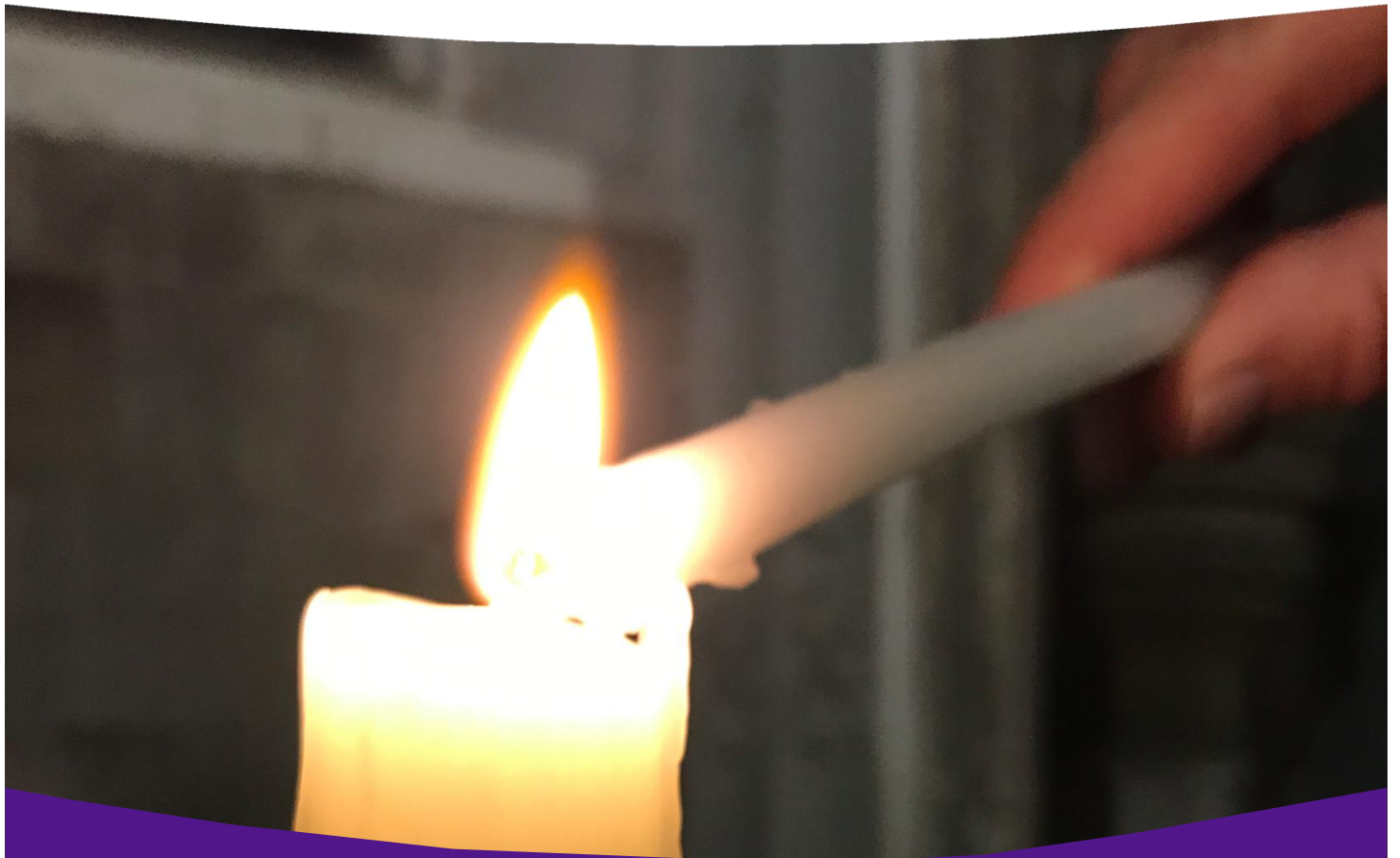




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Prayer Diary

April to June 2025

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The Year of Engagement is based on the five marks of mission:

The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ:

1. TELL - To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
 2. TEACH - To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
 3. TEND - To respond to human need by loving service
 4. TRANSFORM - To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
 5. TREASURE - To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth
- We continue to pray that more lives will be transformed and that more people will come to know Christ across our diocese's communities, villages, and towns.

