melanesia - Most Revd Leonard Dawea, Primate. |
| Hereford | Give thanks for the ministry of prayer that underpins everything we decide and do as a diocese; pray for all that encourages and enlivens our prayer and spiritual development at every level of church life. Pray for those planning and preparing for the coming year to be a diocesan Year of Prayer. |
| Porvoo | <i>England:</i> Chichester, Bishop Martin Warner, Bishop Ruth Bushyager, Bishop Will Hazlewood; <i>Finland:</i> Mikkeli, Bishop Seppo Häkkinen. |
| The Wider View | Pray on this holy day for the peace of the Holy Land, and that God's justice and holy will may prevail there among all its peoples and faiths. |
| This Week | <p>"And his name will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Give thanks for God's saving love born among us.</p> <p>Pray for all who will spend this Christmas alone, and apart from families and friends - those working away, those in prison, those in hospital or in some other place of care, and those simply unable to travel. Pray also for those for whom this will be their first Christmas following a significant bereavement.</p> <p>Pray for community and church initiatives to reach out to the lonely and vulnerable over Christmas - visiting, providing meals or gifts, etc. Pray for those people and families most severely impacted by the increases in fuel and commodity prices, housing costs, etc., and for those who offer help and support to families facing financial problems.</p> <p>Pray for those working over Christmas in essential and emergency services, giving thanks for all that enables our safety, security and comfort.</p> <p>Pray for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and for the organisations and charities which offer support and refuge. Pray also for refugees, including those who have found a home in our communities, many of whom will have left family and friends in places of danger, and will be worried for their safety.</p> <p>The feast of Stephen, first martyr of the Church, directs our thoughts and prayers toward the persecuted Church in today's world, and for all who are discriminated against or treated badly because of the faith they follow.</p> <p>Wednesday commemorates the Holy Innocents, and directs our thoughts towards children at risk or in danger, but also to those who misuse the power they hold, the places of tyranny and injustice, and the many vulnerable people in our world who are exploited and abused.</p> <p>Give thanks for the beauty of our countryside, even in the depths of winter, and pray for local events connected to the Ramblers' Festival of Winter Walks over this period. Pray for those who maintain and protect local footpaths and places of interest.</p> <p>Pray for all visitors to our churches over the Christmas period - those who join us in worship, but also the many people visiting family graves at this time of the year, some travelling a long way to do so. May all our churches be places of welcome and tranquillity.</p> |

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| Monday 26th December: Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr <i>Boxing Day</i> | |
| Anglican | Oklahoma (Province VII, TEC) - Rt Revd Poulson Reed. |
| Hereford | <i>Support Ministry:</i> Sarah Whitelock, Communications Director, and all involved in communicating our message and vision as a Diocese, and ensuring a flow of up-to-date and accurate advice and direction to the local church. |
| Tuesday 27th December: John, Apostle and Evangelist | |
| Anglican | Okrika (Niger Delta, Nigeria) - Rt. Revd Enoch Atuboyedia. |
| Hereford | <i>Support Ministry:</i> Pray for all who help compile and produce this Prayer Diary, for the Prayer Station established by Archdeacon Derek on Facebook, for Mark Melluish in his new role as Mission Enabler, and all that helps us in pray for one another, for our churches in mission, and for the world. |
| Wednesday 28th December: The Holy Innocents | |
| Anglican | Oleh (Bendel, Nigeria) - Rt Revd John Aruakpor. |
| Hereford | <i>Health Chaplaincy:</i> Hospital Chaplaincy in Hereford County Hospital & the Wye Valley NHS Trust: Philip Roberts, chaplain, and the honorary chaplains and lay volunteers. Pray also for the RC Chaplain, Rev. Michael Evans, and all who offer spiritual support to patients and families. Pray for all healthcare staff at a time when pressures on them are at their greatest. |
| Thursday 29th December: Thomas a Becket, Archbishop, Martyr | |
| Anglican | Olo (Western Equatoria, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Tandema Obed. |
| Hereford | <i>Health Chaplaincy:</i> Pray for chaplaincy teams at the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital, the Princess Royal Hospital, Telford, and other hospitals outside our Diocese but providing healthcare to our area; pray too for all who offer chaplaincy support in the smaller local hospitals within our Diocese. |
| Friday 30th December | |
| Anglican | Olympia (Province VIII, TEC) - Rt Revd Gregory Rickel. |
| Hereford | <i>Health Chaplaincy:</i> Chaplaincy support at the 2gether NHS Foundation Trust, providing mental health and learning disability services in Herefordshire and Gloucestershire, including the Stonebow Unit in Hereford. |
| Saturday 31st December: John Wyclif, Theologian; New Year's Eve | |
| Anglican | Omu-Aran (Kwara, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Festus Sobanke. |
| Hereford | <i>Health Chaplaincy:</i> Chaplaincy support for those mental health care in the northern part of our Diocese, within the Midlands Partnership Foundation Trust. |
| Today | New Year's Eve celebrations of various kinds. |
| Prayer CAFOD | <p style="text-align: center;">God, our dayspring and our dawn, we turn to you when we fear the dark, and all around us weep. Greet us with your shining light that we may spread your warm embrace and kindle the hope of Christmas in all whose lives remain in shadow. Come and be our strength O Lord, our hope and our salvation. Amen.</p> |

| SUNDAY 1st January: The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus or <i>Christmas 2 New Year's Day</i> | |
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| Anglican | La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico - Most Revd Enrique Treviño Cruz, Primate. |
| Hereford | <i>The Abbeydore Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Jane Rogers; Lay Co-Chair – Philip Wilcocks; Sub-Warden of Readers – Vacant. Rural Pioneer Priests serving across the Deanery: Mark Godson, Simon Lockett, Luci Morriss, Cate Thomson; Curate - Angie Kateley; Deanery Mission Coordinator: Anne Lloyd. |
| Porvoo | <i>England:</i> London, Bishop Sarah Mullally, Bishop Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy, Bishop Rob Wickham, Bishop Jonathan Baker, Bishop Ric Thorpe, Bishop Joanne Grenfell; <i>Norway:</i> Nidaros and Trondheim, Presiding Bishop Olav Fykse Tveit, Bishop Herborg Finnset. |
| The Wider View | Pray for our link with Nuremberg, and for those in leadership both here and there. At the time of preparing this diary there is cautious hope for progress in trade negotiations between the UK and the EU. As churches we also face many of the same issues, not least the way in which the struggles of the present time have exposed and enhanced existing weaknesses. And yet there is also opportunity, and the call to mission remains a priority. |
| This Week | <p>As the New Year begins, many of us will more aware of challenge than of opportunity in what lies ahead. Divisions seem to be deepening within society and across the wider world, with a hardening of attitudes. Pray for all who are working for conciliation and peace, and those who speak out in support of those who are marginalised and discriminated against.</p> <p>The Christmas and New Year period is a particularly difficult time for those who suffer from addictions of various kinds, and therefore also for their families and friends. Pray for all who are caught in the grip of addictive behaviour, and for those who offer support, refuge, and a way out.</p> <p>Many of us in any case may drink more than we mean to over Christmas, and January is promoted as “Dry January” by Alcohol Concern. Pray for all aiming to reduce their alcohol intake, and also for the many of us who will use this month and our New Year’s resolutions to improve our exercise routines and perhaps eat more sensibly.</p> <p>4th January was the birthday of Louis Braille, and World Braille Day is kept on this day, focusing on those living with sight impairments, for many of whom the tactile Braille representation of numbers and letters is a lifeline. Braille continues to be of huge importance despite the assistance new technologies can provide - pray for all who live with sight loss, and give thanks for all that enables their participation in all aspects of community life.</p> <p>The Feast of the Epiphany begins a season of reflection on the ways in which Christ is revealed among us as our Light and Salvation, beginning with the gifts of the Magi and the good news that he is the Saviour of all. Give thanks for the worldwide mission of the Church today, and that the message of saving love crosses all kinds of human boundaries and speaks to every heart.</p> <p>Pray for all involved in the launch on Saturday of the Year of Prayer in our Diocese, with a Festival of Light in the Cathedral.</p> |

