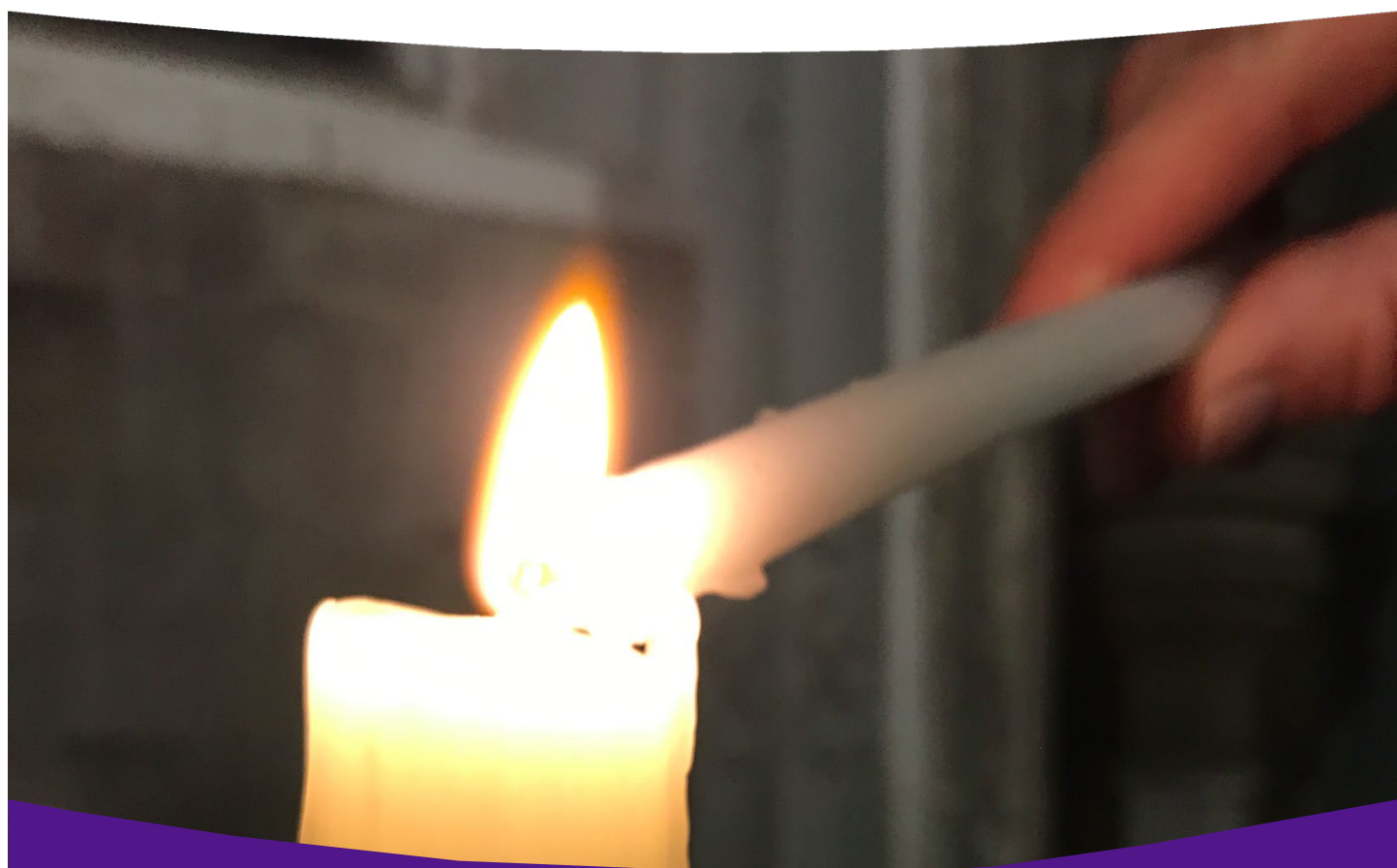




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Prayer Diary

October to December 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

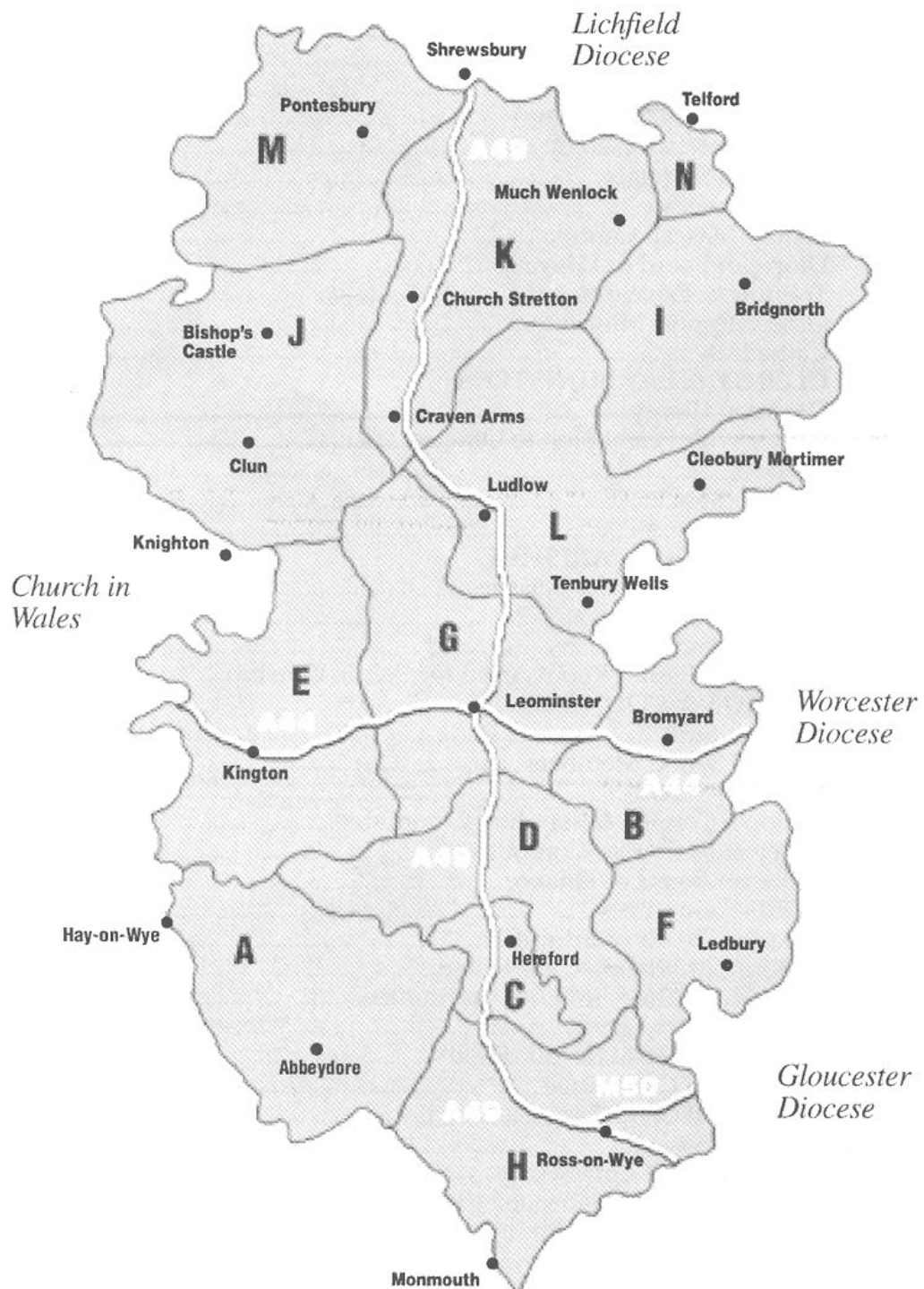
The Deaneries

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- C Hereford City
- E Kington & Weobley
- F Ledbury
- G Leominster
- H Ross & Archenfield

Ludlow Archdeaconry

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

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The Prayer Diary - October to December 2023

The main part of this Prayer Diary covers the quarter from Sunday 24th September to Saturday 23rd December, week by week, under the following headings:

- **Anglican** - A bidding for each day, taken from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer and updated as fully and accurately as possible, so that we can pray with confidence with and for the Anglican Communion worldwide.
- **Hereford** - A bidding for each day, featuring each quarter half of the deaneries and benefices of our diocese, 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 and Today** - Focuses for prayer during the week, on themes and issues in healthcare, the community, education and the changing seasons, along with events, meetings etc from the Diocesan calendar.
- **Prayer** - A prayer or reflection appropriate to the week.

