



# Diocese of Hereford

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Year of Prayer 2023



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## Prayer Diary

July to September 2023

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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 - July to September 2023

The main part of this Prayer Diary covers the quarter from Sunday 25th June to Saturday 23rd September, week by week, under the following headings:

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

Please send entries for the next edition which covers the quarter October to December 2023 to me at [wkrowell@btinternet.com](mailto:wkrowell@btinternet.com) - clearly marked in the subject area as Prayer Diary. The more I know about events and activities, the more accurate and focused our prayer biddings can be. Please also let me know if you spot any mistakes or omissions - they do happen, alas, but I do my best to make sure this Diary is as accurate as possible!

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

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

<b>SUNDAY 25th June: 3rd after Trinity (CW Proper 7)</b>	
Anglican	The Church of Bangladesh - Most Revd Samuel Sunil Mankhiun, Moderator.
Hereford	Pray that all we decide and do as a diocese may be firmly grounded in prayer, and give thanks for all that encourages and enlivens our prayer life and spirituality. Pray for all planning, preparing and participating in the various events and activities as our diocesan Year of Prayer continues.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Lincoln, Bishop David Court, Bishop Nicholas Chamberlain; <i>Sweden:</i> Härnösand, Bishop Eva Nordung Byström; <i>Finland:</i> Lapua, Bishop Matti Salomäki.
The Wider View	Pray for all who are living today under the shadow of war and tyranny, and for refugees, including those from Ukraine, Syria, Afghanistan etc finding a space and refuge within our communities. Pray for the many Ukrainian refugees being cared for by churches and church folk both here and by our German friends in Nuremberg Diocese.
This Week	<p>25th June is the <b>Day of the Seafarer</b>, celebrating the 1.5 million seafarers serving on internationally trading merchant ships, and contributing to the world economy and economic and social well-being. Pray that seafarers may work in safety and for fair pay, and for the work of the Mission to Seafarers, in the support, refuge and advocacy they offer.</p> <p>Monday is the United Nations <b>Day in Support of Victims of Torture</b>. Pray for all who are the victims of the cruelty and repression of individuals, institutions and governments across our world.</p> <p>This is also <b>DeafBlind Awareness Week</b>, raising awareness of those who live with multi-sensory impairment. Pray for all who have this condition.</p> <p><b>Ross Children's Book Festival</b> takes place this week - pray for all that helps children discover the magic of reading and books, and for the provision of good libraries and opportunities for discovery within schools and communities.</p> <p>The <b>Ludlow Fringe Festival</b> is in full swing this week. Give thanks for all that brings live music, theatre, comedy and the arts to where people are.</p> <p>Pray for those to be <b>ordained</b> this Saturday, to serve as priests and deacons in our diocese, and for all who are participating in the ordination retreat this week, including Guy Bridgewater, Rector of Bath Abbey, who is the retreat conductor.</p> <p>Those to be ordained <b>priest</b> are:  Richard Lonsdale (Pontesbury and Stiperstones)  Jonathan Roberts (Leominster)</p> <p>Those to be made <b>deacon</b> are:  Andrew Falconer, (Colwall w. Upper Colwall &amp; Coddington)  Fi Honeysett, (Leominster - East Parishes)  Sarah Lupton, (Cleobury Mortimer w. Hopton Wafers etc)  Owen Pembery, (Fownhope w. Mordiford, Brockhampton &amp; Woolhope)  Rosie Roberts (Kingsland w. Eardisland, Aymestrey &amp; Leinthall Earles)  Freddie Strong (Great Hanwood and Longden &amp; Annscroft w. Pulverbatch)</p> <p>Pray too for their incumbents and all who will support their onward journey.</p>

<b>Monday 26th June</b>	
Anglican	Trichy-Tanjore (South India) - Rt Revd Dhanraj Chandrasekaran.
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.
Today	Ludlow Archdeaconry Visitation, at Ludlow
<b>Tuesday 27th June:</b> <i>Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and teacher of the faith</i>	
Anglican	Trinidad & Tobago (West Indies) - Rt. Revd Claude Berkley.
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Pray for all who help compile and produce this Prayer Diary, for the Prayer Station established by Archdeacon Derek on Facebook, for Mark Melliush in his role as Mission Enabler, prayer groups in our churches, and all that helps us pray for one another, for the mission we share and for the world.
<b>Wednesday 28th June:</b> Irenaeus, Bishop and teacher of the faith; <i>Ember Day</i>	
Anglican	Truro (Canterbury, England) - Rt Revd Philip Mounstephen; Suffragan - Rt Revd Hugh Nelson (St Germans).
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.
Today	Ordination Retreat begins; DBE Bridgebuilding Network: churches to schools
<b>Thursday 29th June: Peter &amp; Paul, apostles</b> (or <i>Peter, apostle</i> )	
Anglican	Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe (Armagh, Ireland) - Rt Revd Michael Burrows.
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.
Today	Ordination Retreat
<b>Friday 30th June:</b> <i>Ember Day</i>	
Anglican	Twic East (Jonglei, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Jacob Deng Garang.
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.
Today	Ordination Retreat
<b>Saturday 1st July:</b> <i>Ember Day; Henry, John &amp; Henry Venn, evangelical divines</i>	
Anglican	Udi (Enugu, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Chjioke Augustine Aneke.
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	Ordinations of Priests (10 am) and Deacons (4.30 pm)
Prayer <i>John Knox</i>	Let thy mighty hand, O Lord our God, and outstretched arm be our defence; thy mercy and loving kindness in Jesus Christ thy dear Son, our salvation; thy all-true word, our instruction; the grace of thy life-giving Spirit our comfort and consolation, to and in the end.

<b>SUNDAY 2nd July: 4th after Trinity (CW Proper 8)</b>	
Anglican	Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil - Most Revd Marinez Rosa dos Santos, Presiding Bishop.
Hereford	<i>The Abbeydore Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Jane Rogers; Lay Co-Chair – vacant; Sub-Warden of Readers – Vacant. Rural Pioneer Priests serving across the Deanery: Mark Godson, Simon Lockett, Luci Morriss, Cate Thomson; Curate - Angie Kateley; Deanery Mission Coordinator: Anne Lloyd. Deanery team of pastoral visitors; lay leaders; mission projects with children & young people, pilgrimages, new people in the deanery.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> St Albans, Bishop Alan Smith, Bishop Richard Atkinson, Bishop Jane Mainwaring; <i>Sweden:</i> Linköping, Bishop Marika Markovits.
The Wider View	Give thanks for the Kirchentag, the great gathering of the German churches, attended by over 70,000 people last month, for the strong ecumenical spirit in the German churches following the RC-Lutheran Agreement on Justification, and for the welcome afforded to the delegation of 19 from our diocese, led by Bishop Richard, for hospitality, good conversations and friendships made or renewed. Give thanks for the prayers and greetings sent by schools here, and displayed on our market stall, on the Kirchentag theme, “Now is the time!”
This Week	<p>Sunday 2nd is the third annual <b>Thank You Day</b>, introduced because neighbours and communities matter and what they provide should be affirmed and celebrated. Supported by all manner of organisations (including the Church of England) the day provides an opportunity to express our gratitude, and to reflect on how we can contribute to the lives and wellbeing of others.</p> <p>Monday is National <b>Bereaved Parents Day</b>, raising awareness of all who have lost a child, of any age and in any circumstances. Pray for all who live with this particularly cruel sense of loss, and for all who give support.</p> <p>Monday also remembers <b>Thomas</b>, remembered as the one who doubted, when perhaps he ought better to be remembered for his courageous faith and devotion (I’ve always thought that the reason he wasn’t behind those locked doors with the others on Easter evening was that he was the only one who dared not to be). His day is perhaps an opportunity to reflect on those who get labelled because of one event (or perhaps mistake) in their lives.</p> <p>Thursday remembers the Reformation martyrs <b>Thomas More and John Fisher</b>, prompting reflection on religious division and the harm it does. In our divided world, may Christ lead us to accept one another as fellow pilgrims, valuing each other as his, even when we don’t always agree.</p> <p><b>Ledbury Poetry Festival</b> this week prompts thanks for all who write, and who in poetry express emotions and ideas that are hard to express in any other way - and also for all who encourage the gift of writing in others.</p> <p><b>Presteigne Carnival</b> on Saturday prompts prayer for all who organise community events, and thanks for all that brings communities together. Pray for the churches and communities of the United States, in this week in which their <b>Independence Day</b> is celebrated.</p>