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| Monday 2nd January: Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops; <i>Seraphim of Sarov, Spiritual Guide; V. Samuel Aazariah, Bishop, Evangelist (or The Naming of Jesus)</i> | |
| Anglican | Ondo (Ondo, Nigeria) - Rt Rev Stephen Oni. |
| Hereford | <i>Black Mountains Group</i> - Clodock & Longtown with Craswall, Llanveynoe, St Margaret's, Michaelchurch Escley & Newton: Sam Ashton; Longtown Primary School; Michaelchurch Escley Primary School. |
| Tuesday 3rd January | |
| Anglican | Ontario (Ontario, Canada) Rt Revd Michael Oulton. |
| Hereford | Ewyas Harold & Dulas, with Abbeydore, Bacton, Kentchurch, Llangua, Rowlestone & Llancillo, Walterstone, Kilpeck, St Devereux & Wormbridge: Mark Godson; Bob Bates; Reader – Diane Bates; Local Ministry Team; Ewyas Harold Primary School. |
| Wednesday 4th January | |
| Anglican | Oregon (Province VIII, TEC) - Rt Revd Diana Akiyama. |
| Hereford | <i>Cagebrook</i> - Kingstone with Clehonger, Eaton Bishop, Allensmore and Thruxton: Cate Thomson, Ann Hitchiner, Michael Westall; Kingstone High School; Clehonger CE Primary School, Kingstone & Thruxton Primary School. |
| Thursday 5th January | |
| Anglican | Eastern Oregon (Province VIII, TEC) - Rt Revd Patrick Bell. |
| Hereford | <i>Wye Dore</i> - Madley with Tyberton, Peterchurch, Vowchurch & Turnastone: Simon Lockett, Judy Dinnen. |
| Friday 6th January: THE EPIPHANY | |
| Anglican | Orlu (Owerri, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Benjamin Okeke. |
| Hereford | <i>Wye Dore Ministry Team</i> – Simon Lockett, Brenda Stokes, Judy Dinnen, Julie Lunn, Sam Morgan, Helen Byard, Joy Rickwood, Lyn Garwood, Barbara Llewellyn-Samuel, Jane Hirst; Fairfield High School, Peterchurch; Madley Primary School; Peterchurch Primary School. |
| Saturday 7th January | |
| Anglican | Oru (Owerri, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Geoffrey Chukwunenye. |
| Hereford | <i>Borderlink</i> – Blakemere, Bredwardine with Brobury, Clifford, Cusop, Dorstone, Hardwicke, Moccas & Preston-on-Wye: Luci Morriss, Jane Rogers, Sally Barnes, John Winter our benefice team of Lay Leaders, Messy Church and Clifford Primary School. |
| Today | Festival of Light Service (launching the Year of Prayer 2023), 4.30pm in the Cathedral. |
| Prayer <i>Rabbi Evan Moffic</i> | <p style="text-align: center;">Eternal God, you give us the greatest gift: the gift of life. In the year ahead, help us to use that gift wisely. May we grow in generosity, in kindness and forgiveness, and in hope, faith and love. Amen.</p> |

| SUNDAY 8th January: THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST (Epiphany 1) or The Epiphany | |
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| Anglican | The Province of Myanmar (Burma) - Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo. |
| Hereford | <i>The Bridgnorth Deanery:</i> Rural Dean: Mark Daborn; Lay Co-Chair: Martin Elcock; Sub-Warden of Readers: Garry Ward. |
| Porvoo | <i>Finland:</i> Oulu, Bishop Jukka Keskitalo; <i>Norway:</i> Sør-Hålogaland (Bodø), Bishop Ann-Helen Fjeldstad Jusnes; <i>England:</i> Coventry, Bishop Christopher Cocksworth, Bishop John Stroyan. |
| Today | Year of Prayer launched in parishes, groups and deaneries; Epiphany Carol Service at the Cathedral. |
| The Wider View | Pray for the millions of refugees in our world currently, with the largest number (just over 4 million) in Turkey. The country with the largest number of refugees as a proportion of the population is Lebanon, where refugees make up nearly 20% of the population. Many just want to go home, but can't; all are living in poverty. |
| This Week | <p>Pray for deaneries, benefices and parishes planning events and activities as part of the Year of Prayer, and that across our Diocese this may be a time of spiritual growth and deepening, with a renewed awareness that all our work and mission must be firmly rooted in prayer.</p> <p>As we give thanks for the Baptism of our Lord, may we have a deeper awareness of our baptism vows as our call and commitment to active ministry, and not merely passive membership.</p> <p>Wednesday of this week is kept as Paget's Awareness Day. Paget's Disease is a bone disease. Bones are continually repaired and renewed in the course of human life, but Paget's Disease affects that process in such a way that bones, particularly the spine, pelvis and femur, can become deformed or fractured. Pray for those who live with this disease, and for research and treatment.</p> <p>Pray for those within our rural communities who lack ready access to transport, and for community car schemes, good neighbours groups and other initiatives that help.</p> <p>In the week that commemorates George Fox, pray for the distinctive witness today of the Society of Friends (Quakers), and for those who meet and worship within our Diocese. The simplicity, open and accepting spirituality and commitment to human freedom that Quakers have shown through the years has played an important part in developing a tolerant society in which all are valued and affirmed.</p> <p>Pray for the many victims of human trafficking in our world, and for those who are working and campaigning for the release of those kept in conditions of effective slavery.</p> <p>Pray for those who will be taking part in the Prayer Workshops this Saturday at Church Stretton, and a week later in Hereford, as part of our preparation for the Year of Prayer. Pray for those involved in organising these events, and for the work of ReSource, enabling little, local and ordinary churches to engage with the Holy Spirit for renewal, discipleship and mission.</p> |

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| Monday 9th January: <i>May be kept as the Baptism of Christ if Epiphany celebrated yesterday</i> | |
| Anglican | Osaka (Japan) - Rt Revd Andrew Haruhisa Iso. |
| Hereford | Alveley and Quatt: <i>vacant</i> ; Clergy with PTO: Ruth Sims, Wendy Rylance; Reader: Sue Chidwick; Alveley Primary School. |
| Tuesday 10th January: <i>William Laud, Archbishop</i> | |
| Anglican | Osun (Ibadan, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Foluso Olugbenga Babatunji. |
| Hereford | <i>Brown Clee Group:</i> Ditton Priors, Chetton, Neenton, Burwarton with Cleobury North, Aston Botterell, Wheathill & Loughton: <i>vacant</i> ; Reader: Dorothy Cartwright; Local Ministry Group: Bobbie Jarvis, Carole Smith, Mike Teague, Marjorie Jones; Brown Clee C E Primary School. |
| Today | Bishop's Staff meet at Halford. |
| Wednesday 11th January: <i>Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa</i> | |
| Anglican | Osun North (Ibadan, Nigeria) - Most Revd Abiodun Olaoye. |
| Hereford | Stottesdon with Farlow, Cleeton St Mary, Silvington, Sidbury & Middleton Scriven: Mark Daborn; Reader: Alex Daborn; Farlow CE Primary School; Stottesdon CE Primary School. |
| Thursday 12th January: <i>Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx; Benedict Biscop, Scholar</i> | |
| Anglican | Osun North-East (Ibadan, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Ebenezer Akorede Okuyelu. |
| Hereford | <i>Bridgnorth and Morville Parishes Team Ministry:</i> Bridgnorth with Tasley, Astley Abbots, Oldbury & Quatford, Morville, Aston Eyre, Acton Round and Monkhopton: <i>vacant</i> ; Reader: Jane Peeler; Clergy with PTO: Simon Boxall, Marjorie Brookes, David Chantrey, Clive Parr, Clive Munday; Reader with PTO: Sheila Hodgkins; Local Ministry Team: Clergy with Kay Prior, Sheila Royle, Sandie Phillips; Children, Families and Education Co-ordinator: Emma Lambert. Bridgnorth Endowed School, Oldbury Wells School, Castlefields Primary School, St Leonard's CE Primary School, St Mary's Bluecoat CE Primary School, Morville CE Primary School, St John's Catholic Primary School; Bridgnorth & S Shropshire Infirmary. |
| Friday 13th January: <i>Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop; Kentigern (Mungo), Bishop; George Fox</i> | |
| Anglican | Ottawa (Ontario, Canada) - Rt Revd Shane Parker. |
| Hereford | Claverley with Tuck Hill: Garry Ward; Claverley CE Primary School. |
| Saturday 15th January | |
| Anglican | Otukpo (Abuja, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Benjamin Ameh Ewuchola. |
| Hereford | Pray for the churches of other denominations with whom we share ministry, giving thanks for the fellowship we share and the ways in which we can work together in the service of Christ. Pray for those of other denominations who worship regularly in our churches, particularly in more rural areas. |
| Today | Creative Prayer Workshop, at Church Stretton Parish Centre. |
| Prayer <i>William Laud</i> | Give unto us, O Lord, we humbly beseech thee, a wise, sober, patient, understanding, devout, religious, and courageous heart; a soul full of devotion to do thee service, strength against all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. |

| SUNDAY 15th January: 2nd of Epiphany | |
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| Anglican | The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) - Most Revd Henry Ndukuba, Metropolitan and Primate. |
| Hereford | Pray for the Intergenerational Ministers working throughout our Diocese, and all who work with them. Pray for all our outreach to families and young people, and for those leading and helping resource Messy Church, Muddy Church, Forest Church, Open the Book and other activities and worship events with children, young people and families in mind. |
| Porvoo | <i>Finland:</i> Tampere, Bishop Matti Repo; <i>England:</i> Manchester, Bishop David Walker, Bishop Mark Ashcroft, Bishop Mark Davies. |
| The Wider View | Pray for those currently training for ordained ministry at St Marks College in Dar es Salaam. Pray that we may be able to continue to support this work by increasing the donations made from parishes and deaneries within our Diocese, and for new donors to come forward. |
| This Week | <p>Sunday 15th January is World Religion Day. Pray for good and positive inter-faith relationships, and also for those places in our world where religion is a cause of intolerance and where those who follow one faith face persecution or discrimination from those of another.</p> <p>Monday 16th is Blue Monday, supposedly the gloomiest day of the year. It may not be, but this can be a difficult and dispiriting part of the year, especially for those who suffer from depressive conditions. Pray for all who live with mental health conditions, and for effective care, diagnosis and treatment, including aftercare for those who have spent time in hospital.</p> <p>As the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins (on Wednesday), give thanks for the breadth of Christian worship, discipleship and fellowship that is seen in this various denominations and traditions of the Church. May we value what we see, and are attracted by or challenged by, looking to those whose traditions are different from our own, and recognising one another as fellow pilgrims. This year's theme focuses on racial justice.</p> <p>In the week that includes commemoration of Antony of Egypt, hermit, pray for all who are drawn to the eremitic life today. Give thanks for those whose disciplined and devoted prayer life as solitaries or within communities gives support and sustenance to the wider Church.</p> <p>Martin Luther King Day is kept on Monday in the United States. Pray for those who continue to strive for the freedom of others, at a time when in the US extremist and negative forces seem to be ever more strident.</p> <p>Pray for all who are living with forms of dementia, and for families, friends and carers. Pray for all that helps ensure that shops and other public facilities including churches are dementia friendly.</p> <p>Pray for our local schools at a time when school budgets are under severe pressure, not least from the additional costs of heating and lighting. Pray for head teachers, administration staff and governors, as many schools find themselves having to set a deficit budget.</p> |

