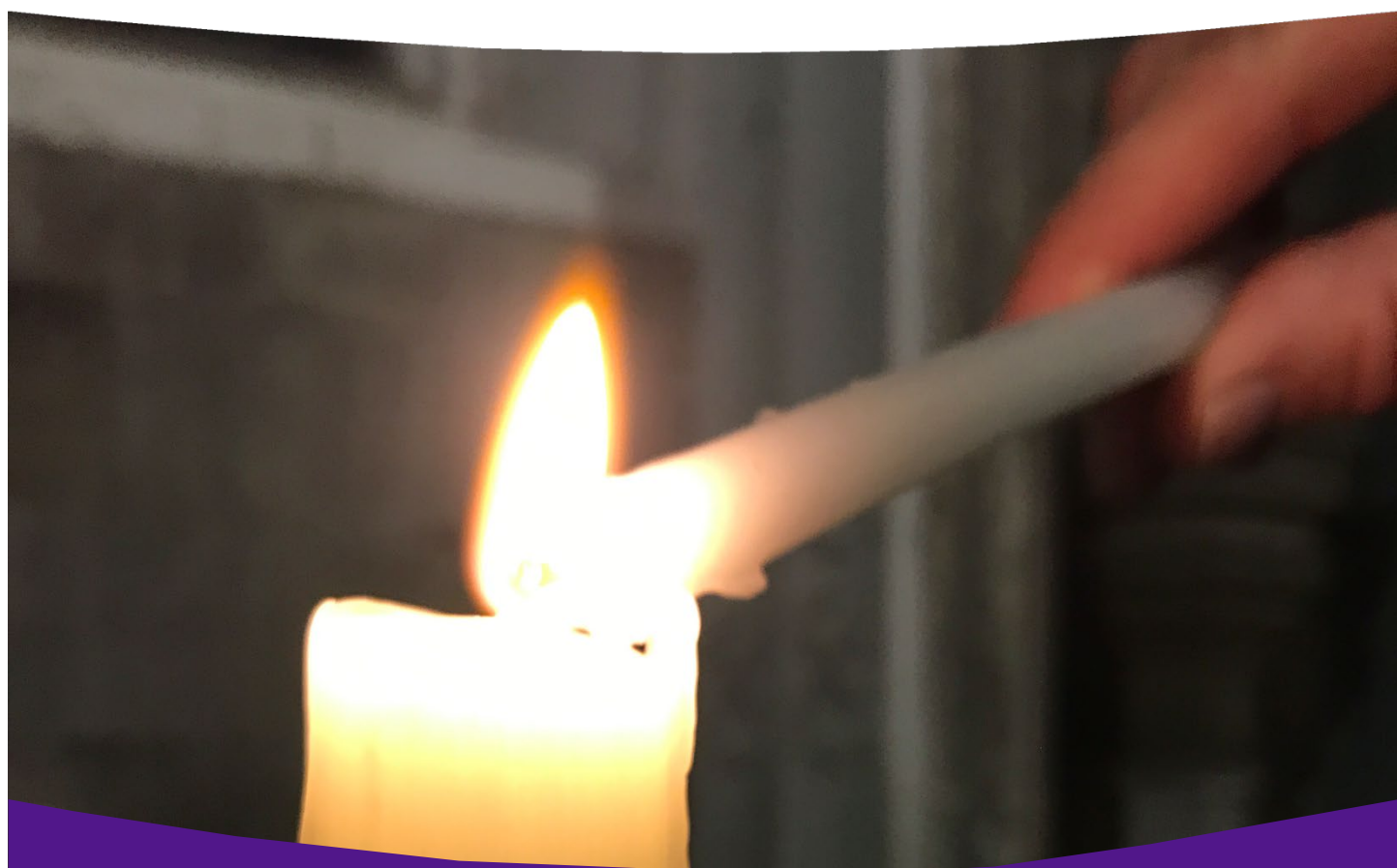




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Prayer Diary

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The Prayer Diary - September to December 2024

The main part of this Prayer Diary covers the quarter from Sunday 22nd Sept to Saturday 28th 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.
 - You can also view the Prayer Diary on our website under the section Resources & Information:
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n.b. Two of the usual introductory pages have been omitted just for this quarter, in order to fit in an extra week for Christmas.

Please send entries for the next edition which covers the quarter January to March 2025 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 aim to be 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
DHMAT	-	Diocese of Hereford Multi Academy Trust
DBE	-	Diocesan Board of Education
HDRA	-	Hereford Diocesan Readers' Association
IM	-	Intergenerational Missioner
IMD	-	Initial Ministerial Development
LC	-	Lay Chair (of Deanery)
LLM	-	Local Lay Minister
LMC	-	Ludlow Mascall Centre (formerly BMC)
LPV	-	Local Pastoral Visitor
LWL	-	Local Worship Leader
MAP	-	Mission Action Plan
MDO	-	Mission (MAP) Development Officer
MDR	-	Ministerial Development Review
MU	-	Mothers' Union
PAT	-	Post Admission Training for Readers
RD	-	Rural Dean
SIAMS	-	Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools
TEC	-	The Episcopal Church (of the United States)
TI	-	Training Incumbent
USPG	-	United Society - Partners in the Gospel

SUNDAY 22nd September: 17th after Trinity (Proper 20)	
Anglican	United Church of North India - Most Revd Bijay Nayak, Moderator.
Hereford	Pray for all in our Diocese who are considering a sense of vocation to ministry, and for those whose advice and discernment provides guidance and support. Pray for all who organise and provide training for ministry and within ministry, including via the Cuddeston in Gloucester & Hereford course, and for all who are presently in training.
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : Sheffield, Bishop Pete Wilcox, Bishop Sophie Jelley; <i>Greenland (Diocese of Greenland within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark)</i> : Bishop Paneeraq Siegstad Munk.
The Wider View	Pray for world peace, for all who are caught up in civil conflict, or trapped in war zones. Pray too for the safety and protection of those transporting and providing humanitarian aid and support to the victims of war and violence.
This Week	<p>This week is Cycle to School Week, sponsored by Bikeability, which delivers cycle training for children on behalf of the Department of Transport. Give thanks for all that encourages children to get out and about and to exercise in a healthy way, and pray for safety on our roads and for the provision of safe routes for children and families to use.</p> <p>National Eye Health Week encourages awareness of the two million or so people in Britain who live with significant levels of sight loss, and to advise on healthy lifestyles and early testing for (e.g.) glaucoma. Pray for all who live with sight loss, particularly those who struggle to find the help and support they need.</p> <p>Pray for the work of the Church Army in this week that honours its founder, Wilson Carlile. Working unconditionally to tackle social deprivation and empower both individuals and communities, the CA continues to play an important role, enabling people to encounter God's love through practical and transformative action.</p> <p>In this week of the northern Diocesan Environment Conference (at St Laurence's Church, Church Stretton), pray for greater awareness of our impact on the environment, and the steps we can take ourselves to reduce it, and the actions we can encourage in the wider community. Pray for those who will attend and speak.</p> <p>Wednesday is international Ataxia Awareness Day. This fairly rare degenerative disease of the nervous system may in its symptoms resemble drunkenness, with slurred speech, stumbling and loss of balance among them. It can occur at almost any stage of life. These symptoms can be managed but require an individualised approach. Pray for all who live with this disease, and for understanding and research.</p> <p>Thursday is Mesothelioma Awareness Day. Some 2,700 people annually in the UK are diagnosed with this malignant cancer, caused in 90% of cases by exposure to asbestos, often in industrial or farm buildings. Pray for those being treated, and for research into this disease, to improve outcomes.</p>

Monday 23rd September	
Anglican	Isuikwuato / Umunneochi (Aba Nigeria) - Rt Revd Manasses Chijiokem Okere.
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 24th September	
Anglican	Western Izon (Bendel Nigeria) - Revd Edafe Emamezi.
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 safe, clean, attractive and comfortable.
Today	Finance Committee meeting.
Wednesday 25th September: Lancelot Andrewes, bishop; <i>Sergei of Radonezh</i> ; Ember Day	
Anglican	Jabalpur (North India) - Rt Revd Ajay Umesh James.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for tower captains and bell ringers, for the Diocesan Guild, and for new ringers and those presently learning.
Thursday 26th September: <i>Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army</i>	
Anglican	Jaffna Sri Lanka (South India) - Rt Revd Veluppillai Pathmathyalan.
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 come to church may receive communion at home.
Today	DBE meeting; INFUSE Prayer Event (Intergenerational Team).
Friday 27th September: Vincent de Paul, founder of the Lazarists; Ember Day	
Anglican	Jalingo (Jos Nigeria) - Rt Revd Foreman Nedison.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for the ministry of our churches as places to gather at times of both joy and sorrow, and at significant points on our life journey. Pray for prayer corners and other quiet places, and for all that provides opportunity to pray and to request prayer for others.
Saturday 28th September: Ember Day	
Anglican	Jamaica & Cayman Islands (West Indies) - Most Revd Howard Gregory.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for all who help to plan and lead worship, especially as we enter the seasons of Harvest, Remembrance and Advent, and that the worship we offer may be joyful, relevant, responsive and heartfelt.
Today	Environment Conference - St Laurence, Church Stretton.
Prayer <i>Erasmus</i>	<p>Lord Jesus Christ, you are the sun that always rises, but never sets. You are the source of all life, creating and sustaining every living thing. You are the source of all food, material and spiritual, nourishing us in both body and soul. You are the light which dispels the clouds of error and doubt, and goes before me every hour of the day, guiding my thoughts and my actions. May I walk in your light, be nourished by your food, be sustained by your mercy, and be warmed by your love.</p>