<b>Monday 3rd July: Thomas, apostle</b>	
Anglican	Northern Uganda (Uganda) - Rt Rev. Johnson Gakumba.
Hereford	<i>Black Mountains Group</i> - Clodock & Longtown with Craswall, Llanveynoe, St Margaret's, Michaelchurch Escley & Newton: Luci Morriss, Mark Godson; Longtown Primary School; Michaelchurch Escley Primary School.
Today	DBE meets
<b>Tuesday 4th July</b>	
Anglican	Ughelli (Bendel, Nigeria) - Most Revd Cyril Odutemu.
Hereford	Ewyas Harold & Dulas, with Abbeydore, Bacton, Kentchurch, Llangua, Rowlestone & Llancillo, Walterstone, Kilpeck, St Devereux & Wormbridge: Mark Godson; Reader – Diane Bates; Local Ministry Team; Ewyas Harold Primary School.
Today	Hereford Archdeaconry Visitation at Ledbury; "Truth Be Told" workshop day
<b>Wednesday 5th July</b>	
Anglican	Ukwa (Aba, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Manasses Chijiokem Okere.
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.
<b>Thursday 6th July: Thomas More, scholar &amp; John Fisher, bishop, Reformation martyrs</b>	
Anglican	Umuahia (Aba, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Gregory Obijuru Ibeabuchi.
Hereford	<i>Wye Dore</i> - Madley with Tyberton, Peterchurch, Vowchurch & Turnastone: Simon Lockett, Judy Dinnen.
Today	Hereford Archdeaconry Visitation at the Cathedral
<b>Friday 7th July</b>	
Anglican	Mzimvubu <i>South Africa</i> (Southern Africa) - Rt Revd Tsietsi Seleane.
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.
<b>Saturday 8th July</b>	
Anglican	Upoko o Te Ika (Maori, Aotearoa/NZ) - Rt Revd Waitohiariki Quayle.
Hereford	<i>Borderlink</i> – Blakemere, Bredwardine with Brobury, Clifford, Cusop, Dorstone, Hardwicke, Moccas & Preston-on-Wye: Luci Morriss, Jane Rogers, John Winter; our benefice team of Lay Leaders, Messy Church and Clifford Primary School.
Prayer <i>Jeremy Taylor</i>	Relieve and comfort, O Lord, all the persecuted and afflicted; speak peace to troubled consciences; strengthen the weak, confirm the strong, instruct the ignorant; deliver the oppressed from him that spoileth him; and relieve the needy that hath no helper; and bring us all, by the waters of comfort and in the ways of righteousness, to the kingdom of glory: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

<b>SUNDAY 9th July: 5th after Trinity (CW Proper 9)</b>	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Burundi - Most Revd Sixbert Macumi, Archbishop.
Hereford	<i>The Bridgnorth Deanery</i> : Rural Dean: Mark Daborn; Lay Co-Chair: Martin Elcock; Sub-Warden of Readers: Garry Ward.
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : Newcastle, Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop Mark Wroe; <i>Norway</i> : Møre, Bishop Ingeborg Midttømme.
The Wider View	Pray for all who lack access to clean and safe water, and for those working to improve this. Pray for the WaterAid Tanzania programme beginning this year. Just 30% of healthcare institutions in Tanzania have access to sanitary facilities, and more than half lack a piped water supply, while around a quarter of the rural population still lack access to safe water. Infectious diseases due to the lack of safe water and poor sanitation are a significant threat to public health as well as a burden to the economy.
This Week	<p>Tuesday is <b>World Population Day</b>. As the world's human population hits 8 billion, perhaps that ought to mean 8 billion opportunities for healthier societies empowered by rights and choices. But the playing field is not and has never been even - issues of gender, ethnicity, class, religion, sexual orientation, disability and origin (etc) leave too many are still exposed to discrimination, harassment and violence. We do ourselves no favours by neglecting those left behind: pray for all in our world for whom life is a struggle.</p> <p><b>National Simplicity Day</b> falls on the birthday of the American philosopher and writer Henry David Thoreau. It aims to counter the busyness and complexity of modern life by encouraging people to take some time out and to switch a few things off. Pray for all who are finding life wears them down, and for those who don't find it easy to take a break from it all.</p> <p><b>"The Comedy of Errors"</b> performed on Wednesday in the grounds of Dore Abbey prompts thanks for those who bring live theatre to local communities, using churches, schools, village halls and other venues.</p> <p><b>Benedict</b>, remembered on Tuesday, established the community at Monte Cassino, Italy, early in the 6th Century, later writing a rule of life that would become of the model for Western monasticism. Pray for all who follow the Benedictine rule today, including the monks of Belmont Abbey, and the nuns of Howton Grove Priory. Pray too for Anglican Benedictine communities.</p> <p><b>Swithun</b>, remembered on Saturday, was a saintly and well-loved Bishop of Winchester. The story of how the translation of his body from its humble grave into a shrine in the cathedral was followed by forty days of rain is well known. His day celebrates Christian simplicity and holiness, but people may also be glancing at the weather charts! Pray for all who work in meteorology, and give thanks for the production of accurate weather forecasts to help farmers and those planning outdoor events.</p> <p>Friday commemorates the Tractarian and poet <b>John Keble</b>, several of whose poems, among them "Blest are the Pure in Heart", are still sung as hymns. Give thanks for all who enrich our worship by their writing.</p>

<b>Monday 10th July</b>	
Anglican	Uruguay (South America) - Rt Revd Daniel Genovesi.
Hereford	Alveley and Quatt: Jon Aldwinckle; Clergy with PTO: Ruth Sims, Wendy Rylance; Reader: Sue Chidwick; Licensed Lay Worker (from 16th July): Wendy Anne Aldwinckle; Alveley Primary School.
<b>Tuesday 11th July:</b> Benedict of Nursia, abbot and father of Western monasticism	
Anglican	Utah (Province VIII, TEC) - Rt Revd Phyllis Spiegel.
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.
<b>Wednesday 12th July</b>	
Anglican	Uyo (Niger Delta, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Prince Asukwo Antai.
Hereford	Stottesdon with Farlow, Cleeton St Mary, Silvington, Sidbury & Middleton Scriven: Mark Daborn; Reader: Alex Daborn; Farlow CE Primary School; Stottesdon CE Primary School.
Today	Mtg of clergy at the Palace; Ludlow Archdeaconry Visitation at Church Stretton
<b>Thursday 13th July</b>	
Anglican	Valparaiso (Chile) - Rt Revd Samuel Morrison Munro.
Hereford	<i>Bridgnorth and Morville Parishes Team Ministry:</i> Bridgnorth with Tasley, Astley Abbots, Oldbury & Quatford, Morville, Aston Eyre, Acton Round and Monkhopton: <i>vacant</i> ; Reader: Jane Peeler; Clergy with PTO: Simon Boxall, Marjorie Brookes, David Chantrey, Clive Parr; Reader with PTO: Sheila Hodgkins; Local Ministry Team: Clergy with Kay Prior, Sheila Royle, Sandie Phillips; Bridgnorth Endowed School, Oldbury Wells School, Castlefields Primary School, St Leonard's CE Primary School, St Mary's Bluecoat CE Primary School, Morville CE Primary School, St John's Catholic Primary School; Bridgnorth & South Shropshire Infirmary.
Today	DBF and Diocesan Synod meet at Craven Arms
<b>Friday 14th July:</b> John Keble, priest, Tractarian and poet	
Anglican	Vanuatu & New Caledonia (Melanesia) - Rt Revd James Tama.
Hereford	Claverley with Tuck Hill: Garry Ward; Claverley CE Primary School.
<b>Saturday 15th July:</b> Swithun, bishop; <i>Bonaventure</i> , friar, bishop & teacher of the faith	
Anglican	Vellore (South India) - Rt Revd Sharma Nithiyanandham.
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	Safeguarding Parish Day at Church Stretton
Prayer <i>Thomas Aquinas</i>	God of all goodness, grant unto us to desire ardently, to seek wisely, to know surely, and to accomplish perfectly thy holy will, for the glory of thy name.