Please send entries for the next edition which covers the quarter January to March 2024 (actually starting on Christmas Eve) 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 will always 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
HDRA	-	Hereford Diocesan Readers' Association
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 24th September: 16th after Trinity (Proper 20)	
Anglican	The Church of Ireland - Most Revd John McDowell, Primate of All Ireland.
Hereford	Pray for all that encourages and nurtures vocation within our Diocese, and for those who advise, discern and mentor those who are considering their sense of God's call to ministries of various kinds, and help them to access the training and experience they need.
Porvoo	<i>Wales:</i> Swansea and Brecon, Bishop John Lomas; <i>England:</i> Leicester, Bishop Martyn Snow, Bishop Saju Mathalaly.
The Wider View	Pray for world peace, and in particular for the many nations divided by civil conflict. Often these situations slip out of the headlines and are half forgotten, until (as recently in Libya) such events as natural disasters draw our attention. Pray for the various agencies that continue to work through local volunteers and in other ways to provide support for the victims of civil conflict.
This Week	<p>In Generosity Week, pray that the message of generous living and giving in response to the generosity of God may take root in every local church.</p> <p>Migraine Awareness Week begins on 24th: around one in seven people live with migraine, often dismissed as 'just a headache', but in fact a complex and debilitating neurological disorder that impacts on quality of life, mental health and many other aspects of life. Pray for understanding, support and research.</p> <p>Vincent de Paul, remembered on Wednesday, devoted much of his life to serving the poor. Pray for all who as Christians work to relieve the effects of poverty, and for the social ministry and outreach of churches of every sort and size and denomination.</p> <p>This is Cycle to School Week. Cycling is a healthy outdoor activity, but those who do it - especially children and families - need to be able to do so safely. Pray for the provision of safe routes where possible, for cycle training in our schools and elsewhere, and for all that encourages safety for all on our roads.</p> <p>In this week of Ember Days, pray for all who are training for ordained and other ministries, for training curates and their incumbents, for the courses and colleges that help form ministers, and for all who feel a sense of call, and those who offer counsel and advice.</p> <p>This week is also designated the International Week of Happiness at Work. Most of us spend much of our life in the workplace, and happiness at work has a positive impact on the rest of our life. Pray for all who find their work tedious, for those who experience bullying or exploitation in the workplace, and also for the increasing numbers of people working from home, some of whom find they miss the support and social interaction the shared workplace can provide.</p> <p>Tuesday is Mesothelioma Awareness Day. This is a cancer caused by exposure to asbestos, and its long latency can make diagnosis difficult. Pray for greater awareness both of the risks of asbestos and signs of the disease.</p> <p>Wednesday is World Tourism Day - pray for tourism around the world, which can be vital to economies, but needs care and management to minimise the damage caused to traditional ways of life and natural habitats.</p>

Monday 25th September: Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer; <i>Sergei of Radonezh</i>	
Anglican	Aguata (<i>Niger Nigeria</i>) - Rt Revd Samuel Chukwudi Ezeofor.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for organists and other musicians in our churches, for choirs and worship groups and for all that helps lift our hearts in praise.
Tuesday 26th September: <i>Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army; Cyprian of Carthage</i>	
Anglican	Ahoada (<i>Niger Delta Nigeria</i>) - Rt Revd Clement Ekpeye.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for all who prepare our churches for worship, those who greet people as they arrive, help newcomers, and work to ensure that our buildings are clean, well-presented and safe for all.
Today	DBE meets.
Wednesday 27th September: Vincent de Paul, founder of the Lazarists; Ember Day	
Anglican	Aipo Rongo (Papua New Guinea) - Rt Revd Nathan Ingen.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for tower captains and bell ringers, and for the training of new ringers.
Thursday 28th September	
Anglican	Aijayi Crowther (<i>Ibadan Nigeria</i>) - Rt Revd Collins Babalola.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for all who assist with the celebration and administration of the Eucharist, and those who help ensure that people unable to receive communion in church may do so within their own homes.
Friday 29th September: Michael & All Angels	
Anglican	Akobo (<i>Jonglei South Sudan</i>) - Rt Revd Joseph Yual Yol.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Give thanks for our churches as places where the wider community can gather to celebrate at joyful times, or to mourn at times of tragedy or shared sorrow. Pray for prayer corners and other quiet places, and that our churches may be places of welcome for all who seek refuge.
Today	National Day of Prayer for Schools - online prayer meeting.
Saturday 30th September: <i>Jerome, teacher and translator;</i> Ember Day	
Anglican	Akoko (<i>Ondo Nigeria</i>) - Rt Revd Jacob Bada.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for all that enables the worship we offer to be joyful, attractive and relevant, and for all who help to plan and lead worship, especially as we travel through the feasts and special days of this season.
Today	"Exploring Prayer" day at Much Wenlock.
Prayer <i>On being a fool for Christ</i>	<p>Almighty and Everlasting God, for the salvation of your people, you appointed the Archangel Michael as a protector of your Church: may we be delivered from all our enemies, that we may serve you in pureness of living under the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, and that no malevolent force may turn us from his way. So may we be made worthy to stand in your presence; we ask this in the name of the same, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.</p>

SUNDAY 1st October: 17th after Trinity (Proper 21)	
Anglican	Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Anglican Church in Japan) - Most Revd Luke Kenichi Muto.
Hereford	<i>Ledbury Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Chris Moore; Lay Co-Chair – Kevin Hewison; Sub-Warden of Readers – Chris Blanchard.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Liverpool, Bishop John Perumbalath, Bishop Beverley Mason; <i>Wales:</i> Monmouth, Bishop Cherry Vann; <i>Denmark:</i> Haderslev, Bishop Marianne Christiansen.
The Wider View	Pray for girls and women in Afghanistan, as the Taliban regime continues to limit their access to what we would consider basic human rights, such as access to education and professions, and increasingly to many public areas. Pray for the safety of those who dare to speak out against these restrictions.
This Week	<p>The International Day of Older Persons is marked each year on 1st October, and is a UN initiative designed to encourage the full participation of those in older age groups as stakeholders in the societies and communities in which they live. Pray for those who face discrimination and neglect in old age.</p> <p>This is Anaphylaxis Awareness week. This is a severe and potentially life threatening allergic reaction, and the week aims to encourage awareness - spotting signs quickly and knowing what to do can save lives. Pray for all who live with allergies, especially those which include the potential for this kind of severe reaction.</p> <p>On Wednesday Francis of Assisi is commemorated. Give thanks for the simplicity of his life and witness, and pray for all who follow his way today, including the Brothers, Sisters and Tertiaries of the Society of St Francis within the Anglican Communion (and within our Diocese).</p> <p>This week also commemorated William Tyndale, one of the early translators of the scriptures into English. Give thanks for the ongoing work of translation and interpretation of scripture, and for all who work to ensure that people around the world can read the Word of God in their own tongue.</p> <p>Many churches, schools and communities will celebrate Harvest Festival this month. Pray for a celebration that looks outward, that seeks to offer help and support to those in our world whose harvest is insufficient, and in which we pledge ourselves afresh to be faithful and generous stewards of God's creation. Pray too for all our local farmers and growers.</p> <p>In Black History Month, we are encouraged to recognise and celebrate the impact of black people in shaping our history and community. This year the focus is especially on women in their contributions to literature, music, fashion, sport, business, politics, academia, social and health care, and more.</p> <p>This is Dyslexia Awareness Week - pray for all who live with this condition, and for acceptance and understanding.</p> <p>Monday is World Habitat Day. This day is called to focus our thoughts on the inequalities that exist within human habitats, especially in many of the world's urban areas. Pray for all who live in substandard housing, and for those who are homeless, and for those who offer help and provide a voice.</p>

Monday 2nd October	
Anglican	Akoko Edo (<i>Bendel</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Ebenezer Omeiza Saiki.
Hereford	Ledbury with Eastnor – Keith Hilton-Turvey, Tony Hodder, Joan Wakeling; Local Ministry Team – Keith Hilton-Turvey, Tony Goodall, Tony Hodder, Tim Keyes, Heather Lucas, Christabel Panter. John Masefield High School; Ledbury Primary School; Eastnor Parochial CE Primary School; Ledbury Community Health and Care Centre.
Tuesday 3rd October: George Bell, bishop and ecumenist	
Anglican	Akot (<i>Eastern Bahr el Ghazal</i> South Sudan) - Rt Revd Isaac Dhieu Ater.
Hereford	<i>The Hop Churches</i> – Ashperton, Bosbury, Canon Frome, Munsley, Stoke Edith, Stretton Grandison, Tarrington and Yarkhill: Mandy Williams, Linde Melhuish: Clergy with PTO: Nicky Seabright, David Good, Len Moss; Lay Reader: Michael Llywelyn-Jones; Bosbury CE Primary School; Ashperton Primary Academy.
Today	Bishop's Staff meeting.
Wednesday 4th October: Francis of Assisi, deacon, founder of the Friars Minor	
Anglican	Akure (<i>Ondo</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Simeon Borokini.
Hereford	<i>The Cider Churches</i> – Aylton, Putley, Pixley, Wellington Heath, Little Marcle, Much Marcle and Yatton: Val Tait; Elizabeth Reed, William Simmonds; Readers – Jonathan Andrew, Eric Porter; Much Marcle CE Primary School.
Today	Fit for Function Conference: Volunteers, visitors and keeping churches open.
Thursday 5th October	
Anglican	Alabama (<i>Province IV</i> TEC) - Rt Revd Glenda S. Curry.
Hereford	Colwall with Upper Colwall & Coddington: Melanie Horton; Readers: Andrew Richardson; Retired Ministers: Bernard Ingram, Anne Spargo, Ros Trafford-Roberts, Tim Wright; Local Ministry Team – Melanie Horton, Barbara Ashton, Stuart Hands, Trish Hockett, Joy Conlon; Colwall CE Primary School; The Elms School; The Downs School.
Today	Hereford Archdeaconry Rural Deans.
Friday 6th October: William Tyndale, translator, Reformation martyr	
Anglican	Alaska (<i>Province VIII</i> TEC) - Rt Revd Mark Lattime.
Hereford	Cradley, Mathon & Storridge: Robert Ward; Cradley CE Primary School; Retired ministers: Nicholas Menon, Ven George Howe.
Saturday 7th October	
Anglican	St Albans (<i>Canterbury</i> England) - Rt Revd Alan Smith; Suffragans: Rt Revd Richard Atkinson (Bedford), Rt Revd Jane Mainwaring (Hertford).
Hereford	Fownhope, Mordiford, Brockhampton, Woolhope & Checkley: Chris Moore. St Mary's CE Primary School, Fownhope (Tim Milne); Mordiford CE Primary School (Sue Warmington).
Prayer <i>A prayer for all Franciscans</i>	O Father of the forsaken and Lover of the unloved, make us bearers of your presence to all humankind. Teach us to walk in the poverty of your Son, and to be among all people as those who serve in the name of him who for our sakes became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY 8th October: 18th after Trinity (Proper 22)	
Anglican	The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East - Most Revd Hosam Elias Naoum, Archbishop.
Hereford	Pray for all that inspires, enables and resources our ministry with children, young people and families; pray too for our church schools, and for all that helps develop effective and fruitful links between church and school.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Truro, Bishop Philip Mounstephen, Bishop Hugh Nelson; <i>Norway:</i> Tönsberg, Bishop Jan Otto Myrseth; <i>Sweden:</i> Strängnäs, Bishop Johan Dalman.
The Wider View	The provision of primary health care is vital to the economic development of a nation, and the improvement of primary health care (PHC) services has been a priority in Tanzania in recent years. Pray that access to adequate PHC may be widely and equitably available, and that health insurance schemes may not result in the exclusion of poorer people from health services.
This Week	<p>Thomas Traherne, priest and poet and child of this Diocese, is remembered this week. Give thanks for his writings, which explore the glory of creation, and for the intimate relationship with God that flowered in his intense and scholarly spiritual writings. Pray for all who express and explore faith in the written word. This is National Arthritis Week, which focuses our attention on the many people who live with forms of rheumatoid arthritis. This year reflects on how comparatively simple tasks or stressful activities can be hugely draining for those who live with this disease. Pray for greater awareness and understanding of the condition.</p> <p>We are also asked this week to reflect on the work of hospices and of palliative care here and worldwide. Pray for the work of the hospice at Bartestree Cross, Hereford, and for other hospices serving our area, for example the Severn Hospice in Shrewsbury and Telford. Sunday is World Hospice and Palliative Care Day.</p> <p>This is also Baby Loss Awareness Week. Pray for parents bereaved in this way during pregnancy or at or soon after birth, and that they and their wider families may find and receive the support and care they need.</p> <p>Robert Grosseteste, remembered on Monday, was a remarkable figure in medieval history - Bishop of Lincoln, philosopher and scholar, theologian, and one of the founders of serious scientific research in the west, in his own right and as a mentor to Roger Bacon. Give thanks for all who engage in serious and original scholarship, and who in our day continue to explore the relationship between religion and science.</p> <p>World Mental Health Day is marked on Tuesday, this year with the theme of mental health as a universal human right. Pray for all who find themselves alienated or disregarded as they struggle with mental health, and for places in our world where mental health provision is lacking.</p> <p>Pray for all Readers in their ministry, for those in training and for those to be admitted at this year's Readers' Association meeting.</p>