Hereford Archdeaconry

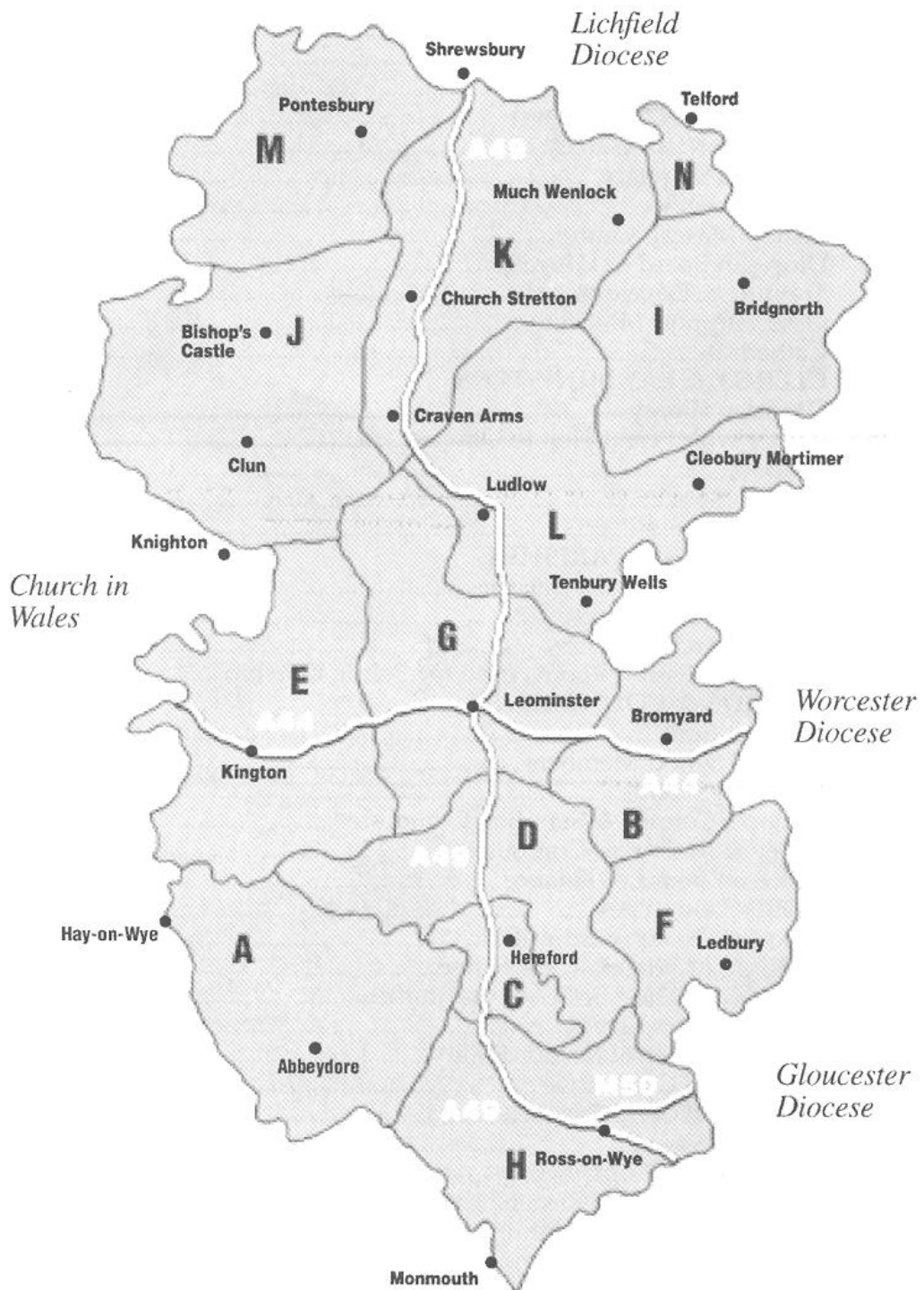
The Deaneries

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

Ludlow Archdeaconry

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

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



The Prayer Diary - April to June 2025

The main part of this Prayer Diary covers the quarter from Sunday 30th March to Saturday 28th June, 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** - Focuses for prayer during the week, on themes and issues in healthcare, the community, education and the changing seasons.
- **Prayer** - A prayer or reflection appropriate to the week.

Bill Rowells, after faithfully collating and editing this prayer diary for a number of years has decided to step back- thank you Bill for your tireless efforts, appreciated by many across the diocese. Over the next few quarters we shall have a few guest editors bringing slightly different nuances to the diary.

Please send entries for the next edition which covers the quarter July to September 2025 to the Bishop's Chaplain (Chaplain@hereford.anglican.org) clearly marked in the subject area as Prayer Diary. The more we know about events and activities, the more accurate and focused our prayer biddings can be. Please also get in touch if you spot any mistakes or omissions - they do happen, alas, but we will always do our 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
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
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)
USPG	-	United Society - Partners in the Gospel

SUNDAY 30th March: Mothering Sunday		BST Begins
Anglican	The Church of the Province of West Africa	
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>Sweden: Lund; Ireland: Cashel, Ossory and Ferns; England: Ely.</i>	