<b>SUNDAY 16th July: 6th after Trinity (CW Proper 10)</b>	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Canada - Most Revd Linda Nicholls, Primate.
Hereford	Pray for the remaining Intergenerational Ministers working within our Diocese, and all who are continuing the work they have pioneered. Pray for outreach to families and young people, and for those leading and being part of 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>Sweden:</i> Skara, Bishop Åke Bonnier; <i>England:</i> Leeds, Bishop Nick Baines, Bishop Tony Robinson, Bishop Smitha Prasad, Bishop Anna Eltringham, Bishop Toby Howarth, Bishop Arun Arora.
The Wider View	Pray for those currently training for ordained ministry at St Marks College in Dar es Salaam, and for new and increased support from within our Diocese, to support the cost of training for ministry in Tanzania.
This Week	<p>The <b>Festival of British Archaeology</b> runs for the remainder of this month, with a theme of “Archaeology and Creativity”, focusing on the ways in which those who uncover our past help bring to life the material they find - including the use of art, music, creative writing and theatre. Give thanks for all who help discover and retell the story of our heritage.</p> <p>The <b>World Day for International Justice</b> is kept this Monday, celebrates the work of the International Criminal Court (ICC), the first permanent international court delivering justice for victims of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and the crime of aggression. Pray for all today who abuse the power they hold, and for those who are victims of injustice.</p> <p><b>Black Leaders Awareness Day</b>, held on Tuesday, was created to enable people from all cultures to experience the wisdom of past, current, and next-generation leaders through their own words. Pray that we may encourage a diverse leadership not only in politics, but in all other aspects of our society.</p> <p><b>Mary Magdalene</b>, whose day is Saturday, is given a special place among the followers of Jesus by all four Evangelists, and is often styled “Apostle to the Apostles”, having taken to them the message given her by the risen Jesus after meeting him in the garden. She was present throughout his ministry, having been healed by him, or perhaps delivered from a sinful past. Pray we may share the spirit of loyal and faithful service we see in her.</p> <p>In our <b>Year of Prayer</b>, pray that our prayer life as individuals and churches may be deepened and strengthened not only during this year but on from it. Give thanks for the growth and development of the <b>24-7 Prayer</b> movement, and for the creation of new Prayer Rooms in many places. Pray for all who seek to respond prayerfully to situations of emergency, hurt and loss.</p> <p>Pray for those who work to protect and conserve our <b>heaths and moors</b>. These precious habitats are popular places to visit and to walk in, but also fragile. In dry weather fire is a risk, while wildlife such as curlews are vulnerable to disturbance and predation, and need special care and support. Pray too for farmers using upland grazing.</p>

<b>Monday 17th July</b>	
Anglican	Venezuela (Province IX, TEC) - vacant.
Hereford	Highley with Billingsley, Glazeley & Deuxhill, Chelmarsh: Kina Robertshaw; Associate Ministers: David Poyner, Rosemary Lawley (PTO); Reader (PTO) Keith Smith; Highley Community Primary School.
<b>Tuesday 18th July:</b> <i>Elizabeth Ferard, first deaconess in the Church of England</i>	
Anglican	Vermont (Province I, TEC) - Rt Revd Shannon MacVean-Brown.
Hereford	Worfield: Jeannetta Stokes; Worfield Endowed CE Primary School.
<b>Wednesday 19th July:</b> Gregory of Nyssa, bishop, and his sister Macrina, deaconess	
Anglican	Victoria Nyanza (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Zephania Amos Ntuza.
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.
Today	Bishop's Staff meeting
<b>Thursday 20th July:</b> <i>Margaret of Antioch, martyr; Bartolomé de las Casas, missionary</i>	
Anglican	Virgin Islands (Province II, TEC) - Rt Revd Edward Ambrose Gumbs.
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.
Today	DAC meets at the Diocesan Offices
<b>Friday 21st July</b>	
Anglican	Virginia (Province III, TEC) - Rt Revd Mark Stevenson; Suffragan: Rt Revd David Jones.
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.
<b>Saturday 22nd July: Mary Magdalene</b>	
Anglican	Southern Virginia (Province III, TEC) - Rt Revd Susan Bunton Haynes.
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.
Prayer <i>Robert Louis Stevenson</i>	<p>Give us courage and gaiety and the quiet mind.  Spare us to our friends, soften us to our enemies.  Bless us, if it may be, in all our innocent endeavours.  If it may not, give us strength to encounter that which is to come,  that we may be brave in peril,  constant in tribulation,  temperate in wrath,  and, in all changes of fortune,  and down even to the gates of death,  loyal and loving to one another:  through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>

<b>SUNDAY 23rd July: 7th after Trinity (CW Proper 11)</b>	
Anglican	The Province of Central Africa - Most Revd Albert Chama, Archbishop.
Hereford	<i>The Bromyard Deanery</i> : Acting Rural Dean – Steven Baggs; Lay Co-Chair – Roger Wilkins.
Porvoo	<i>Lithuania</i> : Bishop Mindaugas Sabutis; <i>Ireland</i> : Derry and Raphoe, Bishop Andrew Forster.
The Wider View	Recent reports of the forced eviction of Tanzanian Maasai communities from land they have used for generations for grazing livestock, food production and water are deeply troubling. Authorities have claimed the evictions as necessary for the conservation of wildlife, but it would seem that the land has been used for tourism activities, including trophy hunting. Pray that the rights of indigenous peoples may be respected, and that initiatives to protect wildlife-rich areas should include rather than exclude the peoples of that land, and make use of their knowledge and skills.
This Week	<p>Somewhat oddly, <b>National Marine Week</b>, which starts this weekend, runs for a fortnight. Give thanks for the diverse life of our seashores and oceans, and reflect on the fragility of marine ecosystems, impacted by climate change, pollution and human activity, praying for their protection.</p> <p>The <b>Samaritans</b> are available to listen 24 hours a day to anyone who is struggling to cope, so take 24/7 (Monday) each year as their awareness day. Give thanks for the provision of a listening voice at desperate times, pray for all Samaritan volunteers and pray too for those who need their service.</p> <p>National <b>Schizophrenia Awareness Day</b> on Tuesday shines a light on the everyday challenges faced by hundreds of thousands of people living with a diagnosis of schizophrenia in the UK, looking at how we can tackle some of the stigma that surrounds this much-misunderstood illness. Pray for all who live with schizophrenia, and all who offer care and support.</p> <p>Friday is World <b>Hepatitis Day</b>. Every year, more than a million lives are lost to hepatitis; this year's theme is "We can't wait", chosen to stress the urgency of the need for testing, new treatments, greater investment and an end to stigma and discrimination. Pray for action to beat this disease.</p> <p>Tuesday also commemorates the apostle <b>James</b>. This is the brother of John, and known as James the Greater. His shrine at Compostela in Spain remains one of the great pilgrim destinations of the world, and prompts prayer for all who go on pilgrimage, and for leaders of pilgrimages and retreats.</p> <p>An early Christian writing names <b>Anne and Joachim</b> as the parents of Mary, but they remain legendary figures - however, it is right that we should honour Mary's parents, whose care surely contributed to her faith and obedience.</p> <p><b>Mary, Martha and Lazarus</b>, whose day is Saturday, prompt prayer for the Society of Mary &amp; Martha, Sheldon, offering support and refuge for ministers.</p> <p>At the end of the <b>school year</b>, pray for all who will be leaving their present school for the last time, before moving on to high school, VI<sup>th</sup> form or other colleges, university, apprenticeship or the world of work.</p>