SUNDAY 29th September: Michael & All Angels [for 18th after Trinity, Proper 21]	
Anglican	United Church of Pakistan - Most Revd Azad Marshall, Moderator.
Hereford	<i>Ledbury Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Chris Moore; Lay Co-Chair – Kevin Hewison.
Local Ministry	<i>In the Ledbury Deanery</i> : LPV: Val Houghton, Susan Cooper, Richard Nightingale; LLM: Tim Woods.
Porvoo	<i>Wales</i> : Swansea and Brecon, Bishop John Lomas; <i>England</i> : Leicester, Bishop Martyn Snow, Bishop Saju Mathalaly.
The Wider View <i>Nürnberg</i>	Pray for the development of our diocesan links with the Nuremberg Episcopal Area of the Lutheran Church of Bavaria, and that as changes take place both here and there, others will come forward to maintain our existing contacts and perhaps to establish new ones. Give thanks for the ways in which links of this sort can challenge, inform and enrich us.
This Week	<p>Sunday is the feast of Michael & All Angels, and thus the patronal festival for a fairly high number of churches in this Diocese, as well as being one of the traditional Quarter Days of the year. By tradition this is the end of the Harvest and the beginning of Autumn (though this may be 10th October, Old Michaelmas Day). Pray for churches, schools and communities engaging in Harvest Festival and other Autumn celebrations around this time.</p> <p>Sunday is also World Heart Day, encouraging action against cardiovascular disease. This year the day aims to motivate every country to develop or support a national cardiovascular health plan. Pray for all who live with heart disease, and for action to reduce its incidence and impact.</p> <p>In the week of Francis of Assisi, pray for all who follow a Franciscan rule of life today, and for the Society of St Francis within the Anglican Communion. Give thanks for the values of poverty and simplicity, and of environmental concern, that Franciscans can bring to the wider Church.</p> <p>At a time of immense stress within our crowded prisons, pray for prisoners, for prison officers and other staff, and for chaplains, for a considered approach to penal reform, and that the numbers of those who re-offend may be reduced.</p> <p>Tuesday is the International Day for Older Persons, designated by the UN in 1990. Pray that age may be respected and valued, here and around the world, and for those older people whose lives are restricted by poverty and need.</p> <p>The first week in October raises awareness of Anaphylaxis, which is a whole body reaction to allergens which requires immediate medical treatment. Pray for increased awareness, and for help in managing allergy for those at risk.</p> <p>October is an awareness month for ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder), a neurological condition that used to be only diagnosed in children, but is now recognised as a continuing neurodiverse condition. Pray for all who live with this condition and for better awareness of neurodiversity generally.</p> <p>Thursday is National Poetry Day. Pray for all who use poetry as a means to express themselves, their faith and their vision, and for the way in which poetry both challenges and engages. Pray for the use of poetry in our schools, and for children as often, it would seem, “natural poets”.</p>

Monday 30th September: <i>Jerome, translator, teacher of the faith [or Michael & All Angels, tr]</i>	
Anglican	Rio de Janiero (Brazil) - Rt Revd Eduardo Coelho Grillo.
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 1st October: <i>Remigius, bishop; Anthony Ashley Cooper, social reformer</i>	
Anglican	Jebba (Kwara Nigeria) - Rt Revd Oluwaseun Aderogba.
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, David Gifford; Lay Reader: Michael Llywelyn-Jones; Bosbury CE Primary School; Ashperton Primary Academy.
Today	Hereford Archdeaconry Mission & Pastoral Sub-Committee.
Wednesday 2nd October	
Anglican	Jerusalem (Jerusalem & Middle East) - Most Revd Hosam Naoum.
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” day conference at Gloucester.
Thursday 3rd October: <i>George Bell, bishop, peace-maker, ecumenist</i>	
Anglican	San Joaquin (TEC) - Rt Revd David Rice.
Hereford	Colwall with Upper Colwall & Coddington: Melanie Horton, Andrew Falconer; Readers: Andrew Richardson; Retired Ministers: Bernard Ingram, Anne Spargo, Ros Trafford-Roberts, Tim Wright, Lynne Sparkes; Colwall CE Primary School; The Elms School; The Downs School.
Today	Ludlow Archdeaconry Mission & Pastoral Sub-Committee.
Friday 4th October: Francis of Assisi, deacon and friar	
Anglican	Johannesburg <i>South Africa</i> (Southern Africa) - Rt Revd Stephen Moreo.
Hereford	Cradley, Mathon & Storridge: Robert Ward; Local Worship Leader Jan Macfarlane; Cradley CE Primary School; Retired ministers: Nicholas Menon, Ven George Howe.
Saturday 5th October	
Anglican	Jos (Jos Nigeria) - Most Revd Benjamin Kwashi.
Hereford	Fownhope, Mordiford, Brockhampton, Woolhope & Checkley: Chris Moore, Owen Pembery. St Mary’s CE Primary School, Fownhope (Tim Milne); Mordiford CE Primary School (Sue Warmington).
Today	“Growing Confidence . . .” Bishop’s teaching event at Worfield.
Prayer <i>Francis of Assisi</i>	Most powerful, most high, most holy, most supreme Lord, you alone are good, and all goodness comes from you. May we give you all praise, all glory, all blessing and all honour. And may we offer back to you all the good things which you have granted to us.

SUNDAY 6th October: 19th after Trinity (Proper 22)	
Anglican	Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea - Rt Revd Nathan Ingen (acting Abp).
Hereford	Pray for our outreach and ministry with children, young people and families, and for all that sustains and resources this work. Pray too for our church schools, and for the continued development of effective and fruitful links between church, community and school.
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 <i>Tanzania</i>	Continue to pray for immunisation against childhood diseases, and especially measles, in Tanzania. This has been an ongoing programme over the past two years, and has met with a great deal of success, but there are still areas of the country where a mistrust of vaccination is hampering the programme. Pray for all children to receive the protection against disease they need.
Today	Order of St Ethelbert service.
This Week	<p>Give thanks for the work and service of those who will receive the Order of St Ethelbert today, and for the many who quietly and faithfully offer their service in our churches and, from them, into our communities.</p> <p>Sunday is also World Cerebral Palsy Day, drawing our attention to the 17 million or so people worldwide who live with this condition. It varies in both form and severity, and at its severest level greatly limits motor functions. Pray for those who struggle to find the support and resourcing they need.</p> <p>World Habitat Day (Monday) is a UN initiative to encourage awareness and debate on aspects of the human environment, especially in towns and cities. The theme “Engaging youth to create a better urban future” reflects on a rapidly urbanising world in which many urban residents are young people, particularly in Africa and Asia. Pray for young people to engage in planning the urban present, and for the development of local leadership.</p> <p>Wednesday is Dyslexia Awareness Day. The experience of dyslexia is quite intensely personal, and the theme in the UK is “Uniquely You”, marking the diversity of the dyslexic community and the rich variety of lived experiences of dyslexia. Pray for all who live with this condition, and for understanding.</p> <p>Wednesday is also World Post Day, marking the anniversary of the founding of the Universal Postal Union. The day aims to bring awareness of the role of postal services in the everyday lives of people and businesses, and its contribution to global social and economic development. Pray for those who as postal staff serve our villages and towns and outlying communities day by day.</p> <p>Baby Loss Awareness Week begins on Wednesday. Pray for all who go through the experience of losing a child, and that they may receive the care, support and affirmation they need in their bereavement.</p> <p>Pray for all who need mental health services and support, and for all who work in this area of health care. Pray for the protection of adequate mental health funding at a time of change and challenge in the NHS.</p>

Monday 7th October	
Anglican	Juba (<i>Juba</i> South Sudan) - Most Revd Justin Badi Arama.
Hereford	<i>The Bartestree Cross Group</i> - Lugwardine with Bartestree, Weston Beggard, Dormington, Withington, and Westhide: Tiffany Jackson; PTO: Ian Hartland; Lugwardine and Withington Primary Schools; St Mary's RC High School.
Today	Faith in Fostering event.
Tuesday 8th October	
Anglican	Kabba (<i>Lokoja</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Steven Akobe.
Hereford	<i>Education</i> : Gemma Martin, Diocesan Director of Education; Tim Reid, Executive Diocesan Director of Education (Hereford & Worcester Dioceses); Sian Lines, Deputy Director of Education; Toni Enefer, Business and Governance Officer (Education); Mark Harrington, Education Development Officer; William Talbot-Ponsonby, Cathedral Schools & Family Learning Officer.
Wednesday 9th October: <i>Denys, bishop, & companions, martyrs; Robert Grosseteste, bishop</i>	
Anglican	Kadugli & Nuba Mountains (Sudan) - Rt Revd Andudu Adam Elnail.
Hereford	<i>Education</i> : Our church schools - their heads, teachers and other school staff; their children and young people learning; school governors including foundation governors; and all who volunteer in our schools in various ways.
Today	Bishop meets with Lay Chairs and RD's; Curates and TI's evening meeting.
Thursday 10th October: <i>Paulinus, bishop; Thomas Traherne, priest & poet (350 years)</i>	
Anglican	Kaduna (<i>Kaduna</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Timothy Yahaya.
Hereford	<i>Education</i> : Andrew Teale, CEO of the Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust, and all who work with him.
Today	DAC meets; MU midday prayers; Jeremy Maule Lecture in College Hall.
Friday 11th October: <i>Ethelburga, abbess; James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus</i>	
Anglican	Kafanchan (<i>Abuja</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Markus Madugu Dogo.
Hereford	<i>Education</i> : Parent-Teacher and friends associations, and all who help support our schools financially, including helping to fund extracurricular activities.
Saturday 12th October: <i>Wilfrid, bishop; Elizabeth Fry, social reformer; Edith Cavell, nurse</i>	
Anglican	Kagera (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Dalington Bendankeha.
Hereford	<i>Education</i> : All that develops and deepens creative and supportive links between churches and all the various centres and providers of education within our parishes and communities.
Today	INFUSE worship and prayer event (Intergenerational Team).
Prayer <i>Alan Paton</i>	<p>Lord, teach me the meaning of your commandment to love our enemies, and help me to obey it.</p> <p>Make me the instrument of your love, which is not to be denied to the hungry, the sick, the prisoner, the enemy.</p> <p>Teach me to hate division, and not to seek after it.</p> <p>But teach me also to stand up for the things that I believe to be right, no matter what the consequences may be,</p> <p>And help me this day to do some work of peace for you, perhaps to one whom I had thought to be my enemy.</p>