The Wider View	Pray for world peace, for the many nations divided by civil conflict, and for those attacked by others. Pray for those seeking to provide refuge and humanitarian aid to those trapped in war zones or forced to leave land and homes.	
This Week	<p>Sunday is also World TB Day. Tuberculosis is a worldwide epidemic, but this year's theme reminds us that it can be beaten. Pray for increased investment, and for co-operation among nations to make this happen.</p> <p>Monday is FND Awareness Day. Functional Neurological Disorder affects the brain network, can happen to anyone at any age, and can be severe and disabling. Access to specialist care, or lack of appropriate care, can be a serious issue in much of the UK. Pray for better awareness and improved provision.</p> <p>On All Fools' Day, Tuesday, may we be reminded that the foolishness of God is wiser than all human wisdom, and be ready, like Paul, to know nothing but Christ, and him crucified</p> <p>Purple Day on Tuesday raises awareness of epilepsy: pray for all who live with this condition, and for their care and support.</p>	
Monday 31st March:		
Anglican	Cyangugu (Rwanda).	
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for organists, worship leaders and other musicians in our churches, for choirs and worship groups and for all that helps lift our hearts in praise.	
Tuesday 1st April:		
Anglican	Cyprus & the Gulf (Jerusalem/ME).	
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 and well-presented.	
Wednesday 2nd April:		
Anglican	Daegeon (Korea).	
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for tower captains and bell ringers, for the Diocesan Guild, and for all who are learning to ring.	
Thursday 3rd April:		
Anglican	North Dakota (<i>Province VI</i> TEC).	
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 Easter communion at home.	