<b>Monday 24th July</b>	
Anglican	Southwestern Virginia (Province III, TEC) - Rt Revd Mark Bourlakas.
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.
<b>Tuesday 25th July: James, apostle</b>	
Anglican	West Virginia (Province III, TEC) - Rt Revd Matthew Cowden.
Hereford	Bromyard and Stoke Lacy: Philip Miller; Queen Elizabeth Humanities College Bromyard, Brockhampton Primary School; St Peter's Primary School; Froome Bank Hospital; The HOPE Family Centre: Sarah Eardley, Centre Manager.
<b>Wednesday 26th July: Anne &amp; Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
Anglican	Waiapu (Pakeha, Aotearoa/NZ) - Rt Revd Andrew Hedge.
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.
<b>Thursday 27th July: Brooke Foss Westcott, bishop and teacher of the faith</b>	
Anglican	Waikato & Taranaki (Pakeha, Aotearoa/NZ) - Most Revd Philip Richardson.
Hereford	<i>Greater Whitbourne</i> – Edwin Loach with Tedstone Delamere, Tedstone Wafer, Upper Sapey, Wolferlow & Whitbourne: Dawn Hyett (Interim Minister), Chris Evans, Local Ministry Development Group.
<b>Friday 28th July</b>	
Anglican	Wandi (Amadi, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Yohanas Benjamin Dirar.
Hereford	<i>Archdeacons</i> : Pray for Derek Chedzey, Archdeacon of Hereford, and Fiona Gibson, Archdeacon of Ludlow, in the responsibilities of their offices, and in their wider roles within the Diocese, and for those who support them in this work.
<b>Saturday 29th July: Mary, Martha &amp; Lazarus, companions of our Lord</b>	
Anglican	Wang Lei (Jonglei, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Zechariah Manyok Biar.
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.
Prayer <i>Benedict</i>	O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive thee, intelligence to understand thee, diligence to seek thee, patience to wait for thee, eyes to behold thee, a heart to meditate upon thee, and a life to proclaim thee, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.

<b>SUNDAY 30th July: 8th after Trinity (CW Proper 12)</b>	
Anglican	Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America - Most Revd Juan David Alvarado, Archbishop.
Hereford	Pray for all that encourages and resources the local church in mission, and for our planning for mission at every level, and for Mark Melliush and others who offer guidance and support. Pray we may be ready to listen, and open and responsive to every opportunity to share our faith.
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : Bristol, Bishop Vivienne Faull, Bishop Lee Rayfield; <i>Finland</i> : Helsinki, Bishop Teemu Laajasalo.
The Wider View	An outbreak of Marburg Virus Disease (MVD) this Spring in Tanzania seems to have been brought under control, with the end of the outbreak formally declared at the beginning of June. This is a highly infectious disease in the same family as Ebola, with a fatality rate of between 24% and 88%. Pray for developing countries in their response to health emergencies. In Tanzania, as well as Covid, these have included outbreaks of cholera, measles, leptospirosis and dengue fever over the past three years.
This Week	<p>Sunday is the <b>World Day Against Trafficking of Persons</b>. Global crises and conflicts have escalated trafficking risks, as those displaced by war, climate change or socio-economic inequalities are vulnerable to exploitation by traffickers. Those who are poor, lack legal status, or have limited access to education, healthcare or work - the victims of our world - are primary targets for traffickers. Pray for all who are trapped in these situations.</p> <p>Sunday is also <b>World Friendship Day</b>: many of the evils of our world are best countered in their root causes by promoting and defending a shared spirit of human solidarity that takes many forms - the simplest of which is friendship. <b>Playday</b> happens on the first Wednesday of August, and affirms play as essential at all ages and stages of childhood, especially during times of crisis, and as an activity that helps children and young people make sense of the world around them, deal with challenges, and build resilience. Pray for all who have the gift and care of children, and for play leaders and enablers.</p> <p><b>Lammas Day</b>, 1st August, was the harvest festival of the Church before the adoption by churches of the "Harvest Home" in Autumn. The first-fruits are offered to the Lord as a sign that all we harvest is his, and should be used with generosity and care.</p> <p>Jean-Baptiste Vianney, the <b>Curé d'Ars</b>, is rightly remembered (on Friday) as an exemplar of gentle, hard-working, obedient and caring priesthood. He said, "When the heart is pure and simple it cannot help loving, because it has discovered the source of love which is God." Pray for all who exercise the ministry of priest, and for all who sense a call to that ministry.</p> <p>The <b>3 Counties Food and Drink Festival</b> concludes on Sunday 30th. Pray for all local producers of food and drink products, and for suppliers specialising in locally sourced foods. Pray for our local shops and stalls, for farm shops and farmers' markets.</p>



<b>Monday 31st July:</b> <i>Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus</i>	
Anglican	Wangaratta (Victoria, Australia) - Rt Revd Clarence Bester.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Dean – Sarah Brown, and Residentiary Canons - Andrew Piper (Precentor), James Pacey (Chancellor); Lay Canons of Chapter Dr Duncan Jones, Benjamin Pardoe, David Howell Marc Leppard and Clare Wichbold; Chapter Clerk and Chief Operating Officer – Chris Milton. Pray also for the maintenance and conservation of this great and important building, the furthering of its eco agenda and the future vision and ministry of the cathedral.
<b>Tuesday 1st August:</b> <i>Lammas Day</i>	
Anglican	Wanyjok (Northern Bahr el Ghazal, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Joseph Mamer Manot.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Administrative staff - Joanne Gibson, Liz Morawiecka, Alan Cartwright, Julie Anscomb, Abby Jones, Jess Stallwood and Owen Towndrow; Vergers - Tim Pryse-Davies, Alex Reed, James Brady and Chris Murphy. Continue to pray for the safety of all who visit and use the cathedral, and of staff and volunteers.
<b>Wednesday 2nd August</b>	
Anglican	Warri (Bendel, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Christian Ezezi Ide.
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.
<b>Thursday 3rd August</b>	
Anglican	Washington (Province III, TEC) - Rt Revd Mariann Edgar Budde.
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.
<b>Friday 4th August:</b> <i>Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, spiritual guide</i>	
Anglican	Wau (Northern Bahr el Ghazal, South Sudan) - Most Revd Moses Deng Bol.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Hereford Cathedral School – Dr Michael Gray, head teacher; Hereford Cathedral Junior School – Mrs Helen Hoffmann, head teacher.
<b>Saturday 5th August:</b> Oswald, King of Northumbria, martyr	
Anglican	Wellington (Pakeha, Aotearoa/NZ) - Rt Revd Justin Duckworth.
Hereford	<i>Hereford Cathedral:</i> Pam Row, Cathedral Chaplain, and all who share in the worship of the Cathedral; Ecumenical Companions: Steve Faber (URC), Fr Simon McGurk (RC).
Prayer <i>Richard Baxter</i>	O thou Spirit of life, breathe upon thy graces in us, take us by the hand and lift us up from earth, that we may see what glory thou hast prepared for them that love thee: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

<b>SUNDAY 6th August: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD</b>	
Anglican	Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo - Most Revd Titre Andre, 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> Portsmouth, Bishop Jonathan Frost; <i>Sweden:</i> Stockholm, Bishop Andreas Holmberg.
The Wider View	Pray for all our links with our companion dioceses in Tanzania, and that it will be possible to revive and maintain a healthy programme of exchanges in each direction. Give thanks for the friendships formed and opportunities offered where we are able to visit one another, especially where a link is long-standing.
This Week	<p>The <b>Transfiguration of our Lord</b> was not so much a transfiguration of Jesus himself, as of the eyes, minds and hearts of those who witnessed it - what they saw was the glory that was always there, of divine love shining in a human life. Pray we may be alive and open to those moments of spiritual refreshment and revelation that lift us beyond the ordinary and everyday, and treasure them not for themselves, but for where they can lead us in service and self-offering.</p> <p><b>John Mason Neale</b>, remembered on Monday, was a remarkable scholar, who translated many hymns, wrote a number of original hymns, but also faced significant opposition because of his high church principles, not least from his own bishop, who suspended him from active ministry. He refused to benefit financially from his hymnody, saying that a “hymn, whether original or translated, ought, the moment it is published, to become the common property of Christendom, the author retaining no private right in it whatever.”</p> <p>As she spent many of her childhood years in Colwall, and was married in that church, we tend to regard <b>Mary Sumner</b> as one of our own, though it was in Alresford in Hampshire that she held the first meetings of what was to become the Mothers’ Union. Pray for the work and witness of the Mothers’ Union worldwide, and for the branches within our own diocese.</p> <p><b>National Allotments Week</b> begins this week. Give thanks for the allotment movement, and pray for all who garden and grow, and instil the love of it in others.</p> <p>Saturday 12th is <b>International Youth Day</b>, a UN initiative that began in 2000, celebrating the contribution that young people make in education, employment, conflict resolution and social justice and other areas of community and social life, and also recognising the challenges young people face, the need for protection and guidance, and that they should be included fully in the development of communities of every kind. Pray for young people within our own communities, and within our churches.</p> <p>The <b>Shrewsbury Flower Show</b> (only just outside our diocese) takes place on Friday and Saturday, and prompts prayer for all who work with flowers, growers, florists and flower arrangers.</p>