SUNDAY 13th October: 20th after Trinity (Proper 23)	
Anglican	Episcopal Church in the Philippines; Most Revd Nestor Poltic, Prime Bishop.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Mark Long; Assistant Rural Dean – Paul Roberts; Lay Co-Chair – Lydia Davies; Sub-Warden of Readers – Culain Morris. Link with Weissenburg (Nuremberg).
Local Ministry	<i>In the Leominster Deanery</i> : LLM: Joanna Beavan; Des Hall (Rural Chaplain); Licensed Lay-Workers: Kathy Bland, David Bland.
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : Truro, vacant, Bishop Hugh Nelson; <i>Norway</i> : Tönsberg, Bishop Jan Otto Myrseth; <i>Sweden</i> : Strängnäs, Bishop Johan Dalman.
The Wider View <i>Nürnberg</i>	Give thanks for the International Cross of Nails (ICON) fellowship, working for reconciliation, justice and peace in our world. There is a developing relationship between ICON and the Society of St Francis. Pray also for schools becoming Cross of Nails Schools (ICONS) or considering this.
This Week	<p>Wednesday is World Food Day. This annual UN-sponsored event is a reminder that in a world with plentiful resources the persistence of hunger is a scandal. Over 800 million people in today's world go hungry, and more than double that number lack food security. Pray we may share more equally, give special help to the neediest, and cut down on food waste.</p> <p>This is followed on Thursday by the Day for the Eradication of Poverty, another UN-sponsored day. People living in poverty face discrimination, lose control over their own lives, and often face being parted from their families. They may feel ashamed of their situation, and also fearful. Pray for programmes to provide lasting relief and genuine empowerment, so that those living in poverty may be able to rebuild their lives, and hope again.</p> <p>Thursday is also Conflict Resolution Day. Pray for the work of conflict resolvers, using mediation, arbitration, conciliation and other creative, peaceful means to help end conflict situations in schools, businesses, communities and families.</p> <p>Friday is St Luke's Day. Give thanks for Luke's Gospel, and for the Acts of the Apostles, and for his witness as a companion of Paul. Pray too for the healing ministry of the Church, and for the work of hospital and hospice chaplaincy in our diocese and more widely.</p> <p>Friday is also Anti-Slavery Day. As many as 49 million people worldwide, and probably around 120,000 in the UK, are trapped in situations of modern slavery. Pray for greater awareness, for decisive action by governments and agencies, and for the release of those who have no life of their own.</p> <p>Pray for all who live with epilepsy, and for improvements in treatment and support, and access to work and benefits.</p> <p>Pray for those who care for our village and community halls, all of them very dependant on the time and skills offered by volunteers. Pray also for the regular users of these facilities, including (often) our churches.</p> <p>Pray for community choirs, and their musical directors and accompanists, as they begin preparing for concerts in the run-up to Christmas.</p>

Monday 14th October	
Anglican	Kajiado (Kenya) - Rt Revd Gadiel Katanga Lenini.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Clergy with PTO:</i> Michael Denny, James Forrester, Celia Rees, Andrew Mayes, John Thewlis, David Hewlett, Gillain Sumner, Sian Harris, Penelope Littlewood, Jane Davies, Amanda Welch, Jo Jennings, David Wyatt.
Today	MU Council meets at Kimbolton.
Tuesday 15th October: Teresa of Avila, teacher of the faith	
Anglican	Kajo Keji (<i>Central Equatoria</i> South Sudan) - Rt Revd Luke James Kenyi.
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	Bishop's Staff Meeting residential.
Wednesday 16th October: <i>Nicholas Ridley & Hugh Latimer, bishops, martyrs</i>	
Anglican	Kalima (Congo) - Rt Revd Christophe Kangamina Sadiki.
Hereford	Canon Pyon with Kings Pyon, Birley & Wellington: Priest-in-Charge – Anne Price. Reader – Lydia Davies. Canon Pyon CE Academy; Wellington Primary School.
Today	Bishop's Staff Meeting residential; Luxmuralis sound and light show (Cathedral).
Thursday 17th October: Ignatius, bishop and martyr	
Anglican	Kamango (Congo) - Rt Revd Sabiti Tibafa Daniel.
Hereford	Kingsland with Eardisland, Aymestrey & Leinthall Earles: Priest-in-Charge – Julie Read; Nick Read, Associate Agricultural Chaplain; Curate - Rosie Roberts; Readers - Rosemary Capon, Wendy Maddocks; Kingsland Primary School.
Today	Bishop's Council.
Friday 18th October: Luke, evangelist	
Anglican	Kampala (Uganda) - Most Revd Stanley Ntagali; Rt Revd Hannington Mutebi, Assistant Bishop.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry:</i> Team Rector - Guy Cole; Team Vicars - Matthew Burns, Mark Long; Curates – Jonathan Roberts, Fiona Honeysett, William Talbot-Ponsonby; Readers – Sheila Bradford; Lay Pioneers – Kathy Bland and David Bland; Rural Chaplain – Des Hall.
Saturday 19th October: Henry Martyn, translator, missionary	
Anglican	Kano (<i>Kaduna</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Zakka Nyam.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry: The Priory, Leominster</i> - Team Rector – Guy Cole; Community Hospital; Leominster County Primary School; Earl Mortimer College; Westfield School, Leominster.
Prayer <i>Hildegarde of Bingen</i>	Dear God, I want you to plant every virtue in my heart, as if you were planting roses and lilies of every colour in a field. And I want you to water those flowers with your Holy Spirit. If any thorns or thistles of vice sprout among the flowers, I want you to root them out. And I want you to prune and cut back those flowers, regardless of the pain I suffer, that they may grow more strongly, and seeds from them may blow onto other souls, that they also may share the beauty which you alone can give.

SUNDAY 20th October: 21st after Trinity (Proper 24)	
Anglican	Eglise Anglicane de Rwanda - Most Revd Laurent Mbanda, Archbishop.
Hereford	Pray for all that helps develop shared ministry in our churches, including the Local Ministry Scheme, study opportunities and the sharing of resources and good practice. Give thanks for all that helps build confidence and support team working, to enliven our worship and encourage us in service.
Porvoo	<i>Sweden:</i> Växjö, Bishop Fredrik Modéus; <i>England:</i> Oxford, Bishop Steven Croft, Bishop Gavin Collins.
The Wider View	Small boats account for some 85% of detected irregular migrants to the UK, but other means of entry, such as hard-sided lorries, much used by organised gangs, may simply be harder to detect. Many who enter by this means may be destined for some form of modern slavery. Pray for successful action against gangs, and more accessible access to the process of seeking asylum.
This Week	<p>Osteoporosis may affect one in three women and one in five men, and is a major cause of pain and disability, as bones are weakened and can easily fracture. Pray for greater awareness, as many people with this condition are not treated for the disease itself, only its effect, and so that those at risk may make changes to their lifestyle to reduce its impact. Sunday is World Osteoporosis Day.</p> <p>Apple Day on Monday aims both to celebrate and to teach about the variety we are in danger of losing, not just of apples themselves, but also diversity of landscape, ecology and culture. Pray for local fruit farmers, for those who preserve traditional varieties, and for greater awareness of the provenance and traceability of the food we eat.</p> <p>Pray for all who live with speech defects of various kinds, especially children, and for advice and support for young people themselves, for parents and for teachers and other school staff.</p> <p>In this last week of “British Summer Time”, pray for those who will struggle with the shorter days and longer nights - those who are elderly and housebound, those who have been recently bereaved, or find themselves for some other reason suddenly alone, and the many who simply find themselves at a low emotional ebb at this time of the year.</p> <p>Many rural bus services will be out for tender in the coming weeks. Pray for the provision of a level of service that will meet local needs and encourage wider participation.</p> <p>Give thanks for all who visit and volunteer in residential and nursing homes, to run activities and give talks. Pray for those who visit from our churches, to lead worship, sing hymns or just sit and chat.</p> <p>As we come to the end of another year of mowing and tidying, give thanks for those who look after our churchyards, especially those who do so as volunteers. Pray too for the Caring for God’s Acre team and volunteers, helping those who care for churchyards to see how they can create a space that works both for those who visit and tend graves, and for wildlife.</p>