Monday 9th October: <i>Denys & companions, martyrs; Robert Grosseteste, bishop, scientist</i>	
Anglican	Albany (Province II (2) TEC) - vacant; Rt Revd Michael Smith, Assisting Bishop.
Hereford	<i>The Bartestree Cross Group</i> - Lugwardine with Bartestree, Weston Beggard, Dormington, Withington & Westhild: vacant - <i>Tiffany Jackson from 7th November</i> ; IM - Christine Cattnach; Lugwardine Primary School; Withington Primary School; St Mary's RC High School.
Tuesday 10th October: Paulinus, bishop and missionary; <i>Thomas Traherne, priest and poet</i>	
Anglican	Algoma (Ontario Canada) - Most Revd Anne Germond.
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> Andrew Teale, Director of Education, Sian Lines, Deputy Director, Toni Enefer, Business and Governance Officer, Mark Harrington, Education Development Officer, and William Talbot-Ponsonby, Cathedral Schools and Family Learning Officer; for all who work with them, and all members of the Diocesan Board of Education.
Wednesday 11th October: <i>Ethelburga, abbess; James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus</i>	
Anglican	All Saints Cathedral (Kenya) - Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit; Assistant Bishop - Rt Revd Joseph Galgalo.
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> The 78 church schools and academies of our Diocese - heads, teachers and other school staff; children, young people and their families.
Today	Hereford and Ludlow Archdeaconry Mission & Pastoral Sub-Committees.
Thursday 12th October: Wilfrid of York, bishop; <i>Elizabeth Fry, reformer; Edith Cavell, nurse</i>	
Anglican	Aluakluak (Eastern Bahr el Ghazal South Sudan) - Rt Revd Isaac Nyaryiel.
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> All who offer themselves as school governors, and especially the foundation governors of our church schools.
Friday 13th October: Edward the Confessor, king	
Anglican	Amazônia (Brazil) - Most Revd Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto.
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> Parent-Teacher and friends associations, and all who help support our schools financially, including helping to fund extracurricular activities.
Saturday 14th October	
Anglican	Amichi (Niger Nigeria) - Rt Revd Ephraim O. Ikeakor.
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> All that develops and deepens links between churches and schools; chaplaincy and similar work in high schools and further education.
Today	HDRA annual meeting and Reader licensing (Leominster Priory).
Prayer <i>On religion and science</i>	<p>Lord, you have given us the ability to search out your laws, and to apply our knowledge in industry and invention.</p> <p>Bless all who are engaged in scientific research and technological development and on those who resource and support this work; help us to choose and develop projects that will enhance our human lives while protecting and conserving the natural order of our world, that we may truly be stewards of your bounty, for our own benefit and to your greater glory.</p>

SUNDAY 15th October: 19th after Trinity (Proper 23)	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Kenya - Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit, Archbishop.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Paul Roberts; Lay Co-Chair – Lydia Davies; Sub-Warden of Readers – Culain Morris. Link with Weissenburg (Nuremberg).
Porvoo	<i>Sweden</i> : Växjö, Bishop Fredrik Modéus; <i>England</i> : Oxford, Bishop Steven Croft, Bishop Olivia Graham, Bishop Gavin Collins, Bishop Alan Wilson.
The Wider View	Pray for our friends in Nuremberg as they continue to reflect on their hosting of the German Kirchentag in June; give thanks for the insights, relationships and possibilities in mission, partnership and service that have emerged.
This Week	<p>This is Recycle Week, with this year's theme focusing on "missed capture" - the items that can be recycled but are commonly missed in the home. Pray we may get better at recycling, but also at reducing unnecessary packaging and waste.</p> <p>Tuesday is the UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. The gap between rich and poor in the world is widening, and far too many people struggle to afford even the basics of life. Pray for a serious endeavour here and worldwide to tackle this.</p> <p>St Luke's Day on Wednesday provides an opportunity to reflect on the Church as a place of healing and restoration, to pray for all who work in our health services and care homes, and for the work of chaplaincy within hospitals.</p> <p>Wednesday is also Anti-Slavery Day. Many people in our world still live in conditions of real or virtual slavery, and hidden "modern slavery" remains a stain on our own society. Pray for the safety and freedom of those who are trapped in forms of slavery, and for all who are working to identify and deal with modern slavery.</p> <p>SUDEP Action Day is also Wednesday: the aim of the day is to increase awareness of sudden unexpected death in epilepsy. While there is no cure, raising awareness can lead to prevention and better treatments. Pray for all who live with epileptic conditions.</p> <p>Thursday is kept as Conflict Resolution Day. Conflicts arise in every kind of human situation, and a current issue in our nation and more widely in the world is our seeming inability to resolve industrial disputes, a widening gap between entrenched political positions, and a lack of tolerance and openness to debate. Pray we may get better at, and more aware of, peaceful methods of resolving conflict and healing division.</p> <p>Pray for those who enjoy knitting, sewing and other crafts of this sort, and for "knit and natter" groups and similar enterprises that provide a reason to meet up and enjoy time together.</p> <p>Credit Unions provide help and support in a safe and self-sustaining way, and are an important motor for community development. Friday is International Credit Union Day, celebrating the work they do in providing affordable loans and opportunities for saving.</p>

Monday 16th October: <i>Nicholas Ridley, Hugh Latimer, bishops, Reformation martyrs</i>	
Anglican	Amritsar (North India) - Rt Revd Pradeep Kumar Samantaroy.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Clergy with PTO:</i> Michael Denny, Richard Spencer, Pauline Rees, James Forrester, Celia Rees, Andrew Mayes, Gareth Jones, John Thewlis, David Hewlett, Alison Leigh.
Tuesday 17th October: Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr; <i>Etheldreda of Ely</i>	
Anglican	Andaman & Car Nicobar Is (North India) - Rt Revd Christopher Paul.
Hereford	<i>The Burghill Group:</i> Rector – Phill Brown; Reader - Susannah Peppiatt. Burghill; Moreton-on-Lugg; Stretton Sugwas; Pipe-cum-Lyde. Burghill Academy, Stretton Sugwas CE Academy. Stretton Sugwas Nursing Home.
Today	Rural Deans meet at the Diocesan Office.
Wednesday 18th October: Luke, evangelist	
Anglican	St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane (Scottish Episcopal Church) - Rt Revd Ian Paton.
Hereford	Canon Pyon with Kings Pyon, Birley & Wellington: Vicar - <i>vacant</i> , Assistant Curate - David Wyatt; Associate Priest - Anne Price. Canon Pyon CE Academy; Wellington Primary School.
Today	DAC meets at the Diocesan Office.
Thursday 19th October: Henry Martin, translator and missionary	
Anglican	Central & South Angola (Mozambique & Angola) - Rt Revd Pedro Vilar Jamba.
Hereford	Kingsland with Eardisland, Aymestrey & Leinthall Earles: Julie Read; Nick Read, Associate Agricultural Chaplain; Curate - Rosie Roberts; Reader - Rosemary Capon; Kingsland Primary School.
Today	Bishop's Study Day - Deepening our Prayer.
Friday 20th October	
Anglican	Ankole (Uganda) - Rt Rev Fred Sheldon Mwesigwa.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry:</i> Team Rector - Guy Cole; Team Vicars - Matthew Burns, Mark Long; Curates - Jonathan Roberts, Fi Honeysett; Readers - Chris St Clair, Rob Walker; Lay Pioneers - Kathy Bland and David Bland; Rural Chaplain - Des Hall.
Saturday 21st October	
Anglican	North Ankole (Uganda) - Rt Revd Stephen Namanya.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry:</i> The Priory, Leominster; Community Hospital; Leominster County Primary School; Earl Mortimer College; Westfield School, Leominster.
Prayer <i>Faith and Medicine</i>	<p>God of healing and compassion, we thank you for all who work as doctors and in healthcare: give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who care for the sick, and your wisdom to all who carry out medical research. Strengthen them in their vocation through your Holy Spirit, that through their work many may be restored to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>