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| Monday 16th January | |
| Anglican | Owerri (Owerri, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Chukwuma Oparah. |
| Hereford | Highley with Billingsley, Glazeley & Deuxhill, Chelmarsh: <i>vacant</i> ; Associate Ministers: Val Smith, David Poyner, Rosemary Lawley (PTO); Reader (PTO) Keith Smith; Highley Community Primary School. |
| Tuesday 17th January: Antony of Egypt, Hermit; <i>Charles Gore, Community of the Resurrection</i> | |
| Anglican | Owo (Ondo, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Stephen Fagbemi. |
| Hereford | Worfield: Jeannetta Stokes; Worfield Endowed CE Primary School. |
| Today | Talk by Revd Dr Charlie Bell, College Hall, Cathedral. |
| Wednesday 18th January: <i>Amy Carmichael, Spiritual Writer</i> The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins | |
| Anglican | Oxford (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Stephen Croft; Area Bishops - Rt Revd Alan Wilson (Buckingham); Rt Revd Gavin Collins (Dorchester); Rt Revd Olivia Graham (Reading). |
| Hereford | <i>Support for Ministry:</i> Elizabeth Hackney, Lead Intergenerational Missioner, and Kathy Bland, Intergenerational Church Enabler, and all who work with them as Intergenerational Missioners, volunteers etc. |
| Thursday 19th January: Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester | |
| Anglican | Oyo (Ibadan, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Williams Oluwarotimi Aladekugbe. |
| Hereford | <i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all that ensures we are updated on partnership and development issues, and aware of development needs and opportunities worldwide. |
| Friday 20th January: <i>Richard Rolle, Spiritual Writer</i> | |
| Anglican | Pacong (Eastern Bahr el Ghazal, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Joseph Maker. |
| Hereford | <i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all that is done to ensure awareness and good practice on disability issues across our churches, and for Revd Garry Ward as Diocesan Disability Adviser. |
| Saturday 21st January: Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome | |
| Anglican | Panama (Central America) - Rt Revd Julio Murray Thompson. |
| Hereford | <i>Support for Ministry:</i> Hospice chaplains and their teams - at St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, Hereford, and at the Severn Hospice sites in Shrewsbury, Telford and Newtown that serve the north of the Diocese. |
| Today | Creative Prayer Workshop, at The Palace, Hereford. |
| Prayer <i>Richard Rolle</i> | <p>O Holy God, in you is all goodness, your pity and mercy made you to descend from the high throne into this world, the valley of woe and weeping, and here you took our nature; here you suffered pain and death to bring our souls to your Kingdom. Merciful Lord, forgive us all our sins that we have done, thought, and said. O glorious Trinity, cleanse our hearts and purify our souls. Restore us with your Holy Spirit, and strengthen us with your might, that we may always withstand evil temptations. Comfort us with your Holy Spirit, and fulfil us with grace and charity. Amen.</p> |

| SUNDAY 22nd January: 3rd of Epiphany | |
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| Anglican | The United Church of North India - Most Revd Bijaya Kumar Nayak, Moderator. |
| Hereford | <i>The Bromyard Deanery</i> : Acting Rural Dean – Steven Baggs; Lay Co-Chair – Roger Wilkins. |
| Porvoo | <i>England</i> : Birmingham, vacant, Bishop Anne Hollinghurst; <i>Ireland</i> : Cork, Cloyne & Ross, Bishop Paul Colton; <i>Denmark</i> : Elsinore, Bishop Peter Birch. |
| The Wider View | Farming is hugely important to the Tanzanian economy, and employs something like 75% of its people. There is still much subsistence farming, but in places this is changing rapidly. Large farms growing specific crops make a bigger contribution to the economy (and those seeking to develop large farming units may offer to upgrade infrastructure such as roads etc), but small family farms can in fact make better and more productive use of the land. Give thanks for the links made between those engaged in farming here and there, and the ways in which we can learn from one another. |
| This Week | <p>The Chinese New Year begins on 22nd January - this year is the Year of the Rabbit. Pray for the Chinese communities in our area; pray also for the Christian churches of China, and of Hong Kong and Macau.</p> <p>In Cervical Cancer Prevention Week, pray for greater awareness, and for a significant improvement in cancer screening rates - cervical cancer is now completely preventable, yet still causes many deaths around the world.</p> <p>We give thanks for the apostleship of Paul, which began with his conversion on the road to Damascus. His day also brings to a close the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Pray for the apostolic mission of the Church today, that we should be eager to share our faith with all, and that in all things we should be Christ-centred and servant-minded. Pray too for the various ecumenical links and contacts we have locally and as a Diocese.</p> <p>Wednesday is also Burns Night, and an opportunity to pray for the churches and people of Scotland. It is closely followed by Australia Day - pray too for the churches and people of Australia.</p> <p>Parent Mental Health Day on Friday seeks to focus on the family as a unit for mental health. Parents already struggling to support their child's mental health are further stretched by the ways in which Covid has impacted on health services, the cost of living crisis, etc. This year's Day focuses on building resilience, and challenging stigmas. Pray for parents and families where there are issues around mental health.</p> <p>Friday is also Holocaust Memorial Day. Genocide continues to scar the face of humanity, and dictators continue to fashion their own "final solutions". Pray we may always firmly oppose all that labels one person as less than another, and support all that values each human person and family without regard for race, religion, language or sexual orientation. This year's theme "Ordinary People" refers both to the perpetrators and the victims of genocide.</p> <p>Pray for all involved in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch next weekend, and for our care for the wild birds and other creatures that visit our gardens.</p> |

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| Monday 23rd January | |
| Anglican | Pankshin (Jos, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Olumuyiwa Ajayi. |
| Hereford | <i>Frome Valley Group</i> – Bishop's Frome with Castle Frome, Frome's Hill, Acton Beauchamp, Evesbatch, Stanford Bishop, Much Cowarne, Ocle Pychard: Steven Baggs, Richard Allaway; Burley Gate CE Primary School; Burley Gate Pre-School. |
| Tuesday 24th January: Francis de Sales, Teacher of the Faith | |
| Anglican | Panrieng (Upper Nile, South Sudan) - Rt Revd David Kiir Mayath. |
| Hereford | Bromyard and Stoke Lacy: Kina Robertshaw; Queen Elizabeth Humanities College Bromyard, Brockhampton Primary School; St Peter's Primary School; Froome Bank Hospital; The HOPE Family Centre: Sarah Eardley, Centre Manager. |
| Wednesday 25th January: The Conversion of Paul (<i>Christian Unity Week ends</i>) | |
| Anglican | Panyana (Central Equatoria, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Seme Nigo Abinda. |
| Hereford | Bredenbury with Grendon Bishop and Wacton, Collington, Edwyn Ralph, Little Cowarne, Pencombe with Marston Stannett, Thornbury and Ullingswick: Elizabeth Sidwell, Mari Nowell, Bredenbury Primary School; Pencombe CE Primary School; Rowden House Special School. |
| Thursday 26th January: Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul | |
| Anglican | Paraguay (South America) - vacant. |
| Hereford | <i>Greater Whitbourne</i> – Edwin Loach with Tedstone Delamere, Tedstone Wafer, Upper Sapey, Wolferlow & Whitbourne: Dawn Hyett (Interim Minister), Local Ministry Development Group. |
| Friday 27th January | |
| Anglican | Paraná [Curitiba] (Province 2, Brazil) - Rt Revd Naudal Alves Gomes. |
| Hereford | <i>Archdeacons:</i> Pray for Derek Chedzey, Archdeacon of Hereford, and Fiona Gibson, Archdeacon of Ludlow, in the responsibilities of their offices, and in their wider roles within the Diocese; pray also for those who support them in their work. |
| Saturday 28th January: Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher and Teacher | |
| Anglican | Pathein [Missionary Diocese] (Myanmar) - Rt Revd Andrew Aung Gyi. |
| Hereford | <i>Rural Deans, Lay Co-Chairs and Deanery officers / leadership teams:</i> Pray for all who serve in this way, and for Deaneries preparing for pastoral change, developing forms of collaborative ministry and seeking to fill vacant posts. |
| Today | A performance at the Cathedral by Peter Dyke of Olivier Messiaen's "La nativité du Seigneur". |
| Prayer <i>From Zambia</i> | <p style="text-align: center;">We believe, Lord, that you have decreed that all people, whatever their colour or race, are equal before you: break down the hatred between us, especially the hatred due to racial differences. Reconcile us one to another, that we may respect the rights of all. This we ask in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.</p> |