Monday 21st October	
Anglican	Kansas (<i>Province VII</i> TEC) - Rt Revd Cathleen Bascom.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry: Eastern Parishes</i> - Team Vicar – Mark Long; Pudleston cum Whyle, Hatfield, Docklow, Stoke Prior & Ford, Humber; Hope-under-Dinmore, Kimbolton with Hamnish, Middleton-on-the-Hill, Leysters, and Bockleton. West Eaton Nursing Home. St James' Kimbolton CE Primary School; Stoke Prior Primary School.
Tuesday 22nd October	
Anglican	Western Kansas (<i>Province VII</i> TEC) - Rt Revd Mark Cowell.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry: Western Parishes</i> – Team Vicar – Matthew Burns; 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	DHET directors.
Wednesday 23rd October	
Anglican	Kanyakumari (South India) - Rt Revd Jain Prakash.
Hereford	<i>The Maund Group</i> : Rector – Paul Roberts; 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 24th October	
Anglican	Kapsabet (Kenya) - Rt Revd Paul Korir.
Hereford	<i>Wigmore Abbey</i> : Priest-in-Charge – Adrian Thompson; Deacon – Lucy Thompson; Curate – Lizzy Womack; Readers – Alastair Gloag, Carole Gloag, Culain Morris; Brampton Bryan, Downton, Aston, Elton, Leintwardine, Adforton, Wigmore, Leinthall Starks. Wigmore High School; Wigmore Primary School; Leintwardine Endowed Primary School.
Today	Bishop's Study Day (St Peter's, Hereford).
Friday 25th October: Crispin & Crispinian, martyrs	
Anglican	Karachi & Baluchistan (Pakistan) - Rt Revd Frederick John.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Pray for all who offer spiritual direction, and for all that provides sensitive and perceptive care when life and ministry get stressful.
Saturday 26th October: Alfred, king & scholar; Cedd, abbot & bishop	
Anglican	Karamoja (Uganda) - Rt Revd Michael Chorey.
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>Christina Rossetti</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lord, we are rivers running to thy sea, our waves and ripples all derived from thee; a nothing we should have, a nothing be, except for thee. Sweet are the waters of thy shoreless sea, make sweet our waters that make haste to thee; pour in thy sweetness, that ourselves may be sweetness to thee.</p>

SUNDAY 27th October: Last after Trinity (Proper 25 or Bible Sunday or Dedication Festival)	
Anglican	Scottish Episcopal Church - Most Revd Mark Strange, Primus.
Hereford	<i>Ludlow Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Ashley Buck; Lay Co-Chair – Sadie Chalkley; Sub-Warden of Readers – John Beesley.
Local Ministry	<i>In the Ludlow Deanery</i> : LPV: Patricia Helm, Sasha Griffiths, Suzanne Thomas, Lucy Treasure, Ann Stocker.
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : Carlisle, <i>vacant</i> , Bishop Rob Saner-Haigh; <i>Norway</i> : Stavanger, Bishop Anne Lise Ådnøy.
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	Pray for St Mark's Theological College, Dar es Salaam, and for all in training there. Pray for those who are newly ordained, and for the parishes in which they work. Pray for sufficient funds to pay serving priests, and for generosity in funding the training of ordinands.
This Week	<p>Simon and Jude, celebrated on Monday, are two apostles remembered by little more than their names. They may have travelled together to evangelise Persia. Give thanks for the apostolic ministry on which our Church is built, and pray for the same courage and commitment to Christ that we honour in them, for the Church of today.</p> <p>In the week of Hallowe'en, pray for the witness we can offer as churches by speaking of light at this dark time of the year, and for Light Parties and other alternatives to Hallowe'en that will be taking place. Pray also for the safety of children taking part in Trick or Treat and similar activities. Most Hallowe'en events and activities may seem harmless enough, but there is a real dark side to what is presented as fun: pray also for those who are drawn into harmful and dangerous occult practices.</p> <p>November is kept as COPD Awareness Month - a dedicated time to raise awareness about Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, and its impact on individuals, families and communities. This year's theme highlights the importance of measuring lung function and capacity. Pray for all who live with this condition, and for the help and support they need.</p> <p>Thursday commemorates Martin Luther. Pray for the Lutheran Churches of the world today, and for those with whom we are linked via the Porvoo Communion, and, as a Diocese, In Nuremberg.</p> <p>November 1st is All Saints Day. Give thanks for all who have borne the light of Christ into places of need and hunger, and pray for the missionary work of the Church today, especially where it involves risk and incurs opposition. Pray for the various All Souls' tide services and events that will take place on the day itself (Saturday) or on other dates around this time, and for the pastoral support we offer within and from our churches to those who are bereaved.</p> <p>Pray for local museums, and for all that helps tell the story of our local communities and their past. Pray for the maintenance of this service at a time of cuts in expenditure, and for all who research local history.</p> <p>Pray for family caregivers, and for all who by the care they offer enable older or disabled family members to retain independence and live safely.</p>

Monday 28th October: Simon and Jude, apostles	
Anglican	North Karamoja (Uganda) - Rt Revd Simon Akol Aisu.
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 29th October: James Hannington, bishop & martyr	
Anglican	Karimnajar (South India) - Rt Revd Reuben Mark.
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 30th October	
Anglican	Karnataka Central (South India) - <i>vacant</i> Rt Revd Martin Borgai <i>bishop-in-charge</i> .
Hereford	<i>Ludlow</i> (Ludlow St Laurence & Ludlow St John): Kelvin Price; Readers - Stephen Ashford, Roger Hall, Caroline Culley; Reader Emeritus - John Robson. Ludlow Community Hospital; Ludlow CE Secondary School, St Laurence CE Primary School, Ludlow Infants School, Ludlow Junior School, Ludlow College.
Today	Safeguarding C2 training.
Thursday 31st October: Martin Luther, reformer	
Anglican	Karnataka North (South India) - Rt Revd Martin Borgai.
Hereford	<i>Bromfield Group</i> : Bitterley with Middleton; Stoke St Milborough & The Heath; Clee St Margaret & Cold Weston; Onisbury; Bromfield; Stanton Lacy: Justin Parker. Bitterley CE Primary School, Onny CE Primary School.
Friday 1st November: All Saints' Day [may be transferred to or repeated on Sunday next]	
Anglican	Karnataka South (South India) - Rt Revd Hemachandra Kumar.
Hereford	<i>Ashfords Group</i> : Ludford, Ashford Carbonell, Ashford Bowdler, Caynham, Knowbury, Richards Castle: Lyn Money; Lay leaders - Rob Downes, Susannah Hall. Bishop Hooper CE Primary School.
Saturday 2nd November: Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)	
Anglican	Karongi <i>missionary diocese</i> (Rwanda) - Rt Revd Jean Pierre Methode Rukindo.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ukraine</i> : Wendy Coombey, Project Manager, Lesley Grady, Project Officer, Joanne Gibbon, Mariia Shumylo.
Prayer <i>Samuel Johnson</i>	O God, grant that I may practise such temperance in meat, drink and sleep, and in all bodily enjoyments, as may fit me for the duties to which thou shalt call me. And by thy blessing procure me freedom of thought and quietness of mind, that I may so serve thee in this short and frail life, that I may be received at my death to everlasting happiness. Take not, O Lord, thy Holy Spirit from me, deliver me not up to vain fears, but have mercy on me.

SUNDAY 3rd November: 4th before Advent [<i>may be kept as All Saints' Sunday</i>]	
Anglican	Province of South East Asia - Most Revd Titus Chung Khiam Boon, Primate.
Hereford	Give thanks for the ecumenical, interfaith and international links that form part of our definition and understanding of ourselves as a diocese; give thanks for all we receive and learn through our wider Church links, and pray for all that helps us to develop and deepen them.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Winchester, Bishop Philip Mounstephen, Bishop David Williams, Bishop Geoff Annas; <i>Norway:</i> Agder and Telemark, Bishop Stein Reinertsen.
The Wider View	Pray for the people of the United States, as the 60th quadrennial presidential election takes place on Tuesday. Pray for an orderly and peaceful process, and that the new President may lead the USA as a force for good within the world, and a defender of democracy. Pray also for those seeking election to the House of Representatives and the Senate.
This Week	<p>Pray for all who live with forms of diabetes. This is a chronic disease that happens when the pancreas fails to produce enough insulin, or the body is unable to use the insulin available to it. Pray especially for all who live with type 1 diabetes as a lifelong condition.</p> <p>Pray for the safety of those planning, preparing and taking part in bonfire and fireworks events within our communities. Pray also that those using fireworks at home may do so safely, and with thought for others.</p> <p>Wednesday is kept as National Stress Awareness Day. This day was established by the Stress Management Association to raise awareness of the effects of psychological distress in the workplace, to promote strategies to address this, and to reduce the stigma of stress. Stress is a natural part of our lives, but there are times when we no longer manage to deal with it in a natural way. Pray for all who are overcome by feelings of stress, and for the support and space they need.</p> <p>Friday is World Radiology Day (the anniversary of Roentgen's discovery of X radiation). It is an opportunity to promote radiography as a career, and to celebrate the vital contribution diagnostic imaging and radiation therapy make to modern healthcare. Give thanks for all who work in this field.</p> <p>World Freedom Day on Saturday coincides with the anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. In many ways freedom is greatly at risk in our modern world, threatened both by despotic regimes and extremes both in politics and religion, and by the false freedoms promoted as lifestyle choices, that in fact act against the commitment to mutual care and responsibility that real freedom requires. Pray for all who are working in the cause of true freedom in today's world, and for the walls of prejudice and apathy that still need to fall.</p> <p>Pray for journalists and reporters, and especially for those who report from the places of need, crisis and conflict that scar our world. There is always a measure of personal risk in the work they do, but increasingly those who report face being deliberately targeted; pray for their own safety, the safety of those who provide protection and support, and of sources of information.</p>