Friday 4th April:	
Anglican	South Dakota (<i>Province VI</i> TEC).
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 the welcome and refuge our buildings and worship communities can offer to those in need.
Saturday 5th April:	
Anglican	Dallas (<i>Province VII</i> TEC).
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for all who help to plan and lead worship, especially as we approach Easter, and that the worship we offer may be joyful, relevant and heartfelt.
Prayer <i>William Temple</i>	<p>O loving Saviour, we would linger by thy cross, that the light of thy perfect love may shine into the secret places of our souls, showing what is vile there, so that it may shrink away; and nurturing there whatever is pure or lovely or of good report, so that, beholding thee, we may become more like thee, thou revealer of God to humankind, thou guide of humankind to God.</p>
SUNDAY 6th April	
Anglican	The Church in the Province of the West Indies.
Hereford	<i>Ledbury Deanery:</i> Rural Dean; Lay Co-Chair; Deanery Leadership Team
Local Ministry	<i>In the Ledbury Deanery:</i> Lay Pastoral Visitors and Local Lay Ministers.
Porvoo	<i>Ireland:</i> Armagh; <i>Denmark:</i> Funen.
The Wider View <i>Nürnberg</i>	Please pray for Bishop Elisabeth and all our partners in the Nuremberg Episcopal Area of the Lutheran Church of Bavaria, as they face the challenge of falling revenues, and are having to re-organise parishes and cut posts.
This Week	<p>Monday is World Health Day, which this year will kick off a year-long campaign on maternal and newborn health. The campaign, titled <i>Healthy beginnings, hopeful futures</i>, will urge governments and the health community to ramp up efforts to end preventable maternal and newborn deaths, and to prioritize women's longer-term health and well-being. Pray for the many millions in our world who do not have access to essential healthcare.</p> <p>Wednesday commemorates Dietrich Bonhoeffer, whose opposition to the Nazi regime prompts prayer for all those whose faith leads them to stand against oppression and discrimination, and in support of those who are marginalised, often at great personal risk or cost.</p>

	<p>April is kept as Stress Awareness Month: Stress continues to be a significant public health challenge, and the month has sought to open a dialogue and to create safe space for people to talk about the impact stress creates in their professional and personal lives. Pray we may be challenged to see what we can do to make things better, and be agents of positive change.</p> <p>This is also Parkinson's Awareness Month, educating people on the many symptoms that impact daily life, and how to recognize the early signs that can lead to an earlier Parkinson's diagnosis and a better quality of life. Pray for all who live with this disabling disease, and for their families and friends.</p> <p>William Law, remembered on Thursday, was unable to swear allegiance to King George I, and therefore lost his position at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. His spiritual writings, especially 'A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life' greatly influenced the leaders of the great Evangelical Revival of the 18th Century. He emphasised thankfulness to God as the basis from which all our Christian work and witness should spring - pray for that spirit of thankfulness within every part of our Church today.</p> <p>Pray for all who work in the hospitality and tourism sector within our communities, as the Easter holiday begins the new season.</p>
Monday 7th April:	
Anglican	Damaturu (<i>Jos Nigeria</i>).
Hereford	Clergy and Lay leaders in Ledbury with Eastnor. John Masefield High School; Ledbury Primary School; Eastnor Parochial CE Primary School; Ledbury Community Health and Care Centre.
Tuesday 8th April:	
Anglican	Dar-es-Salaam (Tanzania).
Hereford	Clergy and Lay leaders in <i>The Hop Churches</i> – Ashperton, Bosbury, Canon Frome, Munsley, Stoke Edith, Stretton Grandison, Tarrington and Yarkhill. Bosbury CE Primary School; Ashperton Primary Academy.
Wednesday 9th April: Dietrich Bonhoeffer commemoration day	
Anglican	Davao (Philippines).
Hereford	Clergy and Lay leaders in <i>The Cider Churches</i> – Aylton, Putley, Pixley, Wellington Heath, Little Marcle, Much Marcle and Yatton. Much Marcle CE Primary School.
Thursday 10th April:	
Anglican	St Davids (Wales).
Hereford	Clergy and Lay leaders in Colwall with Upper Colwall & Coddington. Colwall CE Primary School; The Elms School; The Downs School.
Friday 11th April:	
Anglican	Delaware (<i>Province III TEC</i>).
Hereford	Clergy and Lay leaders in Cradley, Mathon & Storridge. Cradley CE Primary School.