SUNDAY 22nd October: 20th after Trinity (Proper 24)	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Korea - Most Revd Peter Lee Kyeong-ho, Presiding Bishop.
Hereford	Pray for the development of shared ministry in our churches, including the Local Ministry Scheme, study opportunities and shared resources and good practice: for all that helps stimulate faith, support teamwork and motivate action.
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : Carlisle, <i>vacant</i> , Bishop Rob Saner-Haigh; <i>Norway</i> : Stavanger, Bishop Anne Lise Ådnøy.
The Wider View	The issue of migrants in small boats continues to feature in our news media. Many of those coming are genuinely seeking asylum (currently around two-thirds of claims are accepted), the issue being the lack of access to “safe and legal” routes. Pray that those who need it may find safety and refuge, and not be turned away.
This Week	<p>Post-Polio Syndrome is a poorly-understood condition that can affect in later life some people who have had polio in earlier years. It is not life threatening, but is progressive and disabling. Pray for all who live with this condition.</p> <p>Simon and Jude, commemorated on Saturday, were two of the lesser-known members of the Twelve. Legend suggests they may have travelled together to Persia and met their deaths there, which may explain why they are commemorated together. Jude is regarded as a patron of hopeless causes and desperate situations: pray for all who find themselves in dire straits, and can't see a way out of their troubles.</p> <p>Pray for all who live with speech impediments of various kinds, especially stammering and stuttering. Pray too for all who offer speech therapy.</p> <p>Give thanks for our household pets of different shapes, sizes and breeds; pray also for their care and protection, for the societies which help provide for abandoned or unwanted pets, for small animal vets, and also for the training of (mostly) dogs to act as companion and assistance pets, including of course guide dogs for blind and deaf people.</p> <p>As we approach the end of British Summer Time for this year (clocks go back at 2.00am next Sunday), pray for those who find the dark evenings physically difficult and restricting, and also for all who struggle mentally and spiritually as the days grow shorter.</p> <p>October is kept as Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Pray for all who live with this disease, and give thanks for advances in detection and treatment. Currently, many women are facing long waits for reconstructive work following surgery; pray for the resolution of disputes within our health service, and that waiting lists may be reduced.</p> <p>Pray for children who face bullying at school or college, and for decisive action to limit the incidence and effects of bullying. Pray for the victims of forms of on-line attack, and also for those children and young people who are risk of exploitation via social media and other means by which grooming can take place. Pray for vigilance, awareness training and support.</p>

Monday 23rd October	
Anglican	North West Ankole (Uganda) - Rt Revd Amos Magezi.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry</i> : Eastern Parishes – Pudleston-cum-Whyle, Hatfield, Docklow, Stoke Prior & Ford, Humber; Hope-under-Dinmore, Kimbolton with Hamnish, Middleton-on-the-Hill, Leysters, and Bockleton. St James CE Primary School, Kimbolton; Stoke Prior Primary School.
Tuesday 24th October	
Anglican	South Ankole (Uganda) - Rt Revd Nathan Ahimbisibwe.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry</i> : Western Parishes – Eyton, Ivington, Monkland, Dilwyn & Stretford; Eye, Croft with Yarpole & Lucton; Orleton and Brimfield. Dilwyn CE Primary School; Ivington CE Primary School; Luston Primary School; Orleton CE Primary School; Lucton School.
Today	Third year curates meet with Archdeacons: “Moving on”.
Wednesday 25th October: <i>Crispin and Crispinian, martyrs</i>	
Anglican	West Ankole (Uganda) - Rt Revd Johnson Twinomujuni.
Hereford	<i>The Maund Group</i> : Rector: Paul Roberts; Assistant Curate: Natalie Jennings; Intergenerational Missioner at Sutton: Christine Cattanaach; Bodenham, Felton, Marden with Amberley and Wisteston, Preston Wynne, Sutton Saint Nicholas, Sutton St Michael; St Michael’s CE Primary School Bodenham, Marden Primary Academy, Sutton Primary Academy.
Thursday 26th October: Alfred the Great, king; <i>Cedd, Abbot of Lastingham</i>	
Anglican	Antananarivo <i>Madagascar</i> (Indian Ocean) - Rt Revd Samoela Jaona Ranarivelo.
Hereford	<i>Wigmore Abbey</i> : Rector: Adrian Thompson; Readers – Alastair Gloag, Carole Gloag, Culain Morris; Brampton Bryan, Downton, Burrington, Aston, Elton, Leintwardine, Adforton, Wigmore, Leinthall Starks. Wigmore High School; Wigmore Primary School; Leintwardine Endowed Primary School.
Today	DHET directors’ meeting.
Friday 27th October	
Anglican	Antsiranana <i>Madagascar</i> (Indian Ocean) - Rt Revd Joamandiny Jean Baptiste.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Pray for all who provide spiritual direction, and for the caring, supportive and prayerful work involved. Pray for all that helps us respond effectively and perceptively when someone in ministry experiences difficulty or stress and has need of support.
Saturday 28th October: Simon and Jude, apostles	
Anglican	Aotearoa (Aotearoa, NZ & Polynesia) - Most Revd Don Tamihere.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Pray for all who lead and enable Bible study, fellowship and prayer groups within our local churches and groups.
Prayer <i>Alfred the Great</i>	Lord, guide me better than I have deserved of you, and better than I am able; strengthen my mind to seek your will, and to protect the needs of my soul; make me steadfast against the temptations of the devil, and shield me from my enemies, seen and unseen, teaching me always to do your holy will.

SUNDAY 29th October: Last after Trinity (Proper 25); also Bible Sunday [BST ends]	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Melanesia - Most Revd Leonard Dawea, Archbishop.
Hereford	Ludlow Deanery: Rural Dean – Ashley Buck; Lay Co-Chair – Sadie Chalkley; Sub-Warden of Readers – John Beesley.
Porvoo	<i>England: Winchester, vacant*</i> , Bishop David Williams, Bishop Debbie Sellin; <i>Norway: Agder and Telemark, Bishop Stein Reinertsen.</i> *Bishop Philip Mounstephen, Bishop of Truro at the time of preparing this diary, has been announced as the next Bishop of Winchester.
The Wider View	Pray for the “Train a Priest” scheme in Tanzania supported by our diocese, and that more may come forward to help support this important work. Pray too for all who are presently in training for ordination.
This Week	<p>During half term week in Herefordshire and Shropshire, pray for children and families. Pray for those children who may find themselves at risk or experience neglect, and for families who will struggle to provide.</p> <p>At this time of All Saints and All Souls, give thanks for the lives of faith and service of those who have gone before us, and for the praise that surrounds the throne of God. Pray too for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones at this time, for our outreach to them, and for those who in their grieving struggle to find faith and hope.</p> <p>Halloween items have filled our shops and supermarkets for several weeks now. As a brush with darkness when the clocks go back it may seem to do little harm in the main, but it includes the real risk that what is evil and harmful is trivialised and even glorified. Pray that as we seek to preach a message of light and of the triumph of love at this dark time, we may be heard.</p> <p>Many communities will be preparing for bonfires and fireworks at the end of this week. Pray that events of this sort, both public and private, may take place safely.</p> <p>Wednesday is also kept as World Vegan Day. Vegan foods can be a factor in helping lighten one’s tread upon the planet, but what we eat needs to be a matter of personal choice rather than something imposed by others, and food has become yet another area of life marred by intolerance. It feels right to pray that in our food choices, as in other aspects of life, we should take thought for one another, and learn to live together well.</p> <p>November is kept as Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month. This cancer has one of the lowest survival rates in the UK, partly because it is hard to diagnose in the early stages. Pray for research, better understanding and treatment.</p> <p>This is Stress Awareness Week. Modern life is stressful in many ways, and that stress is magnified when the days are short, and daylight is in short supply. Pray for those who find it difficult to manage stress in their lives.</p> <p>Pray for all who live with COPD and other lung diseases, and for their support and treatment. Pray for actions to help, such as enabling better access to primary healthcare, identifying means of earlier detection, encouraging people to give up smoking, and making pulmonary therapies available.</p>