Monday 4th November	
Anglican	Kasai (Congo) - Rt Revd Marcel Kapinga.
Hereford	Cleobury Mortimer with Hopton Wafers, Neen Sollars & Milson, Neen Savage with Kinlet; Doddington: Ashley Buck, Sue Barrett, David Eve, Sarah Lupton, David Clements; Mark Daborn, Rob Jones (PTO); Readers - Charles Houston, Paul Kemp; Lacon Childe School; Cleobury Mortimer Primary School; Kinlet CE Primary School; Cleobury Community Hub: Mark & Bev Greaves.
Tuesday 5th November	
Anglican	Katakwa (Kenya) - Rt Revd John Okude Omuse.
Hereford	<i>Corvedale Group</i> : Culmington, Diddlebury, Munslow with Broadstone, Holdgate, Tugford, Abdon: John Beesley; Corvedale CE Primary School.
Wednesday 6th November: Leonard, hermit; William Temple, archbishop	
Anglican	Katanga (Congo) - Rt Revd Bertin Mwale Subi
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Pray for our Safeguarding Team - Carl Steventon, Safeguarding Officer; Lisa Anderson, Assistant Safeguarding Officer; Rachel Arnold-Kent, DBS Administrator/Safeguarding Administrator.
Today	MDR facilitators / reviewers meeting.
Thursday 7th November: Willibrord, bishop	
Anglican	Katsina (<i>Kaduna</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Nuhu Yohanna.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Pray for our Communications Team - Sarah Whitelock, Communications Director; and Bishop's Press Officer; Louise Dockstader, Communications Officer; Rachel Arnold-Kent, Digital Communications Officer.
Today	Finance Committee.
Friday 8th November: Saints and Martyrs of England	
Anglican	Kebbi (<i>Kaduna</i> Nigeria) - Most Revd Edmund Akanya.
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 seek to develop new forms of ministry and new mission opportunities, especially among young people and families.
Saturday 9th November: Margery Kempe, mystic	
Anglican	Kentucky (<i>Province IV</i> TEC) - Rt Revd Terry White.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Pray for all that is done to help churches to plan and develop projects and realise visions, and to use our buildings more effectively, as accessible and welcoming centres for prayer, worship and community use.
Prayer <i>Jeremy Taylor</i>	O Almighty God, Father and Lord of all the creatures, by secret and undiscernible ways bringing good out of evil: give me wisdom from above; teach me to be patient in all changes of person and condition, to be temperate in prosperity, and in adversity to be meek, patient and resigned; and to look through the cloud, in the meantime doing my duty with an unwearied diligence, and an undisturbed resolution.

SUNDAY 10th November: 3rd before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)	
Anglican	United Church of South India - Moderator: <i>vacant</i> .
Hereford	<i>Pontesbury Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Greg Smith; Lay Co-Chair – Susan Lockwood; Secretary - Ann Jones; Treasurer - Richard Jones; Subwarden of Readers - Julia Francis.
Local Ministry	<i>In the Pontesbury Deanery</i> : LWL: Keith Locke, Mary Worrall, Val Butterworth, Allen Marsden, Susan Roberts; LLM: Kay Yeates.
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : Norwich, Bishop Graham Usher, Bishop Ian Bishop, Bishop Jane Steen; <i>Sweden</i> : Luleå, Bishop Åsa Nyström.
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	The number of children employed in various industries in Tanzania continues to be of concern. Children are employed in the mining industry, and often work in extremely dangerous conditions, especially if employed in small unlicensed mining enterprises. As well as the risk from, e.g. tunnel collapses, mercury poisoning is a substantial risk. Social programmes are in place to reduce and end child labour and improve safety - pray for these to be fully implemented.
This Week	<p>At Remembrance tide, give thanks for those who on the field of battle and in others ways risked their lives in the cause of freedom, and those who did not return. Pray for the various community, church and school events that will take place at our local memorials. Pray too for all veterans, and for the work of the various service organisations and the Royal British Legion, and for all who serve in our armed forces today.</p> <p>This is Anti-Bullying Week. One of the worst things about bullies is the way they recruit others to their cause. Pray we may educate our young people and ourselves to choose respect over scorn, and not to join in when someone is targeted. Pray for all who are working for elimination of bullying, in schools, workplaces and wherever it happens.</p> <p>Social media can be a place where bullying flourishes. Wednesday of this week is kept as Social Media Kindness Day. Those who are regularly active on social media are encouraged to commit to acting kindly in all they post, and in their responses to others. Pray for a kinder social media.</p> <p>Wednesday is in fact World Kindness Day, promoting kindness in all its forms. Pray especially for the use of this day to promote kindness in our schools, and to reinforce the importance of acting kindly in all we do.</p> <p>The story told of Martin of Tours, whose day is Monday, is that, as a soldier, he gave half his cloak to a cold and hungry beggar by the roadside, and later in a dream saw his cloak being worn by Christ. Pray that wherever we are as Christians, we may have the grace and courage to live sacrificially and to see all our possessions as held in trust, ours to be used in service.</p> <p>Give thanks for the creative skills of those who work with wood, for those who fashion and make items of furniture, including for our churches, and for all who teach and pass on these skills to new generations of craftspeople.</p> <p>Pray for the nurseries and playgroups which serve our communities, and for all who offer care and support to young children and their parents.</p>

Monday 11th November: Martin of Tours, bishop; <i>Armistice Day</i>	
Anglican	South Kerala (South India) - Rt Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam.
Hereford	<i>The Chirbury Hills Group:</i> Chirbury, Marton-in-Chirbury, Trelystan w Leighton, Middleton-in-Chirbury with Corndon Marsh: William Rowell; LLM - Kay Yeates; Chirbury VC School (within the Shropshire Hills Federation); Leighton CP School. Pray for these parishes preparing for vacancy in February next.
Tuesday 12th November	
Anglican	Kericho (Kenya) - Rt Revd Ernest Kiprotich Ng'eno.
Hereford	Ford; Alberbury with Cardeston & Wattlesborough; Great Wollaston, including Middletown: <i>vacant</i> ; 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. Pray for the process of appointment a new incumbent, currently under way.
Today	Bishop's Staff.
Wednesday 13th November: <i>Charles Simeon, priest, Evangelical divine</i>	
Anglican	Khahlamba South Africa (Southern Africa) - Rt Revd Siyabonga Sibeko.
Hereford	Great Hanwood, Longden & Annscroft with Pulverbatch: Graham Phillips, Freddie Strong, Tracy Jones; PTO - Emma Phillips; Retired Clergy: Graham Earney, Colin Hurford; Readers Emeritus - Paul Charlesworth, Liba Taconis.
Thursday 14th November: <i>Samuel Seabury, bishop</i>	
Anglican	Khartoum (Sudan) - Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo.
Hereford	<i>Messy Church</i> in Pulverbatch and also in Hanwood. Longden CE School, St Thomas and St Anne's CE School, Hanwood.
Today	DBE meeting; Lay Chairs meeting; MU midday prayers; INFUSE prayer event.
Friday 15th November	
Anglican	Kibondo (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Sospeter Ndenza.
Hereford	<i>Stiperstones Group:</i> Minsterley & Snailbeach, Habberley & Hope and Shelve: Greg Smith, Richard Lonsdale, Fran Brealey; PTO Clergy – Stuart Carter; Long Mountain School, Minsterley School, Stiperstones School (within the Shropshire Hills Federation). Pray for these parishes in plurality with Pontesbury, and for Fran Brealey's ministry as Diocesan Advisor for Women's Ministry.
Saturday 16th November: Margaret, queen, philanthropist; <i>Edmund Rich, archbishop</i>	
Anglican	Kibungo (Rwanda) - Rt Revd Emmanuel Ntazinda.
Hereford	Pontesbury: Greg Smith, Richard Lonsdale, Fran Brealey; PTO Clergy – 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. Youth worker: Joe Barnes.
Prayer <i>Columbanus</i>	I beg you, most loving Saviour, to reveal yourself to us, that knowing you we may desire you, that desiring you we may love you, and that loving you we may ever hold you in our thoughts.

SUNDAY 17th November: 2nd before Advent	
Anglican	Anglican Church of Southern Africa - Most Revd Thabo Makgoba, Archbishop.
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, especially as at this time of the year we prepare to reach out to those around us with the message of Advent and Christmas.
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	Pray for churches worldwide as we move towards Advent, and for our links with Nuremberg and in Tanzania. This is by tradition a time of the year when we pray for the missionary work of the Church worldwide, increasingly this is about partnership - pray we may also support this work by regular giving.
This Week	<p>This is Road Safety Week, which this year focuses on the victims of traffic accidents, and celebrates the work done by those who work for safety on our roads, and care for those who are affected by accidents. Pray for safety on our roads, and for those who have been injured, disabled or bereaved as the result of a road traffic accident.</p> <p>Hilda, commemorated on Tuesday, founded the great double monastery of monks and nuns at Whitby. In 663 the Synod Whitby was held there, to bring order to the Northumbrian Church divided on the date of Easter and other matters. A supporter of the Celtic side, Hilda submitted to the Roman party and so helped a peaceful outcome to be agreed. Pray for all who seek to reconcile and bring together opposing views, and for a spirit of compromise.</p> <p>Tuesday is also World Toilet Day. Some 3.5 billion people in our world still live without safe sanitation. This year's theme of "Sanitation for Peace" calls for faster action to improve and safeguard people's access to sanitation, a critical factor in building a fairer, more peaceful world.</p> <p>There seem to be many awareness days that focus our attention on plastic pollution in our oceans. Oceans of Plastic (also on Tuesday) is another - but this is an urgent and pressing issue. Pray for all that is being done, and for greater action, to promote sustainable solutions to resolve the damage caused by plastic waste to marine ecosystems.</p> <p>World Children's Day on Wednesday campaigns for the rights of children in every land. In too many places today children's rights and safety are at risk. Pray that the voices and pleas of children may be heard above the noise of human conflict.</p> <p>Thursday marks Pancreatic Cancer Day. Pray for continued research and development to beat this, one of the most deadly cancers, and to bring hope to those who are diagnosed with it.</p> <p>Thursday is also World Television Day: give thanks for role of TV in sharing stories of human need and deprivation, and news of conflicts and disasters.</p>