Saturday 12th April:	
Anglican	Delhi (North India).
Hereford	Clergy and Lay leaders in Fownhope, Mordiford, Brockhampton, Woolhope & Checkley. St Mary's CE Primary School, Fownhope (Tim Milne); Mordiford CE Primary School (Sue Warmington).
Today	The Hereford Passion play, performed by Saltmine Theatre in the streets of the city- pray for engagement with the public as the story of Easter is retold.
Prayer <i>Martin Luther</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Almighty God, who by the death of thy Son hast overcome sin and death, and by his resurrection hast restored innocence and eternal life, in order that, delivered from the power of the devil, we may live in thy kingdom: grant unto us that we may believe this with our whole heart, and, steadfast in this faith, may praise and thank thee evermore; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord.</p>
SUNDAY 13th April: Palm Sunday	
Anglican	The Episcopal Anglican Province of Alexandria.
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>Sweden</i> : Uppsala; <i>Wales</i> : Llandaff.
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	Sporadic measles outbreaks in various of Tanzania since 2022 have led to an intensive national vaccination campaign targeting children between ages of one and four years, supported by the WHO. Some eight million children have received vaccination, but there is still mistrust of vaccination in some areas. Pray that all children may receive the healthcare and protection they need.
This Week	<p>As Holy Week begins, give thanks for the Christ who, in human frailty, walks the road we walk, and pray that in this week we may walk in the way of his suffering, and, by the victory of the cross, may share also in his resurrection. The Chrism Eucharist on Wednesday prompts prayer for all who exercise ministry in our parishes, and for our commitment as parish churches to be a serving and healing presence in the communities in which we are set.</p> <p>On Maundy Thursday give thanks for the saving love of Christ expressed in the breaking of bread and sharing of wine, and pray that we may be ready to serve one another and be servants to the world, as he has served us.</p> <p>Pray for the many events and worship activities of Good Friday around our Diocese, and especially for those that bring different churches together, and are a public witness to our faith and our Lord.</p> <p>On Saturday, Easter Eve, pray for all who feel the pain of bereavement and loss, and for the care we offer to the newly bereaved.</p> <p>Pray for all who are receiving treatment for bowel cancer, and for all who are working to combat this disease. Bowel Cancer UK's "Active for April" campaign</p>

	<p>this month aims to raise both funds and awareness. Pray for campaigns and information to help ensure awareness and early diagnosis.</p> <p>Pray for all who teach and translate the scriptures, and especially for the work of bringing the Bible to young eyes and ears in creative ways.</p>
Monday 14th April: Monday of Holy Week	
Anglican	Derby (<i>Canterbury</i> England).
Hereford	Clergy and Lay leaders in <i>The Bartestree Cross Group</i> - Lugwardine with Bartestree, Weston Beggard, Dormington, Withington, and Westhide. Lugwardine Primary Sch; Withington Primary Sch; St Mary's RC High School.
Tuesday 15th April: Tuesday of Holy Week	
Anglican	Derry & Raphoe (<i>Armagh</i> Ireland).
Hereford	<p>Pray for the Diocesan <i>Education Team</i>: Gemma Martin, Diocesan Director of Education; Tim Reid, Executive Diocesan Director of Education (Hereford & Worcester Dioceses);</p> <p>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.</p>
Wednesday 16th April: Wednesday of Holy Week	
Anglican	Dhaka (Bangladesh).
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 offer voluntary help and support. Pray for their rest during this School holiday
Thursday 17th April: Maundy Thursday	
Anglican	San Diego (<i>Province VIII</i> TEC).
Hereford	<i>Education</i> : Andrew Teale, CEO of DHMAT (Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust), and all who work with him.
Friday 18th April: Good Friday	
Anglican	Divine Hope <i>Angola</i> (Mozambique & Angola).
Hereford	<i>Education</i> : Parent-Teacher and friends associations, and all who help support our schools financially, including helping to fund extracurricular activities.
Saturday 19th April: Easter Eve	
Anglican	Dogura (Papua New Guinea).
Hereford	<i>Education</i> : All that develops and deepens links between our churches and all kinds of centres of education within our parishes and communities.
Prayer	<p>O God, early in the morning I cry to you: help me to pray, and to concentrate my thoughts on you - I cannot do this alone.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">In me there is darkness, but with you there is light.</p> <p>I am lonely, but you do not leave me; I am feeble in heart, but with you is strength. I am restless, but with you is peace; in me is bitterness, but with you is patience.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I do not understand your ways, but you know the way for me.</p> <p>Restore me to freedom, help me to so live now, that I may answer before you and before me. Lord, whatever this day may bring, your name be praised!</p>
<i>Dietrich Bonhoeffer</i>	