<b>Monday 7th August:</b> <i>John Mason Neale, hymn writer and translator</i>	
Anglican	Wernyol (Jonglei, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Gabriel Kuol Garang.
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.
<b>Tuesday 8th August:</b> Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers	
Anglican	Wiawso (Ghana, West Africa) - Rt Revd Kyem Ampomah.
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.
<b>Wednesday 9th August:</b> Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union	
Anglican	Willochra (South Australia, Australia) - Rt Revd John Stead.
Hereford	<i>Clun Valley Group</i> - Clun with Bettws y Crwyn, Newcastle, Clunton, Clunbury and Hopesay: <i>vacant</i> ; Retired Clergy – Robert Payne; Local Ministry Team – Sandra Davies, Pam Pittwood; Newcastle CE Primary School; St George's CE School, Clun; Clunbury Primary CE School.
<b>Thursday 10th August:</b> Laurence, deacon and martyr	
Anglican	Winchester (Canterbury, England) - <i>vacant</i> ; Rt Revd Debbie Sellin, Suffragan Bishop of Southampton and acting Bishop of Winchester; Rt Revd David Williams, Suffragan Bishop of Basingstoke.
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.
<b>Friday 11th August:</b> Clare of Assisi, founder of the Poor Clares; <i>John Henry Newman, priest</i>	
Anglican	Windward Islands (West Indies) - Rt Revd Leopold Friday.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Wendy Coombey, Community Partnership and Development Officer, and those who work with her.
<b>Saturday 12th August</b>	
Anglican	Wonduruba (Central Equatoria, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Mathew Taban.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Stephen Challenger, Property Secretary, Mike Williams, Diocesan Surveyor, Sophie Mead, Lorna Theophilus - the Property Team.
Prayer <i>Clement</i>	<p>We beseech thee, Lord and Master, to be our help and succour.  Save those who are in tribulation; have mercy on the lonely; lift up the fallen;  show thyself unto the needy; heal the ungodly;  convert the wanderers of thy people;  feed the hungry, raise up the weak; comfort the faint-hearted.  Let all the peoples know that thou art God alone, and Jesus Christ thy Son,  and that we are thy people, and the sheep of thy pasture.</p>

<b>SUNDAY 13th August: 19th after Trinity (CW Proper 14)</b>	
Anglican	Iglesia Anglicana de Chile - Most Revd Héctor (Tito) Zavala, Archbishop.
Hereford	Give thanks for the parish church as a Christian presence at the heart of each community, and pray we may be ready to listen to, care for, pray for and be of service to each local community.
Porvoo	<i>Ireland:</i> Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, Bishop Ferran Glenfield; <i>Denmark:</i> Aarhus, Bishop Henrik Wigh-Poulsen.
The Wider View	The immense impact of climate change in developing countries is a burden on economies and also on fragile ecosystems. Rangelands or savannahs are under threat, as, being a semi-arid environment used by pastoral communities for grazing, they are particularly vulnerable to changes in rainfall, as well as to human pressure. This is an important environment in Tanzania: pray for a better understanding of the drivers that promote land degradation, and for the development of community management schemes to combat this.
This Week	<p>The main feast day of the <b>Blessed Virgin Mary</b> falls on Tuesday. Pray for all churches dedicated in her name, including our cathedral, and that, and that her qualities of humility, obedience and service may be marks of the Church in our own age.</p> <p>Pray for all who are seriously <b>affected by rising prices</b>, including rentals and mortgage rates, among them many families with young children. Inflation continues to be a factor, even if the rate has slowed somewhat, and those who are already among the less well off can feel the impact most, as those items that have soared in price form a larger part of their regular spend. Pray for inventive ways of providing help, for example by sharing excess produce from gardens and allotments.</p> <p>At a mid-point in the <b>school holidays</b>, pray for those children and young people who may be at risk; also for holiday clubs, sports activities and other programmes, and for grandparents and other family members sharing the parenting load.</p> <p>Thursday is <b>AS level, A level and T level results day</b>. Pray for all who have been waiting for their results, and for those who may have to reshape their plans where results have not been as expected.</p> <p>Saturday is <b>World Humanitarian Day</b>, raising awareness of the plight of civilians around the world who become caught up in conflicts, as well as to honour and raise support for the many humanitarian workers who risk, and sometimes lose, their lives to help.</p> <p>Saturday is also the <b>Minsterley Show</b> day, funded in 1875 and still a major draw. Pray for all who organise these agricultural shows that remain a popular part of our country scene, most if not all of whom will be volunteers, and for church involvement (Holy Trinity, Minsterley run the tea tent at this one). Pray for those who give time as <b>footpath wardens</b> to ensure paths are safe, well signed, and have gates and stiles in good condition and free from thorns and nettles, also for walking groups and regular users of paths.</p>

<b>Monday 14th August: Maximilian Kolbe, friar and martyr</b>	
Anglican	Worcester (Canterbury, England) - Most Revd John Inge; Suffragan - Rt Revd Martin Gorick (Dudley).
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.
<b>Tuesday 15th August: The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	
Anglican	Fort Worth (Province VII, TEC) - Rt Revd Ryan Reed.
Hereford	<i>Support Ministry:</i> Pray for parishes and groups seeking to develop shared and local ministry, and for Elizabeth Wild, Local Ministry Officer.
<b>Wednesday 16th August</b>	
Anglican	Wulu (Eastern Bahr el Ghazal, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Zachariah Mangar.
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.
<b>Thursday 17th August</b>	
Anglican	Wusasa (Kaduna, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Ali Buba Lamido.
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.
<b>Friday 18th August</b>	
Anglican	Wyoming (Province VI, TEC) - Rt Revd Paul-Gordon Chandler.
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.
<b>Saturday 19th August</b>	
Anglican	Yambio (Western Equatoria, South Sudan) - Most Revd Samuel Peni.
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>John Baillie</i>	<p>Give me an open ear, O God,  that I may hear thy voice calling me to high endeavour.  Too often I have been deaf to the appeals thou hast addressed to me,  but now give me courage to answer,  "Hear am I, send me."  And when any one of thy children,  my sisters and brothers, cries out in need,  give me an open ear  to hear in that cry thy call to service:  through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>

<b>SUNDAY 20th August: 11th after Trinity (CW Proper 15)</b>	
Anglican	The Church of England - Most Revd & Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury & Primate of All England.
Hereford	<i>The Conover Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – not known at time of writing, following the retirement of Geoff Garrett; Lay Co-Chair – vacant; Sub-Warden of Readers – vacant.
Porvoo	<i>Finland</i> : Espoo, Bishop Kaisamari Hintikka; <i>Scotland</i> : Edinburgh, Bishop John Armes.
The Wider View	The recent demolition of a family home in Ramallah, Palestine, by Israeli armed forces is the latest of a series of such events. A member of the family is presently awaiting trial, having been accused of involvement in a fatal bomb attack. While those who perpetrate violence and terrorism should face the full weight of the law, collective punishment of this sort, a long-standing practice of Israeli forces, is widely regarded as a war crime, and in the end is likely to be counter-productive, as it further radicalises those who are targeted. Pray for an end to these punitive measures.
This Week	<p>Pray for those who will be find out their <b>GCSE Results</b> on Thursday, including those who may be disappointed with the passes and grades received.</p> <p><b>Bartholomew</b>, remembered on Thursday, is probably the same man as the Nathaniel mentioned by John in his Gospel, though it's not certain. If so, however, he is described by Jesus as "an Israelite worthy of the name". His response to Jesus once he has overcome his initial scepticism is sincere and wholehearted: pray we may also hail him as Son of God and King of Israel.</p> <p>The <b>Hereford Indie Food Festival</b> beginning on Saturday prompts prayer for small independent food producers, also for local growers and livestock farmers.</p> <p>A concert in St Laurence's, Ludlow on Saturday features the <b>Cory Band</b>, one of the country's top brass bands. Give thanks for our historic churches, and for the space they provide for concerts and other community events.</p> <p>Saturday is also <b>International Orangutan Day</b>. These gentle creatures are among our closest relatives in the animal world, but are under serious threat from deforestation and the oil palm industry. Pray for those working to conserve orang-utans, and to ensure there remains a safe space for them.</p> <p>The <b>Greenbelt Festival</b> (the 50th) runs from Thursday to Sunday, occupying the tenuous space somewhere between secular arts and music festivals and avowedly Christian ones. Pray for organisers, participants and those attending. Pray for other festivals and festival-goers too. Many Christian festivals have already taken place (Cedarwood, Creation, Keswick, New Wine United, The Gathering etc), but the <b>Commission Festival</b> (from Newfrontiers) is also this week, from Thursday at the Bath &amp; West Showground.</p> <p>Pray for all who <b>open their gardens for charity</b> through the Summer, through the National Gardens Scheme, in support of the county Historic Churches Trusts, or just as individuals.</p>