Monday 18th November: Elizabeth, princess, philanthropist	
Anglican	Kigali (Rwanda) - Rt Revd Nathan Amooti Rusengo.
Hereford	Westbury, Worthen & Yockleton: David Moss, Ruth Leigh; Readers - Christine Jones, Ian Williams, 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.
Tuesday 19th November: Hilda, abbess; <i>Mechtild, beguine, mystic</i>	
Anglican	Kigeme (Rwanda) - Rt Revd Asiel Musabyimana.
Hereford	The Gathering: monthly ecumenical worship and praise sponsored by Pontesbury Deanery, at Marton Village Hall.
Today	DBF / Diocesan Synod (Leominster).
Wednesday 20th November: Edmund, king & martyr; <i>Priscilla Lydia Sellon, religious</i>	
Anglican	Kigezi (Uganda) - Rt Revd Gaddie Akanjuna.
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Stephen Herbert, Finance Director; Lorraine Aitken, Trust and Income Officer; Sallyann Hales, Management Accountant; Amanda Flett, Finance Assistant; Charles Brotherton, Finance Accountant.
Thursday 21st November	
Anglican	North Kigezi (Uganda) - Rt Revd Onesimus Asiimwe.
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Pray that parishes may respond to the challenges of our time, by generous giving and provision for ministry. Pray for our giving advisers, Mark Simmons and Rosa Speyer.
Friday 22nd November: <i>Cecilia, martyr</i>	
Anglican	Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh (Ireland) - Rt Revd Ferran Glenfield.
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.
Saturday 23rd November: Clement, bishop & martyr	
Anglican	Kimberley & Kuruman <i>South Africa</i> (Southern Africa) - Rt Revd Brian Marajh.
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, also for the continued take-up and installation of card readers etc in churches.
Prayer <i>Brother Ramon</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lord of the elements and of the changing seasons, keep me in the hollow of your hand. When I am tossed to and fro with the winds of adversity and the blasts of sickness and misunderstanding, still my racing heart, quieten my troubled mind. Bring me at last through the storms and tribulations of this mortal life into the calm evening of your unchanging love; and grant that in the midst of my present perplexities and confusion I may experience your peace which passes human understanding.</p>

SUNDAY 24th November: CHRIST THE KING [<i>Next before Advent</i>]	
Anglican	Anglican Church of South America - Most Revd Brian Williams, Primate.
Hereford	<i>Ross and Archenfield Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Sheila Anthony; Lay Co-Chair – vacant; Sub-Warden of Readers – Freda Davies.
Local Ministry	<i>In the Ross & Archenfield Deanery</i> : LWL: Sue Morris, Andrew Chalmers, Janet Cooper, Paul Connell, Patricia Hall, Ruth Davis, Matthew Hall, Jenny Bibby, Hillary Lewthwaite; LPV: Susan Ryan, Susan Jones, Margaret Bickerton, Helen Setchfield, Ann Stirrup, Vivienne Price; Local Missioner: Anne Morris; LWL & LPV: Paul Cummings, Melanie Mellor; LLM: Helen Foy, Sue Evans, Wendy Price.
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Bishop Martin Seeley, Bishop Mike Harrison; <i>Scottish Episcopal Church</i> : Aberdeen & Orkney, Bishop Dorsey McConnell (acting), Bishop Anne Dyer.
The Wider View	Floods in eastern Europe at the time of compiling this diary, caused by Storm Boris, were yet another reminder of a fragile world in which communities are impacted by severe weather, climate change and other events, while others suffer because of war and civil disorder. Many are driven from lands they and their families have worked for generations. Where disasters happen, pray for those who bring emergency relief, and who help with reconstruction.
This Week	<p>The feast of Christ the King is a modern feast first instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI, but now marked by all the churches which use the Common Lectionary as the last Sunday of the liturgical year. May we celebrate the Kingdom Christ proclaims among us in all its richness, before the new liturgical year begins with the reflective and penitential season of Advent.</p> <p>Isaac Watts, remembered on Monday, was arguably one of the great pioneers of hymn-writing, which before him had been, in Protestant tradition, mostly the singing of metrical versions of the Psalms. Give thanks for the hymn writers who continue to enrich and enliven our praise and worship today.</p> <p>Monday is also White Ribbon Day, this year with the theme of “It starts with men.” Violence against women and girls is rooted in harmful masculine norms, and the urgent need is to address the attitudes and behaviours that contribute to a fear of violence for women in their day-to-day lives. Pray for all victims of violence, especially the violent acts of men against women and girls.</p> <p>Thursday is Thanksgiving Day: pray for the people of the United States, and for President Biden and his elected successor. Pray that the United States may continue to uphold in the world the high ideals of their forbears.</p> <p>Friday this week is Black Friday, a day designed to follow Thanksgiving, and to kickstart the commercial rush towards Christmas. Pray for those who will be tempted to spend more than they can afford on deals which may well be less of a bargain than they purport to be.</p> <p>Saturday commemorates the apostle Andrew, patron of Scotland. This is also a season during which we pray for the missionary work of the Church. Andrew is also patron of Russia: pray for a just end to the war in Ukraine.</p>

Monday 25th November: <i>Catherine, martyr; Isaac Watts, hymn writer</i>	
Anglican	Kindu (Congo) - <i>vacant</i> .
Hereford	Ross with Walford and Brampton Abbots: <i>vacant</i> ; Caroline Pascoe Associate Priest, Colin Leggate, Chaplain to Commerce, Industry and Business; Canon Freda Davies, Derek Glover, John Davies, David Thomas, 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	MU Trustees.
Tuesday 26th November	
Anglican	Kinkiisi (Uganda) - Rt Revd Dan Zoreka.
Hereford	<i>StowCaple Benefice</i> - Sellack, Kings Caple, Bridstow, Peterstow, Foy, How Caple, Sollershope: <i>vacant</i> ; Bridstow CE Primary School, Kings Caple Primary School. Pray for discernment as a new appointment is sought.
Today	Curates residential on Mission.
Wednesday 27th November	
Anglican	Kinshasa (Congo) - Rt Revd Achille Mutshindu Mayamba.
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.
Today	Curates residential on Mission; DAC meets.
Thursday 28th November	
Anglican	Kirinyaga (Kenya) - Rt Revd Joseph Kibucwa.
Hereford	<i>Wye Reaches Group</i> - Dixton & Wyesham, Whitchurch & Ganarew, Bishopswood: Tim Starling; Associate Priest - Penny Powdrill, Assistant Priest - Jill Stephens; Whitchurch CE Primary School; Kymin View Primary School, Wyesham.
Today	Curates residential on Mission.
Friday 29th November: <i>Day of Intercession for the Missionary Work of the Church</i>	
Anglican	Kisingani (Congo) - Rt Revd Lambert Funga Botolome.
Hereford	<i>Wye Brooks Benefice</i> - Goodrich w Welsh Bicknor, Marstow, Llangarron, Llangrove, Welsh Newton w Llanrothal: Ben Bentham; Assistant Curates - Penny Powdrill and Jill Stephens; Goodrich CE Primary School; Llangrove CE Primary School; and the Benefice LMDG.
Saturday 30th November: Andrew, apostle	
Anglican	Kita-Kanto (Japan) - Rt Revd Francis Xavier Hiroyuki Takahashi.
Hereford	Pray for all benefices that are presently vacant: for churchwardens, parish reps and all involved in the search for a new incumbent, for those covering services and pastoral work during the vacancy, and for the roles of patron, rural dean, archdeacon and bishop within the search, selection and appointment process.
Prayer <i>Charles Spurgeon</i>	Lord, accept me; I here present myself, praying only to live in thee and to thee. Let me be as the bullock which stands between the plough and the altar, to work or to be sacrificed; and let my motto be, "Ready for either."