SUNDAY 20th April: Easter Sunday	
Anglican	The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Deanery: For the Rural Dean, Lay Co-Chair, and the Deanery Leadership Team. Link with Weissenburg (Nuremberg).</i>
Local Ministry	<i>For commissioned lay ministers in the Leominster Deanery.</i>
Porvoo	<i>England: Derby; Ireland: Clogher; Denmark: Aalborg.</i>
The Wider View <i>Nürnberg</i>	We pray for the Wilhelm-Löhe-Schule and the Hans Sachs Gymnasium in Nuremberg and their many contacts, past and present, with schools in our Diocese; and for the growing number of schools which are linked through Coventry's International Cross of Nails (ICON) fellowship.
This Week	<p>Pray for visitors to our churches at Easter and through the Bank Holiday week, and that they may feel welcomed, affirmed and refreshed.</p> <p>Pray on Easter Day that the glory of the Resurrection may touch our hearts afresh, reminding us that with God nothing is impossible or without hope, and inspiring us to praise and service.</p> <p>Wednesday is St George's Day: pray we may be proud of our heritage, and that this may be expressed in a generous spirit that honours the rights and freedoms of all.</p> <p>Friday commemorates Mark the Apostle, writer of the shortest of our Gospels, with a refreshing directness and a sense of urgency. Pray for all our use of the Bible, and for study groups, etc, in our churches.</p> <p>This week is World Malaria Day, focusing attention on one of the major killer diseases of our world. Global travel and climate change may impact on malaria (and several other diseases) by allowing the spread of species of mosquito into new areas. Pray for the continued investment and sustained political commitment that will be needed for malaria to be prevented and controlled.</p>
Monday 21st April	
Anglican	Doko (<i>Lokoja</i> , Nigeria).
Hereford	<i>Leominster Clergy with PTO.</i>
Tuesday 22nd April:	
Anglican	Dominican Republic (<i>Province IX</i> , TEC) - Rt Revd Moisés Quezada Mota.
Hereford	Clergy and Lay leaders in <i>The Burghill Group</i> . Burghill; Moreton-on-Lugg; Stretton Sugwas; Pipe-cum-Lyde. Burghill Academy, Stretton Sugwas CE Academy. Stretton Sugwas Nursing Home.
Wednesday 23rd April George, martyr, patron of England	
Anglican	Dornakal (South India).
Hereford	Clergy and Lay leaders in Canon Pyon with Kings Pyon, Birley & Wellington. Canon Pyon CE Academy; Wellington Primary School.