<b>Monday 21st August</b>	
Anglican	Yangon (Myanmar) - Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo.
Hereford	Conover with Ryton, Frodesley, Acton Burnell & Pitchford: <i>vacant</i> ; Readers – Raymond Evanson (PTO), Jeremy Lowe; Conover CE Primary Sch.
<b>Tuesday 22nd August</b>	
Anglican	Yei (Central Equatoria, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Levi Marandulu.
Hereford	Church Stretton with All Stretton and Little Stretton: Steve Johnson, Chris Hargraves, David Andrews; Reader - Gillian Taylor; Children & Youth Worker - Sally Clilverd; Church Stretton School; St Lawrence CE Primary School.
<b>Wednesday 23rd August</b>	
Anglican	Yeri (Amadi, South Sudan) - Rt Revd John Abraham Nyari.
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.
<b>Thursday 24th August: Bartholomew, apostle</b>	
Anglican	Yewa (Lagos, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Michael Adebayo Oluwarohunbi.
Hereford	<i>The Apedale Group</i> - Hope Bowdler with Eaton-under-Heywood, Rushbury and Cardington: <i>vacant</i> , Sue Jelleyman; Readers - Joy Kohn, Margaret Stratton; Rushbury CE Primary School.
<b>Friday 25th August</b>	
Anglican	Yirol (Eastern Bahr el Ghazal, South Sudan) - Rt Revd David Roch Angong.
Hereford	<i>The Craven Arms Benefice</i> – Stokesay with the Pilgrim Centre in Craven Arms, Halford with Sibdon, Acton Scott, & Wistanstow: Clive Munday; Associate Minister, Mervyn Williams; Pioneer Priest yet to be announced at time of writing; Stokesay Primary Sch; Wistanstow CE Primary Sch. Pray for this benefice at a time of change and new appointments.
<b>Saturday 26th August</b>	
Anglican	Yokohama (Nippon Sei Ko Kai) - Rt Revd Ignatius Osamu Irie.
Hereford	<i>Wenlock Team Ministry</i> – Much Wenlock with Bourton, Easthope, Stanton Long, Shipton; and Berrington with Betton Strange and Cross Houses, Church Preen, Cressage, Cound, Harley, Hughley, Kenley, Sheinton: Matthew Stafford (Team Rector), Reader: Paul Trenberth; Associate Priests, Robert Bull, Philip Bytheway, David Janes; Godly Play - Catherine Benbow, Family Breakfast Service Leaders - Jackie Birt, Jude Walker; Brockton CE Primary School; William Brookes School, Much Wenlock; Much Wenlock Primary School; Christ Church CE Primary School, Cressage; Church Preen Primary School.
Prayer <i>Christina Rossetti</i>	O Lord God of time and eternity, who makest us creatures of time that, when time is over, we may attain thy blessed eternity; with time, thy gift, give us also wisdom to redeem the time, lest our hour of grace be lost: for our Lord Jesus' sake.

<b>SUNDAY 27th August: 12th after Trinity (CW Proper 16)</b>	
Anglican	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui - Most Revd Andrew Chan, Archbishop.
Hereford	Pray for the all that enables the care, conservation and creative use of our church buildings, as places of worship and fellowship, and as resources for each local community. Give thanks for all who continue to work to ensure our churches are safe spaces, and attractive and clean.
Porvoo	<i>Finland:</i> Turku, Archbishop Tapio Luoma, Bishop Mari Leppänen; <i>England:</i> York, Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, Bishop Paul Ferguson, Bishop John Thomson, Bishop Eleanor Sanderson, Bishop Stephen Race.
The Wider View	Pray for our Lutheran partners in Nuremberg as they reflect on the Kirchentag in June, and as those who attended reflect on the experience, including the party from our own diocese. Pray for Bishop Elisabeth and the Pastors of the Nuremberg Area of the Lutheran Church of Bavaria, and especially for Dean Ursula Brecht, Stefanie Reuther (now Bishop Elisabeth's assistant) and Brigitte Malik, who lead our partnership on the German side. Pray for the future development of our link with Nuremberg, and especially for the involvement of young people.
This Week	<p>Wednesday is the <b>International Day of the Disappeared</b>. Enforced disappearance has become a global problem and is not restricted to any specific region of the world. Enforced disappearances take place in situations of internal conflict and the repression of political opponents. Hundreds of thousands of people have "disappeared" in more than 85 countries - pray for the safe release of those held unjustly, and for an end to this practice.</p> <p><b>Urology Awareness Month</b> begins this week. This is an annual campaign to raise awareness of urological diseases including prostate, bladder, kidney and male reproductive cancers, along with non-malignant conditions. Pray for all who work in this area of medical care, and for greater awareness.</p> <p>September has been adopted as an awareness month by a number of different causes, but one is <b>Childhood Cancer</b>. Give thanks for the provision of specialist services including places where parents can stay with their child, pray for all who are ill in this way, and pray for families.</p> <p>Pray for all who live with <b>Alzheimer's Disease</b>, for families and carers, and for a better awareness of dementia. Pray that as churches we may be aware and dementia-friendly.</p> <p>The <b>Shrewsbury Steam Rally</b> takes place on Sunday and Monday at Onslow Park, between Ford and Shrewsbury. Give thanks for events like this that, among other things, allow the present generation to glance back in time to past agricultural practices, for example ploughing by steam power.</p> <p>As the Summer draws towards its close, pray for those preparing to go away to <b>university</b>, perhaps leaving home for the first time. Pray for university chaplains and others who will have a regard for the welfare of students as fresher events introduce them to their new life, and as they adjust. Pray also for our schools, as teachers and other school staff prepare for the new term.</p>



<b>Monday 28th August:</b> Augustine of Hippo, bishop and teacher of the faith	
Anglican	Yola (Jos, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Markus Ibrahim.
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.
<b>Tuesday 29th August:</b> The Beheading of John the Baptist	
Anglican	York (York, England) - Most Revd & Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell; Suffragans - Rt Revd Paul Ferguson (Whitby), Rt Revd John Thomson (Selby), Rt Revd Eleanor Sanderson (Hull); Provincial Episcopal Visitor - Rt Revd Stephen Race (Beverley).
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 Subwardens.
<b>Wednesday 30th August:</b> John Bunyan, spiritual writer	
Anglican	Ysabel Solomon Islands (Melanesia) - Rt Revd Ellison Quity.
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.
<b>Thursday 31st August:</b> Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, missionary	
Anglican	Yukon (BC & Yukon, Canada) - Rt Revd Lesley Wheeler-Dame.
Hereford	<i>Ministry:</i> Give thanks for the ministry offered by Self-Supporting Ministers (SSMs), and those who hold Permission to Officiate.
<b>Friday 1st September:</b> <i>Giles of Provence, hermit</i>	
Anglican	Zaki-Biam (Abuja, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Jezreel Vandeh.
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.
<b>Saturday 2nd September:</b> <i>The martyrs of Papua New Guinea</i>	
Anglican	Central Zambia (Central Africa) - Rt Revd Derek Kamukwamba.
Hereford	<i>Ministry:</i> Pray for Readers, for all who support and resource their ministry, and for those currently training for Readership.
Prayer <i>Henry Alford</i>	<p>O Lord, give us more charity, more self-denial, more likeness to thee.  teach us to sacrifice our comforts to others,  and our likings for the sake of doing good.  Make us kindly in thought, gentle in word, generous in deed.  Teach us that it is better to give than to receive,  better to forget ourselves  than to put ourselves forward,  better to minister than to be ministered unto.  And unto thee, the God of love,  be all glory and praise,  now and for ever.</p>