SUNDAY 1st December: 1st of Advent	
Anglican Hereford	Episcopal Church of South Sudan - Most Revd Justin Badi Arama, Archbishop. Pray for all that ensures that all who are vulnerable can be assured of protection and safe care when they attend our churches and take part in worship and other activities. Pray for best practice in organisation, selection and appointment. Pray for Carl Steventon, Safeguarding Officer, and his colleagues, for safeguarding officers in our local benefices and churches, and that we may continue to respond appropriately and with care and sensitivity to any situation of hurt or need that may arise.
Porvoo	<i>Scottish Episcopal Church: St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane, Bishop Ian Paton; Finland: Borgå (Porvoo), Bishop Bo-Göran Åstrand.</i>
The Wider View <i>Nürnberg</i>	Pray for all our linked deaneries, parishes and churches, some very active, some less so. Give thanks for the summer visit from Hilpoltstein, with a pilgrimage to the Golden Valley, and from Weissenburg to Leominster earlier in the year, with the possibility of a return visit in 2025.
This Week	Pray for our use of Advent and Christmas materials, including this year's booklet of reflections, " Follow the Star - Calm and Bright ". Sunday is World AIDS Day ; pray for all in our world, and in the UK, who are living with AIDS, and for those who offer support and advice, and work to educate and to counter prejudice. Pray that the declared aim of the Terence Higgins Trust, for new cases of HIV to end by 2030, maybe achieved. Cyber Monday is (like Black Friday) another cynical marketing exercise, offering on-line bargains. Pray for those likely to commit to more than they can afford, and for those who may fall victims to scammers and fake deals. Monday is also the UN International Day for the Abolition of Slavery . Alongside traditional forms of forced labour like bonded labour and debt bonds are more contemporary forms of forced labour, as when migrant workers are trafficked for economic exploitation, working for example in domestic servitude, construction, the food and garment industries, on farms or in forced prostitution. Pray for the release of those misused in this way. As a patron of children, Nicholas of Myra , remembered on Friday, features in many Christmas traditions, influenced by his reputation for generosity and his care for children. He is also patron of charitable guilds, sailors, unmarried girls, merchants, and pawnbrokers. Give thanks for the spirit of kindness, and pray for it to be present in every situation of human hurt. During December many people use Christmas light displays as a means of raising funds for charity - individual homes, streets and whole villages. Pray for all who raise funds in this way, also for those collecting as they sing carols in shopping streets and precincts. Saturday is kept as International Civil Aviation Day , and celebrates the role of international travel in building peaceful relationships: give thanks for this, but pray also for the ways in which ease of travel can overload some communities with tourists in ways that begin to overwhelm local custom and culture.

Monday 2nd December	
Anglican	Kitale (Kenya) - Rt Revd Emmanuel Chemengich.
Hereford	<i>St Weonards Benefice</i> : St Weonards, Orcop, Garway, Tretire w Michaelchurch & Pencoyd, Hoarwithy & Hentland: Angie Kateley; St Weonards Primary School; Garway Primary School.
Tuesday 3rd December: Francis Xavier, missionary	
Anglican	Kiteto (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Isaiah Chambala.
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.
Wednesday 4th December: John of Damascus, monk; Nicholas Ferrar, deacon	
Anglican	Kitgum (Uganda) - Rt Revd Wilson Kiraa.
Hereford	<i>Care of Churches</i> : Pray for the Property Team - Stephen Challenger, Property Secretary; Sophie Mead, Housing and DAC Officer; Lorna Theophilus, Church Buildings Support Officer; Mike Williams, Diocesan Surveyor; Isobel Weare, Historic Environment Advice Assistant.
Today	Rural Deans meeting.
Thursday 5th December	
Anglican	Kitui (Kenya) - Rt Revd Josephat Mule.
Hereford	<i>Church governance</i> : Pray for all members of Diocesan Synod and Bishop's Council, and of Deanery Synods, for Rural Deans, Lay Co-Chairs, and Deanery Leadership Teams and Pastoral Committees.
Today	Ex Cathedra Christmas music by candlelight (Cathedral).
Friday 6th December: Nicholas, bishop	
Anglican	Kivu (Rwanda) - Rt Revd Augustin Ahimana.
Hereford	<i>Church governance</i> : Pray for Archdeacons Derek Chedzey and Fiona Gibson; and for Sarah Girling, Pastoral Secretary; James Adedeji, Governance & Office Administrator.
Saturday 7th December: Ambrose, bishop & teacher of the faith	
Anglican	North Kivu (Congo) - Rt Revd Adolphe Muhindo Ilesomo.
Hereford	<i>Diocesan Office</i> : Kerry Preedy, HR & Office Manager; Sarah Hedley, Secretary & Receptionist.
Prayer <i>Richard Baxter</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Keep us, O Lord, while we tarry on this earth, in a serious seeking after thee, and an affectionate walking with thee, every day of our lives: that when thou comest, we may be found not hiding our talent, nor serving the flesh, nor yet asleep with our lamp unfurnished, but waiting and longing for our Lord, our glorious King, for ever and ever.</p>

SUNDAY 8th December: 2nd of Advent	
Anglican	Episcopal Church of Sudan - Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo, Archbishop.
Hereford	<i>Telford Severn Gorge Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Dawn Taffinder; Lay Co-Chair – Anne Koe.
Local Ministry	<i>In the Telford Severn Gorge Deanery:</i> LWL: Sue Hodgetts, Pauline Mack.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Chester, Bishop Mark Tanner, Bishop Julie Conalty, Bishop Sam Corley; <i>Finland:</i> Kuopio, Bishop Jari Jolkkonen.
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	HIV continues to be a significant health factor in Tanzania, but indications are that efforts to bring it under control are succeeding. Currently some 1.5 million adult Tanzanians are HIV positive - this is 4.4% of the adult population, and is a clear decrease, along with a more than 10% reduction in new cases. There is still work to be done, however, to reach outlying areas and ensure that all who live with HIV receive the treatment they need - pray for continued progress.
This Week	<p>International Anti-Corruption Day on Monday aims to expose the way human society is subverted by corrupt practices, and to support those who as whistle-blowers speak out, sometimes to their own detriment. Pray for the highest standards to be upheld in commerce, politics and all areas of social activity and interaction.</p> <p>Tuesday is both Human Rights Day and International Animal Rights Day. Pray for those parts of our world where human rights are routinely disregarded, and especially for tribal and other minority groups unable to participate fully in their societies. But a test of our humanity is also how we relate to and care for the animals; Genesis 1 tells us that we are “given dominion” - may we come to recognise that dominion in the name of Christ, and after his example, involves caring, valuing and protecting those within our charge.</p> <p>The National Workplace Day of Remembrance takes place on Thursday - a time to remember all who have lost their lives in the course of their work, whatever their job may have involved, and at the same time to pray for all who work in conditions that expose them to danger, and for safety in workplaces of all kinds.</p> <p>Thursday is also the International Day of Neutrality. Pray for those nations which seek to adopt a strictly neutral position, something which is in many ways becoming more difficult to maintain; pray that their decision may be respected, even in times of international tension and conflict.</p> <p>St Lucy’s Day, on Friday, honours Lucia of Syracuse, martyred for secretly bringing food to Christians in hiding during the Diocletian persecution. In Sweden, though, her day remains an important part of the preparation for Christmas, perhaps because in the Julian calendar it was the shortest day of the year. Pray for the Christian churches of Sweden.</p> <p>John of the Cross, whose day is Saturday, was a mystic, a Carmelite friar and a reformer of religious communities in his native Spain, as well as being regarded as one of Spain’s finest poets. He wrote of his yearning for union with God, so that the Spirit could flow into him: give thanks for his vision.</p>

Monday 9th December	
Anglican	Kobe (Japan) - Rt Revd Augustine Naoaki Kobayashi.
Hereford	Broseley with Benthall, Jackfield, Linley with Willey & Barrow: Lynda Lilley, David Shinton, Justin Bailey; Reader – Rebecca Wood; Local Worship Leader: Sue Hodgetts; 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.
Tuesday 10th December	
Anglican	Koforidua (<i>Ghana</i> West Africa) - Rt Rev Felix Odei Annancy.
Hereford	Coalbrookdale, Ironbridge & Little Wenlock: Ernest Okeke; Reader – Carilyn Simkin; Local Worship Leader: Pauline Mack; Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge CE Primary School.
Today	Bishop's Staff.
Wednesday 11th December: Ember Day	
Anglican	Kolhapur (North India) - Rt Revd Sandeep Suresh Vibhute.
Hereford	<i>Madeley</i> : St Michael's Madeley – <i>vacant</i> , 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 Andy Ackroyd and family as they move into the parish to take up the role of Vicar, and for the church as they prepare to welcome him.
Thursday 12th December	
Anglican	Kollam-Kottarakkara (South India) - Rt Revd Oommen George.
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.
Today	MU Midday Prayers.
Friday 13th December: Lucy, martyr; Samuel Johnson, moralist; Ember Day	
Anglican	Kondoa (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Given Gaula.
Hereford	<i>Mission & Ministry</i> : Elizabeth Wild, Director; Mark Melliush, Mission Enabler; Mary Oxley, Team Administrator; Stephen Hollinghurst, Mission Enabler Environment; Joe Simons, Mission Enabler Church and Society.
Saturday 14th December: John of the Cross, poet, teacher of the faith; Ember Day	
Anglican	Kongor (<i>Jonglei</i> South Sudan) - Rt Revd Gabriel Thuch Agot.
Hereford	<i>Parish Giving</i> : Mark Simmons, Lead Parish Giving Adviser; Rosa Speyer, Parish Giving Adviser (Communicating Generosity).
Today	Christmas Fair at the Cathedral.
Prayer <i>Francis Brienen</i>	We thank you, God, for the wilderness: wilderness is our place. As we wait for the land of promise, teach us the ways of new living, lead us to where we hear your word most clearly, renew us and clear out the wastelands of our lives, prepare us for life in the awareness of Christ's coming, when the desert will sing, and the wilderness blossom as a rose.