Thursday 24th April	
Anglican	Down & Dromore (<i>Armagh, Ireland</i>).
Hereford	Clergy and Lay leaders in Kingsland with Eardisland, Aymestrey & Leinthall Earles. Kingsland Primary School.
Friday 25th April: Mark, evangelist	
Anglican	Dublin & Glendalough (<i>Dublin, Ireland</i>).
Hereford	Clergy and Lay leaders in <i>Leominster Team Ministry</i> .
Saturday 26th April	
Anglican	Duk (<i>Jonglei, South Sudan</i>).
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry</i> : The Priory, Leominster; Community Hospital; Leominster County Primary School; Earl Mortimer College; Westfield School, Leominster.
Prayer <i>Augustine of Hippo</i>	<p>O God, by your mercy strengthen us who lie exposed to the rough storms of troubles and temptations. Help us against our own negligence and cowardice, and defend us from the treachery of our unfaithful hearts. Help us, we implore you, and bring us to your safe haven of peace and happiness.</p>
SUNDAY 27th April: 2nd of Easter	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Australia.
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> : Blackburn; <i>Scotland</i> : Brechin; The Lutheran Church in Great Britain.
The Wider View	<p>The Second Sunday of Easter is known as Low Sunday, perhaps as a simple contrast with Easter Day itself as the high day of the Christian year, but perhaps also from the Latin laudes, "Let us praise". May our Easter praise resonate in all we are and do.</p> <p>The issue of migrants remains in the news. Pray that all in genuine need of refuge may find it, and that they may one day return home in peace.</p>
This Week	<p>Pray for rambling and walking groups within our communities, and for all who lead walks. Pray too for volunteers who care for footpaths and stiles.</p> <p>Pray for sheep farming families as the lambing season draws towards its close, a time of shared stress and hard work, and of immense highs and lows. Our schools start their summer term this week. Pray for all who teach and all who learn, and especially for those who will be studying now for important exams.</p> <p>The poet Christina Rossetti is remembered on Sunday. Give thanks for all who by their poetry inspire our thought, our prayers and our praise.</p>

Monday 28th April	
Anglican	Dunedin (Aotearoa / NZ / Polynesia).
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. West Eaton Nursing Home. St James' Kimbolton CE Primary School; Stoke Prior Primary School.
Tuesday 29th April	
Anglican	Dunkwa-on-Offin (<i>Ghana</i> , West Africa).
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.
Wednesday 30th April: Mellitus, bishop; Seven martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood	
Anglican	Durgapur (North India).
Hereford	For Clergy and Lay leaders in <i>The Maund Group</i> : 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 1st May: Philip and James, apostles	
Anglican	Central Equador (<i>Province IX</i> , TEC).
Hereford	For Clergy and Lay leaders in <i>Ludlow</i> (Ludlow St Laurence & Ludlow St John). Ludlow Community Hospital; Ludlow CE Secondary School, St Laurence CE Primary School, Ludlow Infants School, Ludlow Junior School, Ludlow College.
Friday 2nd May: Athanasius, bishop & teacher of the faith	
Anglican	Edinburgh (Scottish Episcopal Church).
Hereford	For Clergy and Lay leaders in <i>Bromfield Group</i> : Bitterley with Middleton; Stoke St Milborough & The Heath; Clee St Margaret & Cold Weston; Onibury; Bromfield; Stanton Lacy. Bitterley CE Primary School, Onny CE Primary School.
Saturday 3rd May	
Anglican	Edmonton (<i>Rupert's Land</i> , Canada).
Hereford	For Clergy and Lay leaders in <i>Ashfords Group</i> : Ludford, Ashford Carbonell, Ashford Bowdler, Caynham, Knowbury, Richards Castle. Bishop Hooper CE Primary School.
Prayer <i>John Henry Newman</i>	<p>I need thee to teach me day by day, according to each day's opportunity and needs. Give me, O my Lord, that purity of conscience which alone can receive, which alone can improve thy inspirations. Thou alone canst quicken my hearing and purge my sight, and cleanse and renew my heart, Teach me to sit at thy feet, and to hear thy word.</p>