<b>SUNDAY 3rd September: 13th after Trinity (CW Proper 17)</b>	
Anglican	The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean - Most Revd James Wong, Archbishop.
Hereford	<i>The Hereford City Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Ruth Hulse; Lay Co-Chair – vacant; Sub-Warden of Readers – Malcolm Robertson; Treasurer - Rosemary Lording.
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : Salisbury, Bishop Stephen Lake, Bishop Andrew Rumsey, Bishop Karen Gorham; <i>Wales</i> : St Asaph, Bishop Gregory Cameron.
The Wider View	Civil conflict, ethnic conflict and insurgency are afflicting more than twenty African nations currently, most recently the armed conflict between rival factions of the military government of Sudan that began in April. Tanzania has been relatively free of sectarian strife, but there are reports of radicalisation among Muslim groups, in part influenced by the Islamist insurgency in Cabo Delgado, northern Mozambique. Pray that the generally good and peaceful relationships between religious, ethnic and tribal groups in Tanzania may be resistant to outside pressures.
This Week	<p>Tuesday is the <b>International Day of Charity</b>, a UN day that honours both the memory of Mother Theresa, and the role that charity plays in alleviating poverty, meeting the urgent needs caused by humanitarian crises, and supplementing the work of public services in areas like education, health care, education and child protection. Pray that charitable giving will be resilient to the impact of economic uncertainty.</p> <p>Wednesday is <b>Read a Book Day</b>. Give thanks for the written word, and for every initiative that challenges or encourages people to get reading. Pray for bookshops, especially the remaining independents, including local Christian bookshops; also for the work of our local libraries, and for the staff and volunteers who keep them active and interesting.</p> <p><b>International Literacy Day</b>, on Friday, will focus on literacy as an essential tool for the development of sustainable and peaceful societies. Covid has had an impact on education provision in low and middle income countries, where the percentage of 10-year-old children who could not read and understand a simple text with comprehension increased from 57 in 2019 to around 70 last year. There is a need to accelerate progress towards the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goal 4 on education and lifelong learning, and to reflect on the role of literacy in building more inclusive, peaceful, just, and sustainable societies. Pray for all working in this area of development.</p> <p><b>Bromyard Folk Festival</b> opens on Thursday, and prompts prayer for all who play and enjoy folk and acoustic music, for the preservation of old songs and the traditions that surround them, and the writing of new ones.</p> <p><b>Kington Show</b> on Saturday is the largest one day agricultural show in the county; pray for those who - mostly as volunteers - plan and prepare country shows, and for their continued role as part of the fabric of the rural community. In the week that commemorates <b>Allen Gardiner</b>, pray for the continued work of mission in South America (SAMS is now part of CMS).</p>

<b>Monday 4th September:</b> <i>Birinius, bishop and apostle to Wessex</i>	
Anglican	Eastern Zambia (Central Africa) - Rt Revd William Mchombo.
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 and via Zoom.
<b>Tuesday 5th September</b>	
Anglican	Northern Zambia (Central Africa) - Most Revd Albert Chama.
Hereford	<i>West Hereford Team Ministry</i> – St Nicholas, Holy Trinity, All Saints and St Michael's, Breinton: Ruth Hulse, Jae Chandler, Lois Beynon; Readers – Stuart Vince, Chris Webb, Malcolm Robertson, Michael Weaver; PTO Clergy; Families Worker: Genevieve Barker; Team Faith in Action Group; Whitecross High School; Trinity Primary School; Lord Scudamore Academy.
Today	Bishop's Staff meeting
<b>Wednesday 6th September:</b> <i>Allen Gardiner, founder of the South American Missionary Soc.</i>	
Anglican	Zanzibar (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Michael Hafidh.
Hereford	St Peter with St Owen & St James: Andy Morgan, Andy Dodwell, Luke Ayles; PTO - Paul Gill, Val Turner; Readers – Peter Strevens, Mary Bennett; St Thomas Cantilupe CE School, St James CE School. Church wardens - Peter Stevens, Richard Paske, Andy Newton, Stephen Turner; Treasurer: Andy Butterfill.
<b>Thursday 7th September:</b> <i>Evurtius, Bishop of Orleans</i>	
Anglican	Zaria (Kaduna, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Ishaya Baba.
Hereford	Holmer with Huntington: Steven Lee, Erin Butler; Holmer CE Academy.
<b>Friday 8th September:</b> The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Anglican	Central Zimbabwe (Central Africa) - Rt Revd Ignatius Makumbe.
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.
<b>Saturday 9th September:</b> <i>Charles Fuge Lowder, priest</i>	
Anglican	Zonkwa (Abuja, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Jacob Wutokwe Kwashi.
Hereford	<i>The Magnis Group</i> - Credenhill with Brinsop & Wormsley, Mansel Lacy & Yazor, Kenchester, Bridge Sollers & Bishopstone: Rana Davies-James, Angie Deane; 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.
Today	"Ride & Stride" Day, for the county Historic Churches Trusts
Prayer <i>Alfred the Great</i>	Lord God almighty, I charge thee of thy great mercy and by thy holy cross that thou guide me to thy will and to my soul's need better than I can myself, that above all things I may inwardly love thee with pureness of mind and body; for thou art my Maker, my Help and my Hope.

<b>SUNDAY 10th September: 14th after Trinity (CW Proper 18)</b>	
Anglican	The Church of Ireland - Most Revd John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland.
Hereford	Pray for our welcome to those who visit our churches from elsewhere, and that they may be able to do so safely, and feel welcomed. Pray we may use our buildings to tell of their stories of the past and to share a living and relevant faith for today.
Porvoo	<i>Denmark:</i> Ribe, Bishop Elob Westergaard; <i>England:</i> Bath and Wells, Bishop Michael Beasley, Bishop Ruth Worsley.
The Wider View	Pray for all our existing partnership links with Nuremberg, and that we may be alive to the opportunities for new links and exchanges as they arise, perhaps arising from contacts and conversations during the Kirchentag visit this year. Pray too for the Old Catholic congregation in Nuremberg and their new priest Sebastian Watzek, and their partnership with All Saints, Hereford.
This Week	<p>Wednesday is <b>World Sepsis Day</b>, sponsored by the Global Sepsis Alliance to raise awareness of this poorly understood condition. Some 11 million lives are claimed by sepsis worldwide each year, yet in some countries less than 10% of the population has any awareness of it. Hygiene and vaccination can prevent sepsis, and early diagnosis and prompt treatment reduce fatalities by some 50%. Pray for those who have lost loved ones to this disease, or who are living with its after effects, also for greater awareness and prompt diagnosis.</p> <p>Friday is <b>World Lymphoma Day</b>. Taking the various forms of lymphoma together, this is the fifth most common cancer in the UK, and cases are growing. There is an urgent need for greater awareness; as a type of blood cancer it can go unnoticed, swollen lymph nodes may be painless, symptoms may be misinterpreted and there is no screening test. Pray for research, greater awareness so symptoms may be recognised, and for all who are living with this disease.</p> <p>Friday is also the <b>International Day of Democracy</b>. Article 21(3) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights states: "The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government; this will shall be expressed in periodic and genuine elections which shall be by universal and equal suffrage and shall be held by secret vote or by equivalent free voting procedures." Democracy is increasingly under threat in the modern world - pray we may not lose sight of the essential link between human rights and universal suffrage.</p> <p><b>Ozone Day</b> (Saturday) marks the success of the Montreal Protocol, under which nations agreed to work together to ban CFC's, the chemicals that were responsible for the hole in the Ozone Layer - which is now closing. Pray we may hold to other agreements and protocols regarding climate change.</p> <p>Thursday is <b>Holy Cross Day</b>, a feast that dates back to the end of the 7th Century. Unlike Good Friday, which is dedicated to the passion of Christ and the crucifixion, Holy Cross Day celebrates the cross itself, as the sign both of salvation and of our call to loving service and faithful witness.</p>