Monday 30th October	
Anglican	Araucanía (Chile) - <i>vacant</i> .
Hereford	<i>Tenbury Team Ministry</i> - Burford, Clee Hill, Coreley with The Knowle, Greete, Hope Bagot, Little Hereford, Nash & Boraston, Tenbury St Mary's, Tenbury St Michael's & Whitton: Laurence Gittins; Mark Inglis, Sue Foster; Reader - Kevin Bryant.
Tuesday 31st October: Martin Luther, reformer	
Anglican	The Arctic (<i>Rupert's Land</i> Canada) - Rt Revd David Parsons; Suffragans - Rt Revd Annie Ittoshat, Rt Revd Lucy Netser, Rt Revd Joey Royal.
Hereford	<i>Tenbury Local Ministry Group</i> – clergy, Kathleen Bills, Michael Holmes, Mary Thomas and Ros Plested; Tenbury CE Primary School; Burford CE Primary School; Clee Hill Community Academy; Tenbury High Ormiston Academy; Saint Michael's College; Tenbury District Hospital: Chaplaincy Team.
Wednesday 1st November: ALL SAINTS DAY	
Anglican	Argentina (South America) - Rt Revd Brian Williams.
Hereford	<i>Ludlow</i> (Ludlow St Laurence & Ludlow St John): Kelvin Price, Laurence Gittins, Wayne Davies; Readers - Stephen Ashford, Roger Hall; Reader Emeritus - John Robson. Ludlow Community Hospital; Ludlow CE Secondary School, St Laurence CE Primary School, Ludlow Infants School, Ludlow Junior School, Ludlow College.
Thursday 2nd November: Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)	
Anglican	Northern Argentina (South America) - <i>vacant</i> ; Suffragans - Rt Revd Mateo Alto, Rt Revd Crisanto Rojas.
Hereford	<i>Bromfield Group</i> : Bitterley with Middleton; Stoke St Milborough & The Heath; Clee St Margaret & Cold Weston; Onibury; Bromfield; Stanton Lacy: Justin Parker. Bitterley CE Primary School, Onny CE Primary School.
Friday 3rd November: Richard Hooker, priest, teacher of the faith; Martin of Porres, friar	
Anglican	Argyll & The Isles (Scottish Episcopal Church) - Rt Revd Keith Riglin (Bishop Keith is quite ill at the time of writing this).
Hereford	<i>Ashfords Group</i> : Ludford, Ashford Carbonell, Ashford Bowdler, Caynham, Knowbury, Richards Castle: Lyn Money, Nick Helm; Lay leaders - Rob Downes, Susannah Hall. Bishop Hooper CE Primary School.
Saturday 4th November	
Anglican	Arizona (<i>Province VIII</i> TEC) - Rt Revd Jennifer Reddall.
Hereford	Ludlow Clergy with Permission to Officiate.
Prayer <i>All Saints</i>	<p>God of Eternity, we thank you for all the saints: for those recognised by the Church and those known only to a few. We give thanks for the community of light and praise that surrounds your throne. And we bring to you all whose lives now are darkened by pain, fear, doubt or weariness. Help us to bear what must be carried, and take from us all resentment and bitterness, that we with the saints may know the abundance of your peace.</p>

SUNDAY 5th November: 4th before Advent; or kept as All Saints Sunday	
Anglican	La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico - Most Revd Enrique Treviño Cruz, Primate.
Hereford	Give thanks for the ecumenical, interfaith and international links that are part of what defines and locates us as a diocese; pray for all that helps develop them.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Norwich, Bishop Graham Usher, Bishop Jane Steen, Bishop Ian Bishop; <i>Sweden:</i> Luleå, Bishop Åsa Nyström.
The Wider View	An “El Niño event” was being confidently predicted for the last three months of the year as this Diary went to press. This could lead to increased rainfall in East Africa, which will aid recovery after a period of smaller rains - however, there is also the possibility of flooding, and of an increase in water-borne diseases. Rural communities and their economies are very weather-dependant - pray for those seeking to understand better the systems that cause increased and reduced rainfall, so that more accurate predictions may be made.
This Week	<p>On this weekend of bonfires and fireworks, pray for fire service personnel, and especially for the retained firefighters whose service is so important within our rural communities.</p> <p>This is Children’s Book Week. Give thanks for all that helps new readers and all primary school children to have a love of reading and books, and pray for our schools, and that libraries and reading spaces may remain a priority as budgets are squeezed.</p> <p>Wednesday is the international Day of Radiography. Give thanks for all who work in radiography, and for the vital role it plays in modern medical assessment and care.</p> <p>Talk Money Week begins on Thursday. Despite the current spotlight on household finances, we often find it hard to admit to money and pensions worries, and to access expert help. Research suggests that to talk about money helps us make better and less risky financial decisions, builds stronger personal relationships and reduces stress. The aim of the week is to open up conversations, and to build confidence and resilience. Pray for all who feel swamped by financial worries.</p> <p>William Temple (remembered on Monday) famously described the Church as “the only society that exists for the benefit of those who are not its members.” Pray that a spirit of generosity in service may always be active, visible and effective within our churches.</p> <p>As Remembrance Day approaches, pray for the work of the Royal British Legion - for all who are collecting for the Poppy Appeal, and for local branches. Pray for special events this Saturday, which is Armistice Day.</p> <p>Pray for community choirs, dramatic societies and other groups, preparing concerts, shows etc for Christmas. Pray for all who encourage a love of music and the stage in young people, and for our schools as they work on nativity plays and other Christmas events.</p> <p>Pray for all who are elderly and housebound in our communities, and for all who help by visiting, befriending, providing lifts, doing shopping, etc.</p>

Monday 6th November: <i>Leonard, hermit; William Temple, archbishop and teacher</i>	
Anglican	Arkansas (<i>Province VII</i> TEC) - Rt Revd Larry Benfield; Rev Canon John Harmon, Bishop-elect.
Hereford	Cleobury Mortimer with Hopton Wafers, Neen Sollars & Milson, Neen Savage with Kinlet; Doddington: Ashley Buck, Sue Barrett, David Eve, Sarah Lupton; Readers - Charles Houston, Paul Kemp; Lacon Childe School; Cleobury Mortimer Primary School; Kinlet CE Primary School; St Mary's Youth Project: Mark Greaves.
Tuesday 7th November: Willibrord of York, bishop and missionary	
Anglican	Armagh (<i>Armagh</i> Ireland) - Most Revd John McDowell.
Hereford	<i>Corvedale Group:</i> Culmington, Diddlebury, Munslow with Broadstone, Holdgate, Tugford, Abdon: John Beesley; Corvedale CE Primary School.
Today	Bishop's Staff.
Wednesday 8th November: The Saints and Martyrs of England	
Anglican	Armidale (<i>New South Wales</i> Australia) - Rt Revd Rod Chiswell.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for those within our communities who follow other faiths, and for all that helps and resources our awareness of and response to faith groups beyond our own.
Thursday 9th November: <i>Margery Kempe, mystic</i>	
Anglican	Arochukwu / Ohafia (<i>Aba</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Johnson Onuoha.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all that supports and informs parish and ministry development within our Diocese; pray too for curates presently in training and for their training incumbents.
Today	Hereford Archdeaconry Rural Deans and Lay Chairs.
Friday 10th November: <i>Leo the Great, bishop and teacher of the faith</i>	
Anglican	Aru (Congo) - Most Revd Georges Titre Ande.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Lizzie Hackney (Lead Intergenerational Missioner), and Kathy Bland (Intergenerational Church Enabler & Messy Church Regional Co-ordinator). Pray for all who working to develop new forms of ministry and new areas of mission, especially with young people and families.
Saturday 11th November: <i>Armistice Day</i>	
Anglican	Asaba (<i>Bendel</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Kingsley Chukwukamadu Obuh.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Pray for all that is done to help the local church to plan and develop projects and to realise visions, particularly in making our buildings more available, accessible and useable as centres of prayer and worship and as resources for community use.
Prayer <i>After William Temple</i>	O Lord Jesus Christ, who prayed for your disciples that they might be one: draw us to yourself, that in common love and obedience to you we may be united to one another, in the fellowship of the one Spirit: that the world may believe that you are Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

SUNDAY 12th November: 3rd before Advent; Remembrance Sunday	
Anglican	Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola - Most Revd Carlos Simao Matsinhe.
Hereford	<i>Pontesbury Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – William Rowell; Lay Co-Chair – Susan Lockwood; Secretary - Ann Jones; Treasurer - Richard Jones; Intergenerational Missioner - Mark Hackney.
Porvoo	<i>Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church:</i> Archbishop Urmas Viilma, Bishop Tiit Salumäe, Bishop Joel Luhamets; <i>England:</i> Rochester, Bishop Jonathan Gibbs, Bishop Simon Burton-Jones.
The Wider View	Pry for the work of the Kwamkono Disabled Centre (formerly the Kwamkono Polio Hostel), in Tanga diocese, Tanzania. The centre gives children access to education and other social services which they would not otherwise have. The centre supports fifty children, and receives an annual grant from USPG, which helps provide education and vocational training, the hostel farm and building repairs and maintenance.
This Week	<p>At Remembrance-tide, pray we may treasure the freedom others died to preserve, and work to oppose hatred and division, and in the cause of peace. Bodenham Christmas Market and Ludlow Christmas Fair (at Bromfield), both this week, prompt prayer for local producers, crafters, stallholders and others for whom the “run-up to Christmas” is very important.</p> <p>World Kindness Day on Monday simply promotes kindness in all its forms. In a world that seems increasingly divided and impersonal, acts of kindness can break barriers and cross boundaries in important ways. Pray we may always be alive to ways in which we can affirm and value one another.</p> <p>Tuesday is World Diabetes Day, this year with the theme of “Nurses make the difference”, raising awareness about the pivotal role nurses play in the life of diabetics. Pray for all who live with diabetes, and for their care and treatment, and especially for children and young people with the disease.</p> <p>Tuesday also begins Baby Week, seeking to promote the best start in life, by encouraging cross sector working, and listening to parents and carers. Pray for all parents of young children, especially “first child” parents.</p> <p>As the Year of Prayer in our diocese draws towards its close, the work of prayer continues as the essential underpinning of all we are and do as Christians. Pray for all who help nurture and guide others in prayer, for places of quiet and retreat, for prayer groups in our churches, and for all who simply get on with praying for others as a labour of love.</p> <p>This is also Anti-Bullying Week, kept by 80% of our schools, and co-ordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. This year the theme is “Make a noise” - not keeping silent about bullying and the hurt it can cause, or when it is dismissed as “just banter”. The week aims to encourage awareness, confidence, and the right choices, taking seriously the hurt caused by bullying in all its forms. The week includes Friendship Friday, a time to celebrate friendship and promote positive relationships. Pray for all who experience bullying, and for all seeking to take action to prevent it, and to encourage healthy relationships.</p>