| SUNDAY 29th January: 4th of Epiphany <i>(may be kept as the Feast of the Presentation)</i> | |
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| Anglican | The United Church of Pakistan - Most Revd Azad Marshall, Moderator. |
| Hereford | Pray for all that encourages and resources the local church in mission, and for our planning for mission at every level. May our churches be ready to listen, open to all, and quick to respond to the opportunities for service and witness that each local community presents. |
| Porvoo | <i>Wales:</i> Bangor, Archbishop Andrew John, Bishop Mary Stallard; <i>Ireland:</i> Dublin and Glendalough, Archbishop Michael Jackson. |
| The Wider View | Give thanks for a positive change in the attitude of people in Tanzania to vaccinations, including those for Covid. Intense government information campaigns supported by local and international NGOs are beginning to bear fruit. Influential people - including faith leaders and community health workers - are helping to raise awareness and correct misperceptions. |
| This Week | <p>Sunday 29th January is World Leprosy Day. Pray for all in our world today who live with or have been affected by Hansen's Disease (leprosy), and for all that is being done to eradicate the disease and to support those who have been damaged or disabled by it. Pray especially for the work of the Leprosy Mission, and for its support.</p> <p>This is National Storytelling Week. Give thanks for all who have the gift and ability to tell stories in attractive and creative ways, pray for special events and activities this week in libraries, schools, community centres etc, and pray also for the ways in which storytelling can be used as a tool of mission.</p> <p>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple brings to a close the great fifty days of Christmas and Epiphany, and is by tradition an occasion to revisit and remake our baptismal vows. As we honour the one born to lighten the nations, may we in turn shine as lights to his glory.</p> <p>At times in their life, and especially in old age, many people become dependant on the care of others. Dignity Action Day (February 1st) calls on everyone to help uphold the right to be treated with dignity and respect when receiving care. The Day aims to ensure people who use care services are treated as individuals and are given choice, control and a sense of purpose in their daily lives. Pray for all those who require basic care, that they should be treated with respect and kindness.</p> <p>February is kept as a awareness month of Raynaud's Disease. Many people (including your Prayer Diary editor) suffer from mild versions of this condition, in which the small blood vessels of the fingers, toes etc are hypersensitive to even minor changes in temperature (and also to emotional stress). For many it is just an inconvenience (primary Raynaud's), but in some people with the secondary form the impact is more severe, and can result in gangrene and lead to amputations. Pray for research, diagnosis and treatment.</p> <p>Thursday is also World Wetlands Day - these are important and highly vulnerable environments, and this year's theme is primarily about the restoration of wetlands damaged by human activity and pollution.</p> |

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| Monday 30th January: Charles, King and Martyr | |
| Anglican | Patna (North India) - Rt Revd Francis Hansda. |
| Hereford | <i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Dean – Sarah Brown, and Residentiary Canons - Andrew Piper (Precentor), (Chancellor – vacant); Lay Canons of Chapter Dr Duncan Jones; Benjamin Pardoe, David Howell and Marc Leppard; Chapter Clerk and Chief Operating Officer – Chris Milton. Pray also for the maintenance and conservation of this great and important building, the furthering of its eco agenda and the future vision and ministry of the cathedral. |
| Tuesday 31st January: John Bosco, Founder of the Salesian Order | |
| Anglican | São Paulo (Province 2, Brazil) - Rt Revd Francisco César Fernandes Alves. |
| Hereford | <i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Administrative staff - Liz Morawiecka, Alan Cartwright, Julie Ancomb, Abigail Jones, Jess Stallwood and Owen Towndrow; Vergers - Tim Pryse-Davies, Alex Reed, James Brady and Chris Murphy. Continue to pray for the safety of all who visit and use the cathedral, and of staff and volunteers. |
| Today | Diocesan Board of Education. |
| Wednesday 1st February: Brigid, Abbess of Kildare | |
| Anglican | Pelotas (Province 1, Brazil) - Rt Revd Meriglei Borges Simim. |
| Hereford | <i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Geraint Bowen, Organist and Director of Music; Peter Dyke, Assistant Director of Music; Kath Proctor, Chorister Tutor, choristers, lay clerks and choral scholars; all who support the music of the Cathedral. Pray also for the Cathedral bell ringers. |
| Today | Hereford and Ludlow Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Subcommittees meet; also a meeting of Hereford Archdeaconry Rural Deans. |
| Thursday 2nd February: THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas) | |
| Anglican | Pennsylvania (Province III, TEC) - Rt Revd Daniel Gutierrez. |
| Hereford | <i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> The commercial operations of the Cathedral in shop and cafe; Kirsty Price, Commercial Manager; William Talbot-Ponsonby, Head of Schools and Family Learning; Jennifer Dumbelton, Librarian; Elizabeth Semper O'Keefe, Archivist; the Cathedral Friends and the Mappa Mundi and Perpetual Trusts. Give thanks for the many volunteers and the welcome they extend in the cathedral and Mappa Mundi exhibition. |
| Friday 3rd February: Anskar, Archbishop, Missionary to Denmark and Sweden | |
| Anglican | Central Pennsylvania (Province III, TEC) - Rt Revd Audrey Scanlan. |
| Hereford | <i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Hereford Cathedral School – Dr Michael Gray, headteacher; Hereford Cathedral Junior School – Mrs Helen Hoffmann, headteacher. |
| Saturday 4th February: Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of the Gilbertine Order | |
| Anglican | Northwestern Pennsylvania (Province III, TEC) - Rt Revd Sean Rowe. |
| Hereford | <i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Pam Row, Cathedral Chaplain, and all who share in the worship of the Cathedral; Ecumenical Companions: Brigitte Malik (Lutheran), Steve Faber (URC), Steve Sully (Challenge C'ty Ch), Fr Simon McGurk (RC). |
| Prayer <i>From New Zealand</i> | Holy and eternal God, give us such trust in your sure purpose, that we measure our lives not by what we have done or failed to do, but by our faithfulness to you. Amen. |

| SUNDAY 5th February: 3rd before Lent Septuagesima - Proper 1 | |
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| Anglican | The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea - Rt Revd Nathan Ingen, Acting Archbishop. |
| Hereford | <i>The Clun Forest Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Stephanie Fountain; Lay Co-Chair – Andrew Wood; Sub-Warden of Readers – Jonathan Kemp; Deanery Healing Adviser - Mary Hardham. |
| Porvoo | <i>England:</i> Worcester, Bishop John Inge, Bishop Martin Gorick; <i>Norway:</i> Hamar, Bishop Ole Kristian Bonden. |
| The Wider View | Visits and exchanges between Hereford and our Tanzania link dioceses can be hugely important, in making contacts and friendships, expanding horizons, learning and being challenged. Pray for all our existing links, and that a healthy programme of exchanges can be revived and maintained after what has been a difficult period. Give thanks for the longstanding links between St Augustine's Hospital in Muheza and the County Hospital in Hereford, and also the hospice link between St Michael's Hospice and the Hospice in Muheza, one of the few specialist palliative care facilities in East Africa. |
| This Week | <p>Tinnitus Awareness Week this week aims to raise awareness of a common hearing problem which can, however be at times severely debilitating. The causes of tinnitus are various, and that is perhaps why there is as yet no cure, though there are strategies for managing it. Pray for those living with the condition, and for research and awareness.</p> <p>This is also National Apprenticeship Week, with the theme of "Skills for Life". Recent reports suggest a great deal of variation within the Apprenticeship experience, between those placements that perform really well, and those that do not. Pray for all doing apprenticeships, for those who employ them, and for the highest standards of work experience and training opportunity.</p> <p>Pray for all who take an interest in and research local history, and for local groups and societies, giving thanks for those whose work of discovering, interpreting and writing up our past is so important.</p> <p>Tuesday is Safer Internet Day: the theme for this year is "Want to talk about it?" - making spaces for conversations about life online. The internet is now part of life, often exciting, too often also unsafe. The day aims to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. Pray for internet safety and security.</p> <p>Thursday is National Toothache Day - perhaps a strange thing to celebrate, but the aim of the day is to educate people to care for their teeth and avoid toothaches. Pray for our local dentists, and for those in our communities who find it hard to access dental care currently.</p> <p>Saturday is the World Day of the Sick, an initiative of Pope John Paul II, and a reminder that our Lord instructed those he first sent out to "heal the sick" - we should therefore understand healing ministry as basic to mission.</p> <p>Give thanks for the way in which international sports events bring people together, as the Six Nations tournament begins.</p> |