<b>Monday 11th September</b>	
Anglican	Zululand <i>South Africa</i> (Southern Africa) - Rt Revd Vikinduku Mnculwane.
Hereford	Hereford VI Form College (Chaplain – Deborah Jackson); Herefordshire & Ludlow College; Hereford College of Arts; Royal National College for the Blind; Holme Lacy College.
<b>Tuesday 12th September</b>	
Anglican	Aba (Aba, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Christian Ugwuzor.
Hereford	<i>The local church</i> - Those who prepare our churches for worship, and ensure that our buildings are clean and safe places.
Today	Finance Committee meeting.
<b>Wednesday 13th September:</b> John Chrysostom, bishop and teacher of the faith	
Anglican	Aba Ngwa (Aba, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Nathan Kanu.
Hereford	<i>The local church</i> - Those who read, lead intercessions, assist at communion, and assist in worship in other ways - and the people who organise the rotas!
Today	DAC meets at Cawley Hall, Eye
<b>Thursday 14th September: Holy Cross Day</b>	
Anglican	Abakaliki (Enugu, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Monday Nkwoagu.
Hereford	<i>The local church</i> - Our organists, choristers, and musicians.
<b>Friday 15th September:</b> Cyprian of Carthage, bishop and martyr	
Anglican	Aberdeen & Orkney (Scottish Episcopal Church) - Rt Revd Anne Dyer (currently under suspension - Rt Revd John Armes, acting Bishop).
Hereford	<i>The local church</i> - Those who lead prayer and study groups, fellowship and discussion groups etc, and all who take part in the variety of midweek activities that can help link church and community.
<b>Saturday 16th September:</b> Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, apostle to the Picts	
Anglican	Abuja (Abuja, Nigeria) - Most Revd Henry Ndukuba.
Hereford	<i>The local church</i> - All who work with children, young people and families, and all that helps our churches with schools, nurseries, play groups etc within our communities. Pray also for safeguarding officers in our parishes.
Prayer <i>Augustine</i>	<p>Blessed are thy saints, O God and King,  who have travelled over the tempestuous seas of this life,  and have made the harbour of peace and felicity.  Watch over us who are still in our dangerous voyage,  and remember such as lie exposed to the rough storms  of trouble and temptations.  Frail is our vessel, and the ocean is wide;  but in thy mercy thou hast set our course,  so steer the vessel of our life  toward the everlasting shore of peace,  and bring us at length to the quiet haven of our heart's desire,  where thou, O our God, art blessed,  and livest and reignest for ever and ever.</p>

<b>SUNDAY 17th September: 15th after Trinity (CW Proper 19)</b>	
Anglican	The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean - Most Revd James Wong, Archbishop.
Hereford	<i>The Kington &amp; Weobley Deanery</i> : Rural Dean - Mike Kneen; Lay Co-Chair and Sub-Warden of Readers vacant at the time of going to press.
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : Sheffield, Bishop Pete Wilcox, Bishop Sophie Jelley; <i>Greenland</i> : Bishop Paneeraq Siegstad Munk ( <i>a diocese of the Church of Denmark</i> ).
The Wider View	A recent report states that last year an additional 18 million new poor emerged in Africa, so that across the continent some 546 million people were living in poverty in 2022 - more than half of the continent's population. Women and girls are particularly vulnerable, putting at risk recent hard-won gains regarding gender equity. Growing inequality, especially in many of the southern African nations, is also potentially a destabilising factor. Pray for all who are working to combat poverty, and for the development of programmes to help those setting up small businesses and through this to build local autonomy.
This Week	<p>Thursday commemorates the Apostle and Evangelist <b>Matthew</b>. Give thanks for his proclamation of Christ, and for the distinctive features of his Gospel, in particular the Beatitudes, within the Sermon on the Mount.</p> <p>The <b>Great British Beach Clean</b>, beginning this weekend, does what it says on the label, with volunteers and, at some beaches, school children meeting to clear the rubbish from beaches in an organised programme. As in any wild space, litter and other rubbish is unsightly, may cause pollution and can be directly harmful to wildlife. On a beach it can also be swept out to sea to do more damage still. Pray we may protect our marine environments.</p> <p><b>Youth Mental Health Day</b>, on Tuesday, encourages understanding and discussion of mental health in young people, enabling them to live happy and healthy lives all year round. The day aims to get young people and those who support them talking about how to improve mental health. Mental health issues in young people are not always taken as seriously as they should be - "It's just his age" etc. Pray for all young people experiencing mental health problems.</p> <p><b>Jeans for Genes Day</b> (which is actually all week) aims to raise awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition like muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis, and sickle cell anaemia, and (through people wearing jeans to school or work and donating) raises money to fund projects that make a tangible difference to the lives of those affected. Pray for all who are living with a genetic disease, and for research and treatment.</p> <p>The <b>International Day of Peace</b> is observed on Thursday: a UN day devoted to strengthening the ideals of peace, through observing 24 hours of non-violence and cease-fire. Never has our world needed peace more. Pray for all whose lives are distorted by war, civil strife or oppression.</p> <p>Thursday is also <b>World Alzheimer's Day</b>; pray for all who live with this condition, and for those who offer nursing care, therapy and the patient and loving care that is so important.</p>

<b>Monday 18th September</b>	
Anglican	Abyei (Northern Bahr el Ghazal, South Sudan) - Rt Revd Michael Deng Bol.
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.
Today	MU Trustees meet
<b>Tuesday 19th September: Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury</b>	
Anglican	Accra (Ghana, West Africa) - Rt Revd Daniel Sylvanus Mensah Torto.
Hereford	Kington with Huntington, Old Radnor, Kinnerton & Titley: <i>vacant</i> ; Paul Buckingham, Tony Jardine; Reader - Rob MacCurrach; Kington Primary School; Lady Hawkins High School; Kington Court Hospital.
<b>Wednesday 20th September: John Coleridge Patteson, bishop, &amp; companions, martyrs</b>	
Anglican	Adelaide (South Australia, Australia) - Most Revd Geoffrey Smith; Assistant Bishops - Rt Revd Tim Harris, Rt Revd Chris McLeod, Rt Revd Denise Ferguson.
Hereford	Letton with Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, Mansel Gamage & Monnington-on-Wye; Weobley with Sarnesfield & Norton Canon: Philip Harvey; Susan Verwey, John Thewlis, Charles Overton, Mike Kneen, Paul Francis; Staunton-on-Wye Endowed Primary School; Weobley Primary School; Weobley High School.
<b>Thursday 21st September: Matthew, apostle and evangelist</b>	
Anglican	Afikpo (Enugu, Nigeria) - Rt Revd Paul Udogu.
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.
<b>Friday 22nd September</b>	
Anglican	North Africa (Alexandria) - vacant; during the vacancy, under the direction of the Most Revd Samy Fawzy.
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.
<b>Saturday 23rd September</b>	
Anglican	Agra (North India) - Rt Revd Prem Prakash Habil.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for the work of the Ludlow Mascall Centre and for all who use the facilities provided there.
Prayer <i>Bede</i>	<p>Open our hearts, O Lord,  and enlighten us by the grace of thy Holy Spirit,  that we may seek what is well-pleasing to thy will;  and so order our doings after thy commandments,  that we may be found meet to enter into  thine unending joys:  through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>

## **Curates in Training:**

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

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

## **Warden and Sub-Wardens of Readers:**

Warden: Elizabeth Wild

### **Sub-Wardens:**

Abbeydore - vacant  
Bromyard – Culain Morris  
Hereford - Malcolm Robertson  
Kington & Weobley - vacant  
Ledbury - 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:**

Suanna Rosier  
Tim Woods  
Claire Williams - Westbury  
Wendy Maddocks - Kingsland

### **Intergenerational Missioners:**

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