Monday 13th November: Charles Simeon, priest and Evangelical divine	
Anglican	Asante-Mampong (<i>Ghana West Africa</i>) - Most Revd Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith.
Hereford	<i>The Chirbury Hills Group:</i> Chirbury, Marton-in-Chirbury, Trelystan with Leighton, Middleton-in-Chirbury with Corndon Marsh: William Rowell; Worship Leaders - Kay Yeates, Ann Rowell; Chirbury VC School (within the Shropshire Hills Federation); Leighton CP School.
Tuesday 14th November: <i>Samuel Seabury, bishop</i>	
Anglican	St Asaph (Wales) - Rt Revd Gregory Cameron.
Hereford	Ford; Alberbury with Cardeston & Wattlesborough; Great Wollaston, including Middletown: Greg Roberts; PTO - Maxine Neal; Reader – Susan Gaulton; Local Ministry Development Group - Clergy, Susan Gaulton, Jane Weston, Sue Roberts, Alison Lewis, Elvire Mortimer. Trinity CE Primary School, Ford; Brynhafren CP School, Crew Green.
Wednesday 15th November	
Anglican	Athabasca (<i>Rupert's Land Canada</i>) - Rt Revd David Greenwood.
Hereford	Great Hanwood, Longden & Annscroft with Pulverbatch: Graham Phillips, Freddie Strong; PTO - Emma Phillips; Retired Clergy: Graham Earney, Colin Hurford; Readers Emeritus - Paul Charlesworth, Liba Taconis; Local Ministry Development Group in Hanwood – Margaret Hill, Tracy Jones, Margaret Nichols.
Thursday 16th November: Margaret, queen, philanthropist and reformer; <i>Edmund Rich</i>	
Anglican	Atlanta (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Robert Wright.
Hereford	<i>Youthchurch</i> Fresh Expression of Church for 11 to 18's; Messy Church in Pulverbatch and also in Hanwood. Longden CE School, St Thomas and St Anne's CE School, Hanwood.
Friday 17th November: Hugh, bishop of Lincoln	
Anglican	Attooch (<i>Upper Nile South Sudan</i>) - Rt Revd Moses Anur Ayom.
Hereford	<i>Stiperstones Group:</i> Minsterley & Snailbeach, Habberley & Hope and Shelve: Greg Smith, Richard Lonsdale, Fran Brealey; PTO Clergy – Pam Bickley, Carolyn Chadwick, Stuart Carter; Long Mountain School, Minsterley School, Stiperstones School (within the Shropshire Hills Federation). Pray for these parishes in plurality with Pontesbury.
Saturday 18th November: Elizabeth of Hungary, princess and philanthropist	
Anglican	Auckland (Aotearoa, NZ & Polynesia) - Rt Revd Ross Bay.
Hereford	Pontesbury: Greg Smith, Richard Lonsdale, Fran Brealey; PTO Clergy – Pam Bickley, Carolyn Chadwick, Stuart Carter; Pontesbury CE Primary School, Mary Webb School & Science College. Pray for this parish in plurality with the parishes of the Stiperstones Group, and for the Rea Valley Foodbank.
Prayer <i>After Edmund Rich</i>	For all folk rightly believing, and all who need your pity and protection, light us with thy holy grace, and may we never be separated from thee, O Lord in Trinity, God everlasting.

SUNDAY 19th November: 2nd before Advent	
Anglican	Church in the Province of Myanmar - Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo.
Hereford	Pray for the communications team in our diocese in their work and in the support they provide to the local church. Pray we may share the good news of our faith within our local area and beyond in a professional and persuasive way. Give thanks for the ways in which the changes forced upon us in the Covid years have enhanced our ability to use a wider range of media in our outreach and communication, and in worship.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, Bishop Martin Seeley, Bishop Mike Harrison; <i>Scotland:</i> Aberdeen & Orkney, Bishop Anne Dyer (Bishop John Armes has been acting Bishop during the suspension of Bishop Anne Dyer).
The Wider View	Pray for all the various links between the dioceses of Hereford and Nuremberg; may the experience of the Kirchentag help to deepen existing links and help forge new ones, and give thanks for every opportunity to share stories and ideas, and to explore and address the challenges that we share as churches.
This Week	<p>Sunday is World Toilet Day. The day aims to highlight a sanitation crisis in our world, where 40% or more of the world's population still lack safe toilet facilities, and many millions live in situations where disease is spread because of the lack of even the most basic sanitation. Pray we may be able to accelerate the pace of positive change.</p> <p>Monday is Universal Children's Day, a UN day which aims to promote the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and to encourage improved child welfare worldwide, and to promote and celebrate children's rights. Pray for children denied basic rights, and the freedom to play and learn.</p> <p>Saturday is White Ribbon Day, which highlights male violence against women and girls. The White Ribbon movement aims to empower men to challenge harmful cultures and restrictive gender norms so women can live full lives, unrestricted by the fear of violence. Pray for all who have experienced gender-based violence, and that such violence may not be hushed up or glossed over, but called out for what it is.</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day (Thursday) in the United States and several other countries celebrates the harvest and other blessings of the year past. Pray for the churches and people of the USA at this time.</p> <p>Friday is Black Friday, a retail endeavour imported from the United States that has grown in prominence over recent years to become one of the major Christmas shopping events. Pray for all who work in the retail trade, whether on the high street or on-line; but pray too for those who will be tempted again this Christmas to spend more than they can afford.</p> <p>Thursday is Carers' Rights Day, and a reminder of the many people involved in caring for partners, family members, friends or neighbours without much in the way of help and support. Careers may be placed on hold, and relationships can suffer, and currently the cost of living crisis is making things worse. Pray that those who care may know of and receive the support they need.</p>

Monday 20th November: Edmund, king and martyr; <i>Priscilla Lydia Sellon</i>	
Anglican	North West Australia (<i>Western Australia</i> Australia) - Rt Revd Darrell Parker.
Hereford	Westbury, Worthen & Yockleton: David Moss, Ruth Leigh; Readers - Christine Jones, Ian Williams; Reader in Training - Claire Williams; Lay Leaders of Worship – Ann Jones, Vicky Jones, Rosemary Williams, Dave Stone, Keith Locke; Long Mountain School, Worthen; Trinity School, Ford; Westbury School.
Today	Mothers' Union Trustees.
Tuesday 21st November	
Anglican	Aweil (<i>Eastern Bahr el Ghazal</i> South Sudan) - Rt Revd Abraham Yel Nhial.
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Stephen Herbert, Director of Finance, Sallyann Hales and Lorraine Aitken, and all who work with them.
Today	Lay Chairs meeting.
Wednesday 22nd November	
Anglican	Awerial (<i>Eastern Bahr el Ghazal</i> South Sudan) - Rt Revd David Akau Kuol.
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Pray that parishes may respond to the challenges of our time; pray for all who are working to improve giving and offer, and so reduce the deficit in our diocesan budget. Pray for our giving advisers, Mark Simmons and Rosa Speyer.
Today	DAC meets at Cawley Hall, Eye.
Thursday 23rd November: Clement of Rome, bishop	
Anglican	Awgu Aninri (<i>Enugu</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Benson Chukwunweike.
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Pray for all members of the Diocesan Board of Finance, its Executive and advisory bodies, for careful and prudent administration of our finances and for a secure funding base for ministry and mission.
Friday 24th November	
Anglican	Awka (<i>Niger</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Alexander Ibezim.
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Give thanks for the opportunities provided by the Parish Giving Scheme, and pray for its continued development and take up.
Saturday 25th November: <i>Catherine of Alexandria, martyr; Isaac Watts, hymn writer</i>	
Anglican	Awori (<i>Lagos</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Johnson Akin Atere.
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Pray for churches to maintain their commitment to home and world mission through this time, including effective rapid response to immediate concerns and events.
Prayer <i>After Clement of Rome</i>	<p>We call on you, our Lord and Master, to be our help and provider. Save those among us who are in trouble, have mercy on the lowly, lift up the fallen, show yourself to the needy; heal the ungodly, and convert the wanderers of your people; feed the hungry, release our prisoners, raise up the weak, and comfort those who are faint in heart.</p> <p>Let all people know that you are the one true God, and Christ Jesus is your Son, and we are your people and the sheep of your pasture.</p>

SUNDAY 26th November: Next before Advent; CHRIST THE KING	
Anglican	The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion) - Most Revd Henry Ndukuba.
Hereford	<i>Ross and Archenfield Deanery: Rural Dean – vacant; Lay Co-Chair – vacant; Assistant Rural Dean – vacant; Sub-Warden of Readers – vacant.</i>
Porvoo	<i>Scotland: St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane, Bishop Ian Paton; Finland: Porvoo (Borgå), Bishop Bo-Göran Åstrand.</i>
The Wider View	Pray for all in our world whose lives and livelihoods have been impacted by natural disasters, severe weather and the changes caused by global warming, especially where the impact of natural disaster and climate change have been worsened by political unrest, ethnic or cultural divisions and corruption. Give thanks for those who organise and co-ordinate emergency relief, and plan for longer term programmes of rebuilding. Pray for better understanding of the changes taking place in weather patterns and in our oceans.
This Week	<p>Andrew, commemorated on Thursday, is sometimes called the first missionary of the Church, because John tells us he went to find his brother Simon Peter and brought him to Jesus. Pray for the Church in mission today, for the places where churches are growing rapidly and for places of stagnation and decline. Pray too for the mission agencies and societies of our Church, and for our companion link dioceses.</p> <p>Cyber Monday continues the theme of Black Friday, rather depressingly. In a materialistic world where we are tempted to believe that things we own will bring us happiness, pray for those who will spend more than they can afford.</p> <p>Decembeard is an awareness-raising event for bowel cancer. Pray for all who have this disease, give thanks for advances in both diagnosis and treatment, and pray for continued research, and for greater awareness of signs and symptoms.</p> <p>Saturday is the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, one of several occasions through the year to reflect on the continued scar of slavery on our world, and to pray for those who are trapped and trafficked. Pray too for decisive action by governments and agencies to identify and close down activities where people are abused and exploited in this way.</p> <p>Pray for charity events in the run-up to Christmas, such as choirs and bands performing in shopping malls, charity Christmas concerts and sponsored activities of various kinds (e.g. Santa runs). Pray that people will be generous with their giving despite the impact of inflation on our purses and wallets.</p> <p>Pray for safety on our roads at this dark and cold time of the year. Pray that those who need to walk or cycle our lanes may be able to do so safely, and may be respected by drivers.</p> <p>Pray for the Bromyard Christmas Tree Festival opening on Friday, and for other similar events in churches around our diocese.</p> <p>The Kington Winter Food and Drink Festival on Saturday prompts prayer for the many small producers and sellers of foodstuffs and things to drink, for whom Christmas sales are important.</p>