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| Monday 6th February: <i>The Martyrs of Japan</i> | |
| Anglican | Territory of the People (British Columbia & Yukon, Canada) - vacant; Rt Revd Jane Alexander, Assisting Bishop. |
| Hereford | <i>Ridgeway Group</i> - Bishop's Castle with Mainstone, Lydbury North and Edgton, & Sarn: Stephanie Fountain; Readers – Cathy Owen, Sylvia Taylor, Jenny White; Retired Clergy - Ian Ball; LMDG - Angela Pooley, Rita Baker; Community College, Bishop's Castle; Bishop's Castle Primary School; Lydbury North CE Primary School; Bishop's Castle Community Hospital. |
| Today | General Synod meets until 9th February. |
| Tuesday 7th February | |
| Anglican | Perth (Western Australia, Australia) - Most Revd Kay Goldsworth; Assistant Bishops: Rt Revd Jeremy James, Rt Revd Kate Wilmot. |
| Hereford | <i>Middle Marches Group</i> - Bedstone, Bucknell, Chapel Lawn, Clungunford, Hopton Castle, Llanfair Waterdine, Stowe: Martin Quayle; Vision and Strategy Group: Pat Hancock, Richard Lewis, Maurice Moore, Margi Savery; St Mary's CE Primary School, Bucknell; Bedstone College. |
| Today | General Synod. |
| Wednesday 8th February | |
| Anglican | Peru (South America) - Rt Revd Jorge Luis Aguilar. |
| Hereford | <i>Clun Valley Group</i> - Clun with Bettws y Crwyn, Newcastle, Clunton, Clunbury and Hopesay: Caroline Harrison; Retired Clergy – Robert Payne; Local Ministry Team – Sandra Davies, Pam Pittwood; Newcastle CE Primary School; St George's CE School, Clun; Clunbury Primary CE School. |
| Today | General Synod. |
| Thursday 9th February | |
| Anglican | Peshawar (Pakistan) - Rt Revd Humphrey Peters. |
| Hereford | <i>Onny Camlad Group</i> – Wentnor with Ratlinghope; Myndtown & Norbury, Lydham, More & Snead, Churchstoke & Hyssington: <i>vacant</i> ; Carol Whittock (Mission Priest half-time); Retired Clergy – Michael Pollit, Michael Whittock; Reader - David Jelves; Onny Camlad Local Ministry Dev't Group: Carol Whittock, Margaret Wallsgrove, Anita Bright, Bob Berry. Churchstoke School; Norbury School. |
| Today | General Synod. |
| Friday 10th February: <i>Scholastica, Abbess of Plombariola</i> | |
| Anglican | Peterborough (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Donald Allister; Suffragan - Rt Revd John Holbrook (Brixworth). |
| Hereford | <i>Support for Ministry</i> : Wendy Coombey, Community Partnership and Development Officer, and those who work with her. |
| Saturday 11th February | |
| Anglican | Central Philippines (Philippines) - Rt Revd Dixie Copanut Taclobao. |
| Hereford | <i>Support for Ministry</i> : Stephen Challenger, Property Secretary, Mike Williams, Diocesan Surveyor, Sophie Mead, Lorna Theophilus - the Property Team. |
| Prayer <i>A.H. Paterson</i> | Help us, Lord, to be masters of ourselves, that we may then be the servants of others. Amen. |

| SUNDAY 12th February: 2nd before Lent Sexagesima | |
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| Anglican | The Episcopal Church in the Philippines - Most Revd Brent Harry Alawas, Prime Bishop. |
| 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 service; pray for all that enables and encourages an environmentally aware and socially responsible local ministry that also proclaims the love of Christ. |
| Porvoo | <i>Ireland:</i> Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe, Bishop Michael Burrows; <i>Denmark:</i> Roskilde, Bishop Ulla Thorbjörn Hansen. |
| The Wider View | The impact of climate change can be immense on developing countries, and out of proportion to the effect on the environment of their own activities. Give thanks that the COP27 conference did manage to agree compensation for those countries most affected, but pray for the urgent implementation of measures to cut emissions, something COP27 failed to agree. |
| This Week | <p>Monday is International Epilepsy Day - pray for all who live with this disabling condition, and for research, understanding and treatment.</p> <p>In the week of Valentine's Day, pray for all who are in love, and especially for those planning and preparing for weddings in our churches this year, and for marriage preparation meetings and classes.</p> <p>The spring flowers of our countryside are a cause of delight, and there will be Snowdrop Walks happening in a number of places around this time, to be followed in due course by walks to see wild daffodils and bluebells. Pray for those who care for the special places where these wild flowers occur.</p> <p>Friday of this week is kept as Random Acts of Kindness Day. To be surprised by an unexpected and perhaps undeserved act of kindness is always a delight, and occasionally a life-changing experience. Pray to be aware of the opportunities that come our way to lighten up someone else's life.</p> <p>Thomas Bray, who founded the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (SPCK) and the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (now USPG) - and also the Bray Libraries - was born in this diocese, and baptized in Chirbury Parish Church. Pray for the work today of the societies he founded, and for the worldwide mission they support.</p> <p>Pray for all that encourages children to take part in outdoor and sporting activities, for trainers and for sports clubs of various kinds.</p> <p>Janani Luwum was said to have died in a motor accident, having been arrested on the orders of the then President of Uganda, Idi Amin, but was in all probability shot dead at Amin's instigation. Give thanks for all who stand firm against the misuse of power.</p> <p>Pray for the livestock markets that serve the area of our Diocese, and for local auctioneers; pray also for those who supply animal feedstuffs, agricultural equipment and other services to local farmers, for veterinary practices, and for dairies, creameries, processors etc. Pray for the many people whose employment is dependant on the farming community.</p> |

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| Monday 13th February | |
| Anglican | North Central Philippines (Philippines) - Most Revd Nestor Poltic. |
| Hereford | <i>Support Ministry:</i> Katie Smith, Chaplain for the Deaf, and the Deaf Church meeting at St Peter's, Hereford. Pray also for all that is done to enable ministry with deaf people, including training in sign language. |
| Tuesday 14th February: Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs; <i>Valentine</i> | |
| Anglican | Northern Philippines (Philippines) - Most Revd Brent Harry Alawas. |
| Hereford | <i>Support Ministry:</i> Pray for parishes and groups seeking to develop shared and local ministry, and for Elizabeth Wild, Local Ministry Officer. |
| Today | DBE Bridgebuilding Network - connecting churches and schools. |
| Wednesday 15th February: <i>Sigfrid, Apostle to Sweden; Thomas Bray, SPCK and SPG</i> | |
| Anglican | Southern Philippines (Philippines) - Rt Revd Danilo Bustamante. |
| Hereford | <i>Support Ministry:</i> Mandy McPhee, Safeguarding Adviser, and Carl Steventon and Rachel Arnold-Kent, providing training and resources, ensuring good practice in recruitment, and responding to safeguarding issues. |
| Today | Bishop's Staff meet at the Diocesan Office. |
| Thursday 16th February | |
| Anglican | Phulbani (North India) - Most Revd Bijay Nayak. |
| Hereford | <i>Outreach and Mission:</i> Pray we may make effective use of all types of media in outreach, mission and worship. Pray for all who edit and produce church and community magazines and newsletters, and keep our church notice boards, websites and social media pages up to date, and for those who help stream live worship or make recordings available. |
| Friday 17th February: Janani Luwum, Archbishop and Martyr | |
| Anglican | Pittsburgh (Province III, TEC) - Rt Revd Ketlen Solak. |
| Hereford | <i>Outreach and Mission:</i> Life events: pray we may offer a warm welcome and a generous and caring response to all who come to our churches wanting a way to mark important times, happy or sad, in their lives. |
| Saturday 18th February | |
| Anglican | Polynesia (Pasefika, Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia) - vacant; Rt Revd Gabriel Sharma, Assistant Bishop, Viti Levu West; Rt Revd Henry Bull, (Assistant Bishop, Vanua Levu and Taveuni. |
| Hereford | <i>Outreach and Mission:</i> Pray we may reach out in ways relevant to each local situation, engaging creatively as Christians with the local issues, questions and concerns that are real to those around us. |
| Prayer <i>Columba</i> | <p>Alone with none but thee, my God, I journey on my way. What need I fear, when thou art near, O King of night and day? More safe am I within thy hand than if a host did round me stand. Amen.</p> |