SUNDAY 15th December: 3rd of Advent	
Anglican	Anglican Church of Tanzania - Most Revd Maimbo Mndolwa, Archbishop.
Hereford	Pray that at every level of ministry we may affirm and value the rights, abilities and value of every person, without regard to age, gender, background or ethnicity, and that this may be reflected as a mission priority in our planning and programmes, and in selection and appointments.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Southwell & Nottingham, Bishop Paul Williams, Bishop Andy Emerton; <i>Norway:</i> Borg, Bishop Kari Mangrud Alfsvåg.
The Wider View	Christmas is a time when people are travelling, not only within our own land but also internationally. Travel between continents is a significant factor in the spread of infectious disease - many people come back from holiday with coughs and colds and (sometimes) worse. This includes emerging diseases like Covid and more recently Monkey Pox. To the individual sufferer these two diseases are unpleasant and potentially dangerous or even deadly, but overall their impact on populations has been fairly mild. That may not be true of the next one: pray we may work internationally to build a collaborative worldwide framework for effective research and control of emerging diseases.
This Week	<p>Pray for all who teach languages, within our schools and at higher levels of education; pray also for the work of translators, within conferences and international politics, within our courts, and within scientific and technological research. Give thanks for the skill of those who translate literature, and pray for the work of Bible translators.</p> <p>Wednesday is kept as International Migrants Day. The word “migrant” has become a very negative one in recent times: migration is seen widely in terms of problem. Other though leave the UK each year to work elsewhere or to retire elsewhere. The UN Secretary-General António Guterres has said: “Migration is a powerful driver of economic growth, dynamism and understanding. It allows millions of people to seek new opportunities, benefiting communities of origin and destination alike.” Pray for those who arrive here, and for those who leave, in search of new opportunities and a better life.</p> <p>Tuesday begins the “Great O’s” - in which we traditionally count down the last seven days of Advent by reflecting on some of the Messianic titles derived from Old Testament scripture. This begins with O Sapientia (O Wisdom) on Tuesday. Pray that amid the noise and glitter of the countdown to Christmas in the wider world, on our high streets and even at church or in school, we may find time and space to meditate on “the reason for the season” - the gift of the Christ Child, and his call to us to open our hearts to his love.</p> <p>Tuesday also remembers Eglantyne Jebb. At the end of the First World War she founded Save the Children, to bring relief to children caught up in famine in Germany and Austria-Hungary. She was also a tireless campaigner for children’s rights, and drafted the document that was to become the Declaration of the Rights of the Child. Pray for the work of Save the Children today, in some 115 countries worldwide.</p>

Monday 16th December	
Anglican	Kongor (<i>Jonglei</i> South Sudan) - Rt Revd Gabriel Thuch Agot.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for our outreach to those “on the fringe” of our churches, and for our profile within the wider community.
Tuesday 17th December: O Sapientia; Eglantyne Jebb, social reformer	
Anglican	Kontagora (<i>Lokoja</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Jonah Ibrahim.
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 18th December: O Adonai	
Anglican	Kootenay (<i>British Columbia</i> Canada) - Rt Revd Lynne McNaughton.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for all newly coming to faith, and for their welcome and nurture. Pray for all that encourages and resources us in discipleship, and for confidence as we speak of and share our faith with those around us.
Thursday 19th December: O Radix Jesse	
Anglican	Eastern Kowloon (Hong Kong) - Rt Revd Timothy Kwok.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> As work and discussion continues, pray that the Diocesan Strategy for the next six years may enable our resources to be used more effectively and in a more connected-up way, to encourage and support new vocations and a stronger spirit of active mission and service across the variety of churches and communities which make up our diocese.
Friday 20th December: O Clavis David	
Anglican	Western Kowloon (Hong Kong) - Most Revd Andrew Chan.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray we may see care for God’s world as vitally part of our call to mission; and pray for churches looking to lighten their carbon footprint and to be more environment-friendly. Pray for parishes taking part in the Eco Church scheme sponsored by La Rocha.
Saturday 21st December: O Oriens	
Anglican	Krishna-Godavari (South India) - Rt Revd George Cornelious Tanteputi.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for our cathedral and the other “great churches” of our Diocese, and those, many of them volunteers, who help ensure a welcome and pastoral provision for all who come and visit. Pray for the various Christmas events and acts of worship, and those who attend them.
Prayer <i>Julian of Toledo</i>	<p>O Son of David. I approach you with a humbled spirit. In the hope and strength that you have given me, I dare to speak to you.</p> <p>With the key of your cross open up the secrets of my heart; send one of the seraphim with a burning coal from your altar to cleanse my soiled lips.</p> <p>Grant that my tongue, in loving service of my neighbour, may never speak in error but bravely and without ceasing proclaim your truth.</p>

SUNDAY 22nd December: 4th of Advent *O Rex Gentium*

Anglican Hereford	Church of the Province of Uganda - Most Revd Stephen Kasiimba, Archbishop. Pray for all our churches as we prepare for the Christmas services: for our choirs, for those who clean and prepare our buildings, and that all who come to share in our worship may feel welcomed and affirmed. Pray for those who year by year come back - sometimes from far away - to the church they think of as "theirs". Pray also for those who may be struggling at Christmas because of recent bereavement or some other traumatic experience, and that they may find peace and feel supported as they join us.
Porvoo	<i>Norway</i> : Oslo, Bishop Kari Veiteberg; <i>England</i> : Durham, <i>vacant</i> , Bishop Sarah Clark; <i>Scottish Episcopal Church</i> : Moray, Ross & Caithness, Bishop Mark Strange.
The Wider View	In the week of Christmas, pray for all the peoples of the Holy Lands and the lands around, and for the three great faiths that find their focus there. At the time of writing this there seems little doubt, sadly, that the war between Israel and Hamas forces will continue, and families (and Israeli hostages) remain trapped in Gaza. There may also be increased fighting between Israel and the forces of Hezbollah, and unrest on the West Bank and elsewhere. Pray that peace may dawn on these troubled lands as we celebrate the birth of the one called Prince of Peace, and pray for the churches of Bethlehem and Jerusalem.
This Week	Pray for all who will be travelling this weekend and through the week, many to spend Christmas with families and friends. May they do so safely, whatever mode of transport they use. Pray especially for road safety through the Christmas period, and for the work of the police and other emergency services. The final O Antiphon, on Monday, is O Emmanuel , meaning of course "God is with us". May our prayerful keeping of Advent lead us to wonder afresh at the God who is with us - the Creator entering his creation not in wrathful power but in the meekness and helplessness of a human baby. Pray for all who will spend Christmas alone , and for church and community initiatives to provide warmth and welcome for those who need it. Pray for the homeless on our streets (and the hidden homeless, sofa-surfing or squatting), and that there may have been a generous response to the Christmas appeals of Crisis, Shelter and the many local organisations reaching out to and providing refuge and advice for those who are homeless. Give thanks for those who will be working over Christmas , in the essential and emergency services that ensure our comfort and safety. Pray also for prisoners and for prison staff. Pray for all families that are divided at Christmas for whatever reason, and for reconciliation where this is needed. The post-Christmas saints' days include Stephen , first martyr and the Holy Innocents , prompting our prayer for our sisters and brothers in the faith who face discrimination and persecution, and for the many innocent victims, too many of them children, of the violence of others in our world. Give thanks also for John's great image of Christ the Word, who is light in our world's darkness.

Monday 23rd December: O Emmanuel	
Anglican	Kubwa (Abuja Nigeria) - Rt Revd Duke Akamisoko.
Hereford	<i>Supporting prayer:</i> More people pray than come to church, or even - say some surveys - profess a faith in God. Pray for the creation of prayer spaces in our church buildings - for places that feel safe, welcoming and comfortable.
Tuesday 24th December: Christmas Eve	
Anglican	Kuching Malaysia (SE Asia) - Rt Revd Datuk Danald Jute.
Hereford	<i>Supporting prayer:</i> Pray for prayer groups in our churches, and also that prayer may become an essential part of all we plan and decide and do, and more than simply an add on at the beginning and end of meetings.
Wednesday 25th December: CHRISTMAS DAY	
Anglican	Kumasi (Ghana West Africa) - Rt Revd Oscar Christian Amoah.
Hereford	<i>Supporting prayer:</i> Pray for the creative introduction and use of prayer within our church schools, and that we may teach, support and encourage our children to bring their thoughts, hopes and fears to the Lord.
Thursday 26th December: Stephen, deacon and first martyr	
Anglican	Kumi (Uganda) - Rt Revd Michael Okwi Esakhan.
Hereford	<i>Supporting prayer:</i> Give thanks for those whose prayers for us are so important - especially in those dry times when we struggle to pray ourselves; pray for all who feel called to a ministry of prayer within our churches, and for those who as solitaries or religious communities follow a rule of life in which the daily round of tasks and duties is built around prayer.
Friday 27th December: John, apostle & evangelist	
Anglican	Kurunegala (Ceylon <i>extra-Provincial</i>) - Rt Revd Nishantha Fernando.
Hereford	<i>Supporting prayer:</i> Pray for those who develop liturgical resources, and for all who as collectors or writers of prayers help enrich the church worship and private devotion. Pray also for our prayerful use of hymns, and of the Psalms and other scriptures, and of methods of Bible study that lead into prayer.
Saturday 28th December: The Holy Innocents	
Anglican	Kushtia (Bangla Desh) - Rt Revd Hemen Halder.
Hereford	<i>Supporting prayer:</i> Give thanks for the shafts of light that come suddenly when the day seems solemn and dark, for the times when water springs up in the dry places of our lives - for all that encourages us to keep travelling on.
Prayer <i>Gerard Manley Hopkins</i>	<p>Moonless darkness stands between. Past, the past, no more be seen! But the Bethlehem star may lead me to the sight of him who freed me from the self that I have been. Make me pure, Lord: thou art holy; make me meek, Lord: thou wert lowly; Now beginning, and always: now begun, on Christmas Day.</p>

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Linde Melhuish (Year 3 - Hop Churches)
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Kington & Weobley - vacant
Ledbury - vacant
Leominster - Culain Morris
Ross & Archenfield - vacant
Bridgnorth - Garry Ward
Clun Forest - Julia Francis
Condover - vacant
Ludlow - vacant
Pontesbury - Julia Francis
Telford Severn Gorge - Garry Ward