Monday 27th November	
Anglican	Ayod (<i>Jonglei</i> South Sudan) - Rt Revd Thomas Tut Gany.
Hereford	Ross with Walford and Brampton Abbots: Sean Semple, Rector; Tiffany Jackson, Curate, Preb Caroline Pascoe, Dr John Davies, Canon David Thomas, Associate Priests; Colin Leggate, Associate Priest and Chaplain to Commerce, Industry and Business; Canon Freda Davies, Dr Derek Glover, Readers. Brampton Abbots CE School; Ashfield Park Primary School; St Joseph's RC Primary School; Walford Primary School; John Kyrle High School; Ross Community Hospital.
Today	Bridge-building Network: Churches Supporting Schools.
Tuesday 28th November	
Anglican	Badagry (<i>Lagos</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Joseph Adeyemi.
Hereford	<i>StowCaple Benefice</i> - Sellack, Kings Caple, Bridstow, Peterstow, Foy, How Caple, Sollershope: Crispin Pemberton; Bridstow CE Primary School, Kings Caple Primary School.
Wednesday 29th November: Day of Intercession for the Missionary Work of the Church	
Anglican	Bahamas & Turks & Caicos Islands (West Indies) - Rt Revd Laish Boyd.
Hereford	<i>Ariconium Benefice</i> – Aston Ingham, Hope Mansel, Linton, The Lea, Upton Bishop & Weston-under-Penyard: David Howell; Reader –Tony Morgan; Weston-under-Penyard CE Primary School; The Lea CE Primary School.
Thursday 30th November: Andrew, apostle	
Anglican	Ballarat (<i>Victoria</i> Australia) - Rt Revd Garry Weatherill.
Hereford	<i>Wye Reaches Group</i> - Dixon & Wyesham, Whitchurch & Ganarew, Bishopswood: Tim Starling; Associate Priest - Penny Powdrill, Assistant Priest - Jill Stephens; Whitchurch CE Primary School; Kymin View Primary School, Wyesham.
Friday 1st December: Charles de Foucauld, hermit	
Anglican	Bangor (Wales) - Most Revd Andy John.
Hereford	<i>Wye Brooks Benefice</i> - Goodrich w Welsh Bicknor, Marstow, Llangarron, Llangrove, Welsh Newton w Llanrothal: Ben Bentham; Assistant Curates - Penny Powdrill and Jill Stephens; Goodrich CE Primary School; Llangrove CE Primary School; and the Benefice LMDG.
Today	Clergy training on ecclesiastical law.
Saturday 2nd December	
Anglican	Banks & Torres <i>Vanuatu</i> (Melanesia) - Rt Revd Alfred Patterson Worek.
Hereford <i>Prayer requests from Ross & Archenfield Deanery</i>	Pray for a new Deanery Leadership Team to be recruited; for the Life Link Chaplaincy bid being formulated by the Ross Parishes for the Deanery, for wisdom to know how to revive small rural parishes, and for church front line workers - laity, retired clergy, NSMs and incumbents - who sacrificially continue their ministries despite the challenges of the time.
Prayer <i>For mission</i>	Lord of the harvest, we ask you to lead and bless your Church in mission throughout our world. May those who go for you, by their efforts and sustained by your grace help many to understand and receive your saving love, changing lives and turning hearts to you, in Jesus' name.

SUNDAY 3rd December: 1st of Advent	
Anglican	United Church of North India - Most Revd Bijaya K. Nayak, Moderator.
Hereford	Pray for all that ensures and enables the protection and safe care of all who attend our churches and work within them, for children and vulnerable adults, and for best practice in selection and appointment. Pray for Mandy McPhee, Safeguarding Officer, and her colleagues, for safeguarding officers in our local benefices and churches, and that we may continue to respond with care and sensitivity to every situation of hurt or need that may arise.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Chester, Bishop Mark Tanner, Bishop Julie Conalty, Bishop Sam Corley; <i>Finland:</i> Kuopio, Bishop Jari Jolkkonen.
The Wider View	As war in Ukraine continues, pray for the nations and the churches of Europe to hold firm, and not to be tempted to appease aggression. Pray for those taking shelter among us, as they look to another Christmas far from home, and separated from loved ones.
Today	24*7 Prayer at the Palace.
This Week	<p>Nicholas of Myra is, among other patronages, regarded as a patron of pawnbrokers, which again sparks prayer for all who are struggling to afford this Christmas. He is also a patron of sailors: pray for all who sail the seas and so enable the commerce on which our island nation depends. Pray for crews badly treated and poorly rewarded - as some are - for what is an arduous and at times dangerous work.</p> <p>Pray for those administer the many small local charities within our communities that provide help for the elderly and housebound, or for young people at college or doing apprenticeships. Pray too for good neighbour and community car schemes etc, offering voluntary help to those who need it.</p> <p>Tuesday is World Soil Day, which seeks to the importance of healthy soil, and the reality of soil degradation, which in turn can lead to “hidden hunger” - a lack of essential micronutrients in our diet. This affects some two billion people worldwide. Pray for the sustainable management of soil resources, and the recovery of degraded soils.</p> <p>This is Grief Awareness Week, with the aim of helping to normalise the grieving process and to help people to know what to say and do to help those who are bereaved. Pray for all who are going through a process of grieving, for those who get somehow stuck, and that we may get better both at sharing stories and experiences of grief and at hearing them.</p> <p>Pray for all living with disabilities of various kinds, for their full inclusion into society, and for the world to be made a more accessible and equitable place.</p> <p>Pray for church organists, for churches struggling to find organists and other musicians, and for the Diocese of Hereford Organist Training Scheme. Pray more may learn this instrument. Pray too for church choirs and other musicians as they prepare Christmas music.</p> <p>Pray for Advent course, events and activities in our churches, and that this season may be valued and used as a time of preparation and penitence.</p>

Monday 4th December: <i>Nicholas Ferrar, founder of the Little Gidding community</i>	
Anglican	Barbados (West Indies) - Rt Revd Michael Maxwell.
Hereford	<i>St Weonards Benefice:</i> St Weonards, Orcop, Garway, Tretire w Michaelchurch & Pencoyd, Hoarwithy & Hentland: <i>vacant</i> ; St Weonards Primary School; Garway Primary School. Pray for discernment in this appointment.
Today	24*7 Prayer at the Palace.
Tuesday 5th December	
Anglican	Bari (<i>Kaduna</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Ramdi E. Wonole.
Hereford	<i>Wormelow Hundred Benefice and South Wye Rural benefice:</i> Much Birch, Little Birch, Much Dewchurch, Llanwarne, Llandinabo, Dewsall with Callow, and Ballingham, Dinedor, Holme Lacy & Little Dewchurch: Mark Johnson; Much Birch CE Primary School; Hereford Steiner Academy, Much Dewchurch.
Today	24*7 Prayer at the Palace; DBE meeting.
Wednesday 6th December: Nicholas of Myra, bishop	
Anglican	Baringo (Kenya) - Rt Revd Musa Kamuren.
Hereford	<i>Church governance:</i> Pray for all involved with the conservation and care of our church buildings, and for their development to meet changing needs, via the faculty legislation. Pray for DAC members, church architects and surveyors, skilled craftspeople, for the Diocesan Registry, and for all who offer advice, support and direction to local churches looking to make changes.
Today	24*7 Prayer at the Palace.
Thursday 7th December: Ambrose, bishop and teacher of the faith	
Anglican	Barisal (Bangla Desh) - Rt Revd Shourabh Pholia.
Hereford	<i>Church governance:</i> Pray for all members of Deanery Synods, for Rural Deans and Lay Co-Chairs, for Deanery Treasurers and Secretaries, and for all involved in the development of strategies for mission and pastoral outreach.
Today	24*7 Prayer at the Palace; Bishop's Staff meeting.
Friday 8th December: Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Anglican	Barrackpore (North India) - Rt Revd Subrata Chakrabarty.
Hereford	<i>Church governance:</i> Pray for the members and officers of the Diocesan Synod and Board of Finance, and for those who serve on Bishop's Council.
Today	24*7 Prayer at the Palace.
Saturday 9th December	
Anglican	Bath & Wells (<i>Canterbury</i> England) - Rt Revd Michael Beasley; Suffragan - Rt Revd Ruth Worsley (Taunton).
Hereford	<i>Church governance:</i> Pray for those who represent our Diocese on General Synod, other provincial or national bodies, and within our partnership links.
Today	24*7 Prayer at the Palace.
Prayer	Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, may your Holy Spirit guide our preparations for Christmas. May we find the quietness we need to discern your voice, and to be ready for your coming among us.