| SUNDAY 19th February: Next before Lent <i>Quinquagesima</i> | |
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| Anglican | Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda - Most Revd Laurent Mbanda, Archbishop. |
| Hereford | <i>The Condover Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Geoff Garrett; Lay Co-Chair – Janet Wilcoxon; Sub-Warden of Readers – vacant. |
| Porvoo | <i>England</i> : Peterborough, Bishop Donald Allister, Bishop John Holbrook; <i>Ireland</i> : Meath & Kildare, Bishop Pat Storey. |
| The Wider View | The constitution of Tanzania provides for equality without regard to religious belief, and relations between faith groups are historically good. In recent years, however, there have been instances of religion-based violence, in which both Christians and Muslims have been attacked. Pray for harmony between faith groups, and for prompt action against those who foment division. |
| This Week | <p>On Shrove Tuesday many churches and communities will have events involving pancakes - give thanks for community social and fundraising events, and for the people who organise and run them.</p> <p>Pray for our keeping of the holy and solemn season of Lent, as a time not only of giving things up, but also of making space, being disciplined and diligent in prayer, and taking on some new commitment of time, talent or money. Pray also for those who will be leading or taking part in Lent groups etc.</p> <p>Ash Wednesday this year coincides with Thinking Day, an important day for the Girl Guide and Girl Scout community worldwide. This year's theme, "Our World, Our Peaceful Future", includes a focus on climate change. Pray for the Guiding organisations within our communities, and for those who lead them.</p> <p>Wednesday is also World Encephalitis Day. Encephalitis is inflammation of the brain; there are a number of different causes, though the Herpes-Simplex virus is responsible for a high proportion of cases. Treatment depends on the identified cause, but mostly involves support and symptom management rather than cure. Pray for all who suffer from this disease - for treatment and therapy.</p> <p>Most schools have their half-term this week; pray for those families that are struggling to make ends meet, and those children for whom school breakfast clubs and lunches are really important.</p> <p>Many people are planning and preparing their summer holidays at this time of the year, but perhaps with a degree of caution, because of the increased cost of everything but also with Covid infections in mind. Pray for those working in the travel industry, as this sector continues to feel the pressure.</p> <p>Pray for the residential and nursing homes that serve our communities, and also for sheltered developments of housing with the elderly in mind. Pray for managers and staff, for the residents, and for those who go into homes as visitors and volunteers. Pray for those members of our church communities who receive communion at home or in sheltered accommodation.</p> <p>Pray for the many people who visit our ancient monuments and country houses, including those looked after by English Heritage or the National Trust. Give thanks for the many people who help by volunteering as guides or to help with cleaning and preparation, and for these places as living history.</p> |

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| Monday 20th February | |
| Anglican | Popondota (Papua New Guinea) - Rt Revd Lindsley Ihove. |
| Hereford | Condover with Ryton, Frodesley, Acton Burnell & Pitchford: Geoff Garrett; Readers – Raymond Evanson (PTO), Jeremy Lowe; Condover CE Primary Sch. |
| Tuesday 21st February: Shrove Tuesday | |
| Anglican | Portsmouth (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Jonathan Frost. |
| Hereford | Church Stretton with All Stretton and Little Stretton: Steve Johnson, Chris Hargraves, David Andrews; Readers - Robert Rayner, Gillian Taylor; Children & Youth Worker - Sally Clilverd; Church Stretton School; St Lawrence CE Primary School. |
| Today | IME2 (Curate Training) residential at Holland House until 23rd February. |
| Wednesday 22nd February: ASH WEDNESDAY Lent begins | |
| Anglican | Pretoria South Africa (Southern Africa) - Rt Revd Allan John Kannemeyer. |
| Hereford | <i>The Steeplewood Fold Group</i> - Dorrington with Leebotwood, Longnor, Stapleton, Smethcote & Woolstaston: Laura Hnatiuk; Caro Wright (Associate Priest); Reader – Mike James; St Edward's CE Primary School; Longnor CE Primary Sch. |
| Today | IME2 Residential. |
| Thursday 23rd February: Polycarp of Smyrna, Bishop and Martyr | |
| Anglican | Puerto Rico (Prov IX, TEC) - Rt Revd Rafael Morales. |
| Hereford | <i>The Apedale Group</i> - Hope Bowdler with Eaton-under-Heywood, Rushbury and Cardington: Sam Mann, Sue Jelleyman; Readers - Joy Kohn, Margaret Stratton; Rushbury CE Primary School. |
| Today | IME2 Residential; MU Trustees meet at the Diocesan Office. |
| Friday 24th February | |
| Anglican | Pune (North India) - Rt Revd Paul Dupare. |
| Hereford | <i>The Craven Arms Benefice</i> – Stokesay with the Pilgrim Centre in Craven Arms, Halford with Sibdon, Acton Scott, & Wistanstow: Interim Ministers, Clare and Mark Sanders; Associate Minister, Mervyn Williams; Stokesay Primary Sch; Wistanstow CE Primary Sch. Pray for this benefice at a time of change and new appointments. |
| Saturday 25th February | |
| Anglican | Pyay [Missionary Diocese] (Myanmar) - Rt Revd Clement Sun Oon Ethel. |
| Hereford | <i>Wenlock Team Ministry</i> – Much Wenlock with Bourton, Easthope, Stanton Long, Shipton; and Berrington with Betton Strange and Cross Houses, Church Preen, Cressage, Cound, Harley, Hughley, Kenley, Sheinton: Matthew Stafford (Team Rector), Reader: Paul Trenberth; Associate Priest, Robert Bull, Philip Bytheway, David Janes; Godly Play - Catherine Benbow, Family Breakfast Service Leaders - Jackie Birt, Jude Walker; Brockton CE Primary School; William Brookes School, Much Wenlock; Much Wenlock Primary School; Christ Church CE Primary School, Cressage; Church Preen Primary School. |
| Prayer <i>Reinhold Niebuhr</i> | Lord, you teach us that to gain the whole world yet lose our soul is great folly: grant us the grace so to lose ourselves that we may find ourselves anew in the life of grace, and so to forget ourselves that we may be remembered in your kingdom. Amen. |

| SUNDAY 26th February: 1st of Lent | |
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| Anglican | The Scottish Episcopal Church - Most Revd Mark Strange, Primus. |
| Hereford | Pray for the all that enables the care, conservation and creative use of our church buildings, as places of worship and fellowship, and as resources for each local community. Give thanks for all who continue to work to ensure our churches are as safe as they can be, including Covid secure. |
| Today | Online Week of Accompanied Prayer begins (led by Revd Preb Nick Helm). |
| Porvoo | <i>England:</i> Canterbury - Archbishop Justin Welby, Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin; <i>Ireland:</i> Down & Dromore, Bishop David McClay. |
| The Wider View | Pray for our Lutheran partners in Nuremberg as the June Kirchentag, which they will be hosting, draws near. Pray for those who have planned the programme and for the recruitment of families to welcome and host visitors. Pray also for the participation from this Diocese in the Kirchentag: for those who will be attending, for the plans for joint activities and events, and for Bishop Richard as he prepares to lead our delegation. |
| This Week | <p>Give thanks for the distinctive vision of George Herbert as a country parson, and as a poet whose devotional verses continue to play a part in our worship. In the week of St David's Day, pray for the Welsh churches and communities that lie within our Diocese, and also for our sister and brother Anglicans of the Church in Wales. His day is followed by that of Chad, first bishop of Lichfield: pray for the churches and communities of our neighbouring diocese. In this week of Ember Days, pray for all who feel called to particular ministries within the Church, for those presently training, and for all who simply have a sense that God is calling for some change in their lives. Pray for all who are responsible for discerning and nurturing vocation.</p> <p>Eating Disorders Awareness Week happens this week. This is an international awareness event that aims to counter some of the myths and misunderstandings that surround anorexia, bulimia, binge eating disorder and other issues. Pray for all who suffer from one or other of these disorders, and for training to improve the knowledge and skills of those working with patients with eating disorders. Pray for the work of BEAT, the UK's leading eating disorder charity.</p> <p>Fairtrade Fortnight also begins this week, with the simple message that to choose Fairtrade will help save favourite foods like cocoa, bananas and coffee, crops that are becoming harder to grow because of climate change and unfair trade practices. Choosing Fairtrade provides extra income, power, and support for communities on the edge, and helps them to move toward building a sustainable and prosperous future. Pray for this message to be widely spread during these two weeks, and for local events in support.</p> <p>Pray for all who serve as school governors in this week which includes School Governors Awareness Day, giving thanks for their commitment. Pray for those who self-harm - an awareness day this week seeks to educate people who do not self-injure, and to reach out to those who do.</p> |

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| Monday 27th February: George Herbert, Priest and Poet | |
| Anglican | Qu'Appelle (Rupert's Land, Canada) - Rt Revd Helen Kennedy. |
| Hereford | <i>Support Ministry:</i> Neil Patterson, Diocesan Director of Vocations and Ordinands. Pray for new vocations for ministry from our Diocese, for those in training or preparing to begin, and for the assistant Directors of Ordinands. |
| Today | Online Week of Accompanied Prayer. |
| Tuesday 28th February | |
| Anglican | Quebec (Canada, Canada) - Rt Revd Bruce Myers. |
| Hereford | <i>Support Ministry:</i> Elizabeth Wild, working to establish and support local ministry in our diocese. Pray for the development of local ministry in a variety of forms appropriate to each situation, and for new ways of working together and supporting one another as disciples. Pray also for Elizabeth in her role as Warden of Readers, and for the Subwardens. |
| Today | Online Week of Accompanied Prayer. |
| Wednesday 1st March: David, Bishop, Patron of Wales; <i>Ember Day</i> | |
| Anglican | North Queensland (Queensland, Australia) - Rt Revd Keith Joseph. |
| Hereford | <i>Support Ministry:</i> Luci Morriss, Dean of Women's Ministry, supporting women in ordained ministry and as accredited lay workers within the Diocese. |
| Today | Online Week of Accompanied Prayer. |
| Thursday 2nd March: Chad, Bishop of Lichfield | |
| Anglican | Raiwind (Pakistan) - Most Revd Azad Marshall. |
| Hereford | <i>Ministry:</i> Give thanks for the ministry offered by Self-Supporting Ministers (SSMs), and those who hold Permission to Officiate. |
| Today | Online Week of Accompanied Prayer. |
| Friday 3rd March: <i>Ember Day</i> | |
| Anglican | Rajasthan (North India) - Rt Revd Darbara Singh. |
| Hereford | <i>Ministry:</i> Pray for the development and practice of Anna Chaplaincy in our Diocese, in our care homes and with the elderly in the wider community. |
| Today | Online Week of Accompanied Prayer. |
| Saturday 4th March: <i>Ember Day</i> | |
| Anglican | Rayalaseema (South India) - Rt Revd Isaac Varaprasad. |
| Hereford | <i>Ministry:</i> Pray for Readers, for all who support and resource their ministry, and for those currently training for Readership. |
| Today | Online Week of Accompanied Prayer. |
| Prayer George Herbert | <p>Thou that hast given so much to me, give one thing more, a grateful heart. See how thy beggar works on thee by art. Wherefore I cry, and cry again; and in no quiet canst thou be, till I a thankful heart obtain of thee: not thankful when it pleaseth me, as if thy blessings had spare days, but such a heart, whose pulse may be thy praise. Amen.</p> |