SUNDAY 10th December: 2nd of Advent	
Anglican	The United Church of Pakistan - Most Revd Azad Marshall, Moderator.
Hereford	<i>Telford Severn Gorge Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Dawn Taffinder; Lay Co-Chair – <i>vacant</i> .
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Southwell and Nottingham, Bishop Paul Williams, Bishop Andy Emerton; <i>Norway:</i> Borg, Bishop Kari Mangrud Alfsvåg.
The Wider View	Tanzania hosts close to a quarter of a million refugees and asylum-seekers from Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, primarily in the Nduta and Nyarugusu refugee camps in Kigoma. Refugees are vulnerable to forms of modern slavery, such as domestic servitude, refugee child labour on farms, and sex trafficking. Pray for a tightening of laws and processes, so that those who seek to enslave and traffic others are stopped and brought to trial, and that the Plan of Action introduced in 2022 may bear fruit.
Today	24*7 Prayer at the Palace.
This Week	<p>As the Year of Prayer draws to its close with the celebration service on Tuesday, give thanks for the many positives the year has produced, and pray for a deepening of our prayer life and our trust in God's leading and providing. Give thanks for all who have led events and activities, and for all who have taken part. Pray God's blessing on the celebration service this week.</p> <p>Sunday marks the 75th anniversary of the UN Declaration on Human Rights. At a time when human rights are increasingly under threat in many parts of our world, pray we may stand firm against rising intolerance and build a future of dignity, security, justice and human rights for all.</p> <p>Tuesday is the international Day of Neutrality, defined as the legal status arising from the abstention of a state from all participation in a war between other states. It is hard in the world as it is for a nation state to maintain strict neutrality, but may we always aspire to the ideal of settling disputes by peaceful means.</p> <p>Tuesday is also the National Workplace Day of Remembrance, calling to mind those who have lost their lives in the course of their work. This is also a time to reflect on the need to make every place of work as safe as possible, and to ensure safety training is up to date.</p> <p>As Christmas approaches, pray for the pubs, hotels and restaurants that serve our communities, and for all who work in this trade. Pray also for the many craft and micro- breweries within our Diocese and for the makers of ciders of various kinds, and for local growers of barley, hops and apples.</p> <p>Pray for all those in our world who affected by desertification and drought. Dry lands in many parts of our world are becoming deserts, and this has an impact on both the human population and on wildlife. Land once farmed has had to be abandoned, displacing those who lived and worked there. The Sahara Desert is now some 10% larger than a hundred years ago, affecting those who live there, and also migrant species that need to cross it. Pray for all in our world who live in vulnerable places.</p>

Monday 11th December	
Anglican	Bathurst (<i>New South Wales</i> Australia) - Rt Revd Mark Calder.
Hereford	Broseley with Benthall, Jackfield, Linley with Willey & Barrow: <i>vacant</i> ; David Shinton, Justin Bailey; Reader – Rebecca Wood; Local Ministry Development Group: Ann Wall, Sheila Whittles, Mary Kendal, Rebecca Wood, Brian Allaway. Barrow 1618 Free School; Broseley CE Primary School; John Wilkinson Primary School. Pray for these parishes as they await their new incumbent Lynda Lilley, and for Lynda as she moves here and begins her work.
Today	24*7 Prayer at the Palace; Safeguarding Working Group.
Tuesday 12th December	
Anglican	Bauchi (<i>Jos</i> Nigeria) - Rt Rev Musa Mwin Tula.
Hereford	Coalbrookdale, Ironbridge & Little Wenlock: Ernest Okeke; Reader – Carilyn Simkin; Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge CE Primary School.
Today	24*7 Prayer at the Palace; Celebrating the Year of Prayer (at the Cathedral).
Wednesday 13th December: Lucy, martyr; <i>Samuel Johnson, moralist</i>	
Anglican	Belize (West Indies) - Rt Revd Philip Wright.
Hereford	<i>Madeley</i> : St Michael's Madeley – Alan Walden, Rosemary Freeman; Reader – Jan Holt. John Fletcher of Madeley Primary School; John Randall Primary School; Haughton Special Primary School; St Mary's RC Primary School; Madeley Academy. Pray for Alan Walden giving thanks for his ministry and for Alan and family at this time of change.
Thursday 14th December: John of the Cross, poet, teacher of the faith	
Anglican	Bendigo (<i>Victoria</i> Australia) - Rt Revd Matt Brain.
Hereford	Sutton Hill and Woodside – Dawn Taffinder. Intergenerational Missioner - Beckie Dotson. Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School; Woodlands Primary School; William Reynolds Primary School; Abraham Darby Academy.
Friday 15th December	
Anglican	Beni (Congo) - Rt Revd Cyrile Kambale.
Hereford	Pray for Mark Melliush in his work as Mission Enabler.
Saturday 16th December	
Anglican	Benin (<i>Bendel</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Peter Imasuen.
Hereford	Pray for all who exercise a ministry of prayer and in this way provide support and sustenance to the life, work and mission of their local church.
Prayer <i>John of the Cross</i>	<p>O blessed Jesus, grant me stillness of soul in thee. Let thy mighty calmness reign in me. Rule me, O thou King of gentleness, King of peace. Give me control, control over my words, thoughts and actions. From all irritability, want of meekness, want of gentleness, O dear Lord, deliver me. By thine own deep patience give me patience, stillness of soul in thee. Make me in this, and in all, more and more like thee.</p>

SUNDAY 17th December: 3rd of Advent <i>also the traditional O Sapientia (O Wisdom)</i>	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea - Rt Revd Nathan Ingen, acting Archbishop.
Hereford	Pray that all the ministry we offer may affirm the rights, abilities and value of every person, whatever their age, gender, ethnicity or background, and that this may be reflected as a mission priority within our planning, decision making and selection and appointment processes.
Porvoo	<i>Norway:</i> Oslo, Bishop Kari Veiteberg; <i>England:</i> Durham, Bishop Paul Butler, Bishop Sarah Clark; <i>Scotland:</i> Moray, Ross and Caithness, Bishop Mark Strange (Primus).
The Wider View	As Christmas approaches, pray for peace in Bethlehem and Jerusalem. This year has been one of great difficulty and tension for Israelis and Palestinians alike, with violent actions on both sides, but also deep political divisions in both Israel and Palestine. Pray for those who continue to work for understanding and peace, and to offer the hand of friendship across the walls, fences and other barriers.
This Week	<p>Monday is International Migrants' Day. A migrant is defined as anyone who moves across an international border or within a state away from their habitual place of residence, regardless of the reason for it. More than 250 million people are international migrants, and another 80 million are displaced within their own nation. There is a Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, but also many breakdowns in co-operation between affected nations. Pray for all who are in transit or in camps, far from their home.</p> <p>Human Solidarity Day, marked on Wednesday, reminds us that, for all the differences between us in appearance, culture and language, religion and nationality, we are one species. Unity in diversity is something to aim at, for without recognition and understanding deep problems like poverty and hunger cannot be addressed, and sustainable development remains a dream. The day aims to develop solidarity, in other words an awareness of shared interests that can create a feeling of unity and common purpose.</p> <p>Pray for those who will join us for worship over Christmas; may they find our churches warm and welcoming, and with a message that is relevant and also challenging, of the love that seeks to be born anew within us.</p> <p>In the week of the winter solstice, reflect on the rhythm of the seasons; we celebrate the birth of the one who is called Light of the World when our world is at its darkest, knowing that now depth of darkness can overcome him.</p> <p>The annual Festival of Winter Walks begins this week. Give thanks for the beauty of our countryside, and for the joy of walking in cold winter weather (provided one is suitably attired).</p> <p>Pray for safety of those who will be travelling to be with family and friends for Christmas, and also those who will be working in our emergency and health services, and utilities. Pray too for those who will spend Christmas alone, and also for the many who are homeless, and those who offer help.</p>

Monday 18th December: O Adonai	
Anglican	Bentiu (<i>Upper Nile</i> South Sudan) - Rt Revd John Deng.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for those “on the fringe” of our churches, and for churches looking for new ways of reaching out within the wider community.
Tuesday 19th December: O Root of Jesse	
Anglican	Bermuda (extra-provincial) - Rt Revd Nicholas Dill.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for our support for the World Church via mission and aid associations and through our local contacts and links, giving thanks for all we can discover and receive from such friendships.
Wednesday 20th December: O Key of David	
Anglican	Bethlehem (<i>Province III (3) TEC</i>) - Rt Revd Kevin Nichols.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for all newly coming to faith, for their welcome and nurture. Pray for churches using Alpha, Emmaus, Life on the Frontline and other courses to lead people into faith, to encourage them in discipleship, or to help them to have the confidence to share their faith with others.
Thursday 21st December: O Dayspring	
Anglican	Bhopal (North India) - Rt Revd Manoj Charan.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> All that encourages and supports social responsibility, care and action within our Diocese. Pray for churches seeking to lighten their carbon footprint and to be more environment-friendly, including participation in the Eco Church scheme sponsored by La Rocha.
Friday 22nd December: O King of the Nations	
Anglican	Bida (<i>Niger</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Jonah G. Kolo.
Hereford	Pray for all who will visit our churches at Christmas, some to worship with us, others just looking, or visiting family graves, and for our ministry to them.
Saturday 23rd December: O Emmanuel	
Anglican	Biharamulo (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Yusuph Vithalis.
Hereford	Pray for our cathedral and the other “great churches” of our Diocese, and those, many of them volunteers, who help ensure they are safely open to visitors and welcoming to all who arrive.
Prayer <i>Christmas</i>	<p style="text-align: center;"> Vulnerable God, as we contemplate the wonder of your birth, stir in us the desire to cradle those who have nowhere to lay their head, that together we may rock the boat of injustice. Give us grace to offer our hands to those who reach out, that with faltering steps we may find a way home, and kindle our hearts to embrace the rejected and dispossessed; so may we meet you face to face. We ask this in your name. </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)
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Kate Edwards (CGH)
Vicky Dunlop (CGH)
Geoff Holder (CGH)
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Ewan Gillings (St Stephen's House)
Alex Day (Cuddesdon)
Joanna Day (Cuddesdon)
Christine Cattnach (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

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

Intergenerational Missioners:

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