| SUNDAY 5th March: 2nd of Lent | |
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| Anglican | The Church of the Province of South-East Asia - Most Revd Melter Tais. |
| Hereford | <i>The Hereford City Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Ruth Hulse; Lay Co-Chair – Jackie Mumford; Sub-Warden of Readers – Malcolm Robertson; Treasurer - Rosemary Lording. |
| Porvoo | <i>England:</i> Chelmsford, Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani, Bishop Roger Morris, Bishop Lynne Cullens; <i>Sweden:</i> Karlstad, Bishop Sören Dalevi. |
| The Wider View | While the war in Ukraine is the only current example of a war caused by one sovereign state attacking and invading another, it is only one of many conflict zones in our world, some of which, like the civil war in Yemen, have been raging for years. Civil conflict, ethnic conflict or insurgency affects more than twenty African nations. Pray for the victims of war, and for all who are working for peace. |
| This Week | <p>Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, known as “Woodbine Willie” for the cigarettes he handed out to the troops as a First World War chaplain, was also a poet who captured very well the voice of the common man in the trenches. Give thanks for the gift of poetry to challenge, to inspire and to express faith.</p> <p>The Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal happens at this time of the year, and helps support the vital work of Marie Curie nurses, offering free nursing care to people with all terminal illnesses across the UK, as well as support for family and friends. Give thanks for the skill and dedication of those who do this work, and pray for the patients and families who are helped by it.</p> <p>No More Week has a simple and straightforward aim - to unite and strengthen a diverse community of individuals and organisations nationwide to take a stand against domestic abuse and sexual violence. Pray for the victims of domestic violence and abuse, and for all who provide refuge and safe places. Pray for all who suffer from glaucoma, and for the development of effective treatment and early intervention.</p> <p>Cultivation Street Week this week aims to celebrate community gardening across the UK; give thanks for the ways in which developing gardens together can help bring people together across communities and generations.</p> <p>This week is also kept as National Butchers Week and British Pie Week. Pray for our the butchers, and food producers and sellers that serve our communities, and that we may value and support local producers.</p> <p>International Women’s Day on Wednesday, taking the theme of Embrace Equity, looks to a world free of bias, stereotypes and discrimination, and that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive: a world where difference is valued and celebrated. In many places girls and women are still denied access to education, jobs and independence: pray for this to end.</p> <p>National No Smoking Day falls this week (Wednesday) - pray for all who are trying to give up smoking and improve their health.</p> <p>Food Waste Action Week this year has the theme “Win - don’t bin.” Pray we may reduce our wastage of food and overuse of food packaging.</p> |

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| Monday 6th March | |
| Anglican | Recife (Prov 3, Brazil) - Rt Revd João Cancio Peixoto. |
| Hereford | St Martin, Hereford and St Peter, Bullinghope; Anne Dowdeswell, Lauren Bell; Intergenerational Missioner - David Bland; Local Ministry Team. The Hereford Academy; Riverside Primary School; Marlbrook Primary School; St Martin's Primary School; Our Lady's RC Primary School; Blackmarston School. |
| Today | Safeguarding Working Group meets at the Diocesan Offices or via Zoom. |
| Tuesday 7th March: Perpetua, Felicity and their companions, Martyrs at Carthage | |
| Anglican | Rejaf (Central Equatoria, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Edward Tombe. |
| Hereford | <i>West Hereford Team Ministry</i> – St Nicholas, Holy Trinity, All Saints and St Michael's, Breinton: Ruth Hulse, Jae Chandler, Joanna Jennings, Lois Beynon; Readers – Stuart Vince, Chris Webb, Malcolm Robertson, Michael Weaver; PTO Clergy; Families Worker: Genevieve Barker; Team Faith in Action Group; Whitecross High School; Trinity Primary School; Lord Scudamore Academy. |
| Today | Meeting of the directors of the Diocesan of Hereford Educational Trust. |
| Wednesday 8th March: Edward King, Bishop; <i>Felix, Bishop; Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest</i> | |
| Anglican | Remo (Lagos, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Michael Olusina Fape. |
| Hereford | St Peter with St Owen & St James: Andy Morgan, Andy Dodwell, Luke Aylen; PTO - Paul Gill, Val Turner; Readers – Peter Strevens, Mary Bennett; St Thomas Cantilupe CE School, St James CE School. Church wardens - Peter and Janet Stevens, Richard Paske, Guy Rawlinson, Stephen Turner; Treasurer: Andy Butterfill; 'Bread of Life' - hot food provision. |
| Today | Meeting of Hereford Archdeaconry Deanery Lay Chairs. Two concerts at the Cathedral featuring the music of Hans Zimmer and John Williams. |
| Thursday 9th March | |
| Anglican | Renk (Upper Nile, South Sudan) - vacant, following the translation of Joseph Atem to the Diocese of Malakal, after election as Archbishop of the Upper Nile. |
| Hereford | Holmer with Huntington: Steven Lee, Erin Butler; Holmer CE Academy. |
| Friday 10th March | |
| Anglican | Rhode Island (Province I, TEC) - Rt Revd Nicholas Kniseley. |
| Hereford | Tupsley with Hampton Bishop: Nick Armstrong, Joe Chipper; Reader - Deborah Hartland; Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School; St Paul's CE Primary School; Hampton Dene Primary School; Broadlands Primary School; St Francis Xavier RC Primary School; Aylestone Business & Enterprise College. |
| Saturday 11th March | |
| Anglican | Rift Valley (Tanzania) - Rt Revd John Lupaa. |
| Hereford | <i>The Magnis Group</i> - Credenhill with Brinsop & Wormsley, Mansel Lacy & Yazor, Kenchester, Bridge Sollers & Bishopstone: Rana Davies-James, Angie Deane, Fiona Honeysett (ordinand); Reader – Mike Wilkinson; Mike Honeysett (training as worship leader), Maggie Wilkinson, Donna Jones (children's ministry), Dorrie Coates. St Mary's CE Primary School, Credenhill. |
| Prayer <i>Kierkegaard</i> | Lord, give us weak eyes for things which are of no account, and clear eyes for all your truth. Amen. |

| SUNDAY 12th March: 3rd of Lent | |
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| Anglican | The United Church of South India - Most Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam, Moderator. |
| Hereford | Pray for all who visit our churches, to worship with us or at other times, that they may be able to do so safely, and feel welcomed, and that we may interpret our buildings in attractive ways to tell their story of living faith. |
| Porvoo | <i>Latvia:</i> Archbishop Jānis Vanags, Bishop Einārs Alpe, Bishop Hanss Martins Jensons, Bishop Rinalds Grants, Bishop Uldis Gailitis; <i>England:</i> Lichfield, Bishop Michael Ipgrave, Bishop Sarah Bullock, Bishop Matthew Parker, Bishop Clive Gregory; <i>Wales:</i> St David's, Bishop Joanna Penberthy. |
| The Wider View | Pray for existing and possible future partnership links with Nuremberg, and especially for all that helps bring young people together, and links between schools. Pray for planned exchange visits this year, including that of Pastor Johannes Seemann, due to come to Abbeydore Deanery on sabbatical from May of this year. |
| This Week | <p>British Science Week aims to celebrate science, technology, engineering and maths, and in particular to reach out to children and make science fun. Pray for the teaching of science and technology in our schools.</p> <p>Compost Week encourages environmental awareness and sustainable gardening; pray for gardeners and for all that encourages the young to be involved in growing things.</p> <p>This week also focuses attention on healthcare science and both celebrates and promotes scientific research and development in the field of health. Pray for all involved in this work.</p> <p>In the week of St Patrick's Day, pray for the churches and communities of Ireland.</p> <p>Wednesday this week is Young Carers' Action Day, and raises awareness of the many young people actively involved in caring. The theme for this year is "Make time for young carers"; carers themselves think the things that would make them feel less overwhelmed, healthier and happier are: improved support in schools, more access to breaks, better access to counselling support, and more financial support.</p> <p>Friday this week is Red Nose Day - this year focusing on those for whom the current cost of living increases are more than they can cope with. Pray for schools and community groups raising funds, and that it won't just be about raising money but also becoming more aware of the issues.</p> <p>Global Recycling Day this week is especially looking for "creative innovation" - new ways in which we can be helped to reduce what we waste and to recycle or re-use more of what we throw away. Pray we may become less wasteful, and in particular reduce the impact of plastic waste.</p> <p>English Tourism Week begins on Friday. Pray for all involved in the tourism industry within our parishes and communities; pray also for those who come to visit our historic churches, and for the development of church trails etc, and the interpretation of our buildings.</p> |

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| Monday 13th March | |
| Anglican | Rio de Janeiro (Province 2, Brazil) - Rt Revd Eduardo Coelho Grillo. |
| Hereford | Hereford VI Form College (Chaplain – Deborah Jackson); Herefordshire & Ludlow College; Hereford College of Arts; Royal National College for the Blind; Holme Lacy College. |
| Tuesday 14th March | |
| Anglican | Rio Grande (Province VII - TEC) - Rt Revd Michael Buerkel Hunn. |
| Hereford | <i>The local church</i> - Those who prepare our churches for worship, and ensure that our buildings are clean and safe places. |
| Today | Bishop's Staff meeting. |
| Wednesday 15th March | |
| Anglican | Riverina (NSW, Australia) - Rt Revd Donald Kingsley Kirk. |
| Hereford | <i>The local church</i> - Those who read, lead intercessions, assist at communion, and the people who draw up the rotas for all of this! |
| Thursday 16th March | |
| Anglican | Rochester (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Jonathan Gibbs; Suffragan - Rt Revd Simon Burton-Jones (Tonbridge). |
| Hereford | <i>The local church</i> - Our organists, choristers, and musicians. |
| Friday 17th March: Patrick, Bishop and Missionary, Patron of Ireland | |
| Anglican | Rochester (Province II, TEC) - Rt Revd Stephen T. Lane, Bishop Provisional. |
| Hereford | <i>The local church</i> - The leaders and members of prayer and study groups, fellowship and discussion groups etc, and the variety of midweek activities that can help make creative connections between church and local community. |
| Saturday 18th March: Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Teacher of the Faith | |
| Anglican | Rockhampton (Queensland, Australia) - Rt Revd Peter Grice. |
| Hereford | <i>The local church</i> - All who work with children, young people and families, and the activities and contacts that connect our churches with the schools, nurseries, play groups etc that serve our communities. |
| Prayer <i>Jeremy Taylor</i> | <p>Hear our prayers, O Lord, and consider our desires. Give unto us true humility, a meek and quiet spirit, a loving and friendly, a holy and a useful manner of life; bearing the burdens of our neighbours, denying ourselves, and studying to benefit others and to please thee in all things. Grants us to be righteous in performing promises, loving to our relatives, careful of our charges; to be gentle and easy to be entreated, slow to anger, and readily prepared for every good work. Amen.</p> |

| SUNDAY 19th March: 4th of Lent - Mothering Sunday | |
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| Anglican | The Anglican Church of Southern Africa - Most Revd Thabo Makgoba, Abp. |
| Hereford | <i>The Kingston & Weobley Deanery:</i> Rural Dean - Mike Kneen; Lay Co-Chair and Sub-Warden of Readers vacant at the time of going to press. |
| Porvoo | <i>Sweden:</i> Lund, Bishop Johan Tyrberg; <i>Ireland:</i> Cashel, Ossory & Ferns, Bishop Adrian Wilkinson; <i>England:</i> Ely, Bishop Stephen Conway, Bishop Dagmar Winter. |
| The Wider View | Families in the UK have been struggling to make ends meet as prices rise steeply, but the impact is magnified in lower income countries, where food and fuel comprise a larger share of the budget. Chronic debt and mismanagement in many developing nations may mean governments are not able to support those in need, which perpetuates a cycle of poverty, hunger, and civil unrest. |
| This Week | <p>On Mothering Sunday, pray for mothers and all who have the gift and care of children. Pray for the work and witness of the Mothers' Union, both on this Sunday and as we approach the feast of the Annunciation.</p> <p>Joseph of Nazareth's Day, transferred to Monday of this week, is traditionally a day to celebrate workers and places of work. Give thanks also for those who in their work preserve and pass on traditional skills.</p> <p>Monday is also kept as World Happiness Day. This is a day sponsored by the UN which aims to affirm happiness as a human right, and as essential to our health and wellbeing.</p> <p>The Spring Equinox happens this week, whether or not the weather itself is springlike! Give thanks for the signs of growth around us, and for the beauty of the countryside. Lady Day, or the Feast of the Annunciation, the first of the four English Quarter Days, is by tradition a day for hiring hands and for the settlement of rents and debts. Give thanks for the lengthening days.</p> <p>Down's Syndrome Day is marked on Tuesday. This day is an annual reminder of all that those who live with Trisomer 21 can give and achieve, as full, equal, happy and valued members of a healthy society.</p> <p>Tuesday is also the International Day of Forests - the forests of our world are important ecosystems and essential to the health of our planet, and it is vital that we do not see them as simply resources to be exploited. Pray for the conservation of existing forestry, and the planting of new forests.</p> <p>Debt Awareness Week also begins this week, and again focuses our thoughts on those who are struggling in our communities, and on the need to provide practical help, debt counselling and affordable loans where appropriate. The sign of a healthy society is a community spirit in which we look out for one another and offer support where needed.</p> <p>In the week of World Meteorological Day, give thanks for those who study and interpret weather patterns and climate change.</p> <p>Thursday is the National Day of Reflection instituted by the Marie Curie Nurses: we think of those who have lost loved ones, and stand in mutual support to remember and grieve.</p> |

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| Monday 20th March: Joseph of Nazareth <i>transferred from yesterday</i> | |
| Anglican | Rokon (Central Equatoria, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Emmanuel Lomoro Eluzai. |
| Hereford | Eardisley with Bollingham & Willersley, Brilley, Michaelchurch, Whitney, Winforton, Almeley & Kinnersley: Marcus Small, Bob Mullis; Reader - David Greenwood; Almeley Primary School; Eardisley CE Primary School. |
| Tuesday 21st March: Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop and Reformation Martyr | |
| Anglican | Rorya (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Musa Yamo. |
| Hereford | Kington with Huntington, Old Radnor, Kinnerton & Titley: Ben Griffith, Linda MacDermott; Paul Buckingham; Reader - Rob MacCurrach; Kington Primary School; Lady Hawkins High School; Kington Court Hospital. |
| Wednesday 22nd March | |
| Anglican | Ruaha (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Joseph Mgomi. |
| Hereford | Letton with Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, Mansel Gamage & Monnington-on-Wye; Weobley with Sarnesfield & Norton Canon: Philip Harvey; Susan Verwey, John Thewlis, Charles Overton, Mike Kneen; Reader - Henry Verwey; Staunton-on-Wye Endowed Primary School; Weobley Primary School; Weobley High School. |
| Today | DBE Bridgebuilding Network, connecting churches and schools. |
| Thursday 23rd March | |
| Anglican | Ziwa Rukwa [Lake Rukwa] (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Mathayo Kasagara. |
| Hereford | <i>Arrowvale Group</i> - Pembridge with Moorcourt, Shobdon, Staunton-on-Arrow, Byton & Lyonshall: Anna Branston; Reader – Ian Smith; Pembridge CE Primary School; Shobdon Primary School. |
| Today | DBE meets. |
| Friday 24th March: Walter Hilton, Mystic; Paul Couturier, Priest; Oscar Romero, Martyr | |
| Anglican | Rumbek (Eastern Bahr el Ghazal, South Sudan) - Most Revd Alapayo Manyang Kuctiel. |
| Hereford | Presteigne with Discoed, Kinsham, Lingen & Knill: Stephen Hollinghurst, Debbie Venables; Clergy with PTO: Barney Bell, Susie Bishop, Michael Tavinor. The John Beddoes Secondary School, and Presteigne Primary School. |
| Saturday 25th March: THE ANNUNCIATION of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary | |
| Anglican | Rumonge (Burundi) - Rt Revd Pedaçuli Birakengana. |
| Hereford | <i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for the work of the Ludlow Mascall Centre, for those who meet there, and for our use of the Diocesan Resource Library. |
| Prayer <i>Dick Williams</i> | As the days lengthen and the earth spends longer in the light of day, grant that I may spend longer in the light of your presence, O Lord, and may those seeds of your Word, which have been long buried within me, grow, like everything around us, into love for you and for others, to become a visible declaration of your Lordship in my life. Grant, Father, that this Lent there may be a springtime for my life in Christ. Amen. |

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 Aylen (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 etc)
Linde Melhuish (Year 1 - Hop Churches)
Jonathan Roberts (Year 1 - Leominster)

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

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
Condover - vacant
Ludlow - John Beesley
Pontesbury - vacant
Telford Severn Gorge - Garry Ward

Pray for our Readers in Training:

Claire Williams - Westbury
Wendy Maddocks - Kingsland

Intergenerational Missioners:

Wayne Davies - Ludlow
Christine Cattanaach - Bartestree/Maund
David Bland - South Wye
Beckie Dotson - Sutton Hill & Woodside
Mark Hackney - Pontesbury Deanery