SUNDAY 4th May: 3rd of Easter	
Anglican	Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.
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: Southwark; Norway: Björgvin.</i>
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	Both crop farming and livestock keeping are being affected negatively by climate change in Tanzania, including an increased frequency of extreme events, such as drought and flooding. Soil fertility is declining, along with yields. Pray for small farmers whose lack of resources limits their ability to cope with change; this can lead to divided families, as men migrate to urban areas in search of employment.
This Week	<p>The first Sunday in May is always kept as International Dawn Chorus Day. Give thanks for the beauty of birdsong, and pray for all who are working to protect our songbirds and the habitats they need.</p> <p>Pray for the Hereford May Fair, beginning on Tuesday, and for all involved in organising traditional spring events in our communities.</p> <p>Tuesday is World Asthma Day. Pray for all who live with asthma, their care and treatment, and the removal of causes of asthma from our environment.</p> <p>Thursday commemorates Julian of Norwich. Give thanks for the beauty and inspiration of her writings, and pray for all who continue to use her words today, in reflection and prayer.</p> <p>Pray for the work of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent, in places of need and trouble around the world. This year the theme is “I give with joy, and the joy I give is a reward.”</p> <p>Dying Matters Week, beginning on Wednesday, focuses on that thing we almost never talk about, but sometimes need to.</p>
Monday 5th May:	
Anglican	Egba (<i>Lagos Nigeria</i>).
Hereford	Clergy & Lay leaders in Cleobury Mortimer with Hopton Wafers, Neen Sollars & Milson, Neen Savage with Kinlet; Doddington. Lacon Childe School; Cleobury Mortimer Primary School; Kinlet CE Primary School.
Tuesday 6th May:	
Anglican	Egba West (<i>Lagos Nigeria</i>).
Hereford	<i>Clergy and Lay leaders in Corvedale Group: Culmington, Diddlebury, Munslow with Broadstone, Holdgate, Tugford, Abdon: John Beesley; Corvedale CE Primary School.</i>
Wednesday 7th May:	
Anglican	Egbu (<i>Owerri Nigeria</i>).
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry: Pray for our Safeguarding Team.</i>
Thursday 8th May: Julian of Norwich, anchoress & spiritual writer	
Anglican	Egypt (<i>Alexandria</i>).
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry: Pray for our Communications Team.</i>

Friday 9th May	
Anglican	Eha-Amufu (<i>Enugu</i> Nigeria).
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry:</i> Youth Hub team. Pray for all who seek to develop new forms of ministry and new mission opportunities, especially among young people and families.
Saturday 10th May	
Anglican	Ekiti (<i>Ondo</i> Nigeria).
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>John Milton</i>	Come forth out of thy royal chambers, O Prince of all the kings of the earth; put on the visible robes of thy imperial majesty, take up thy unlimited sceptre which thy almighty Father hath bequeathed thee, for now the voice of thy bride calls thee, and all creatures sigh to be renewed.
SUNDAY 11th May: 4th of Easter	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Burundi.
Hereford	<i>Pontesbury Deanery:</i> For the Rural Dean, Lay Co-Chair and Deanery Leadership Team
Local Ministry	<i>In the Pontesbury Deanery.</i>
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Gloucester; <i>Sweden:</i> Västerås.
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	Forms of modern slavery, including forced labour and forced marriage, are found in every part of our world. In Tanzania, it is estimated that some 170,000 people are victims of modern slavery, which is seen as a priority for government action. Pray for progress in criminalising the exploitation of children, increasing the legal age of marriage, and providing support for all victims of modern slavery, whatever their age, gender, etc.
This Week	Chosen to replace Judas Iscariot, Matthias , remembered this week, can stand for the continuity of apostleship. In our day we continue to claim and to declare the message of the first Apostles. This is ME Awareness Week . The number of people diagnosed with ME is growing substantially, and some 1.7 million people in the UK continue to have symptoms of Long Covid, which in many resembles ME. Pray that the ME Association may meet the challenge of offering support to all who need it. Saturday is World Hypertension Day , and promotes better awareness of high blood pressure and its health impact. Pray for awareness campaigns and blood pressure screening, and for those at risk to make the lifestyle and dietary changes that can help reduce the risk of strokes, cardiovascular disease, kidney disease etc. Pray for young people in our schools and colleges as the season of GCSE and A Level Exams gets under way.

Monday 12th May	
Anglican	Ekiti Kwara (<i>Kwara Nigeria</i>).
Hereford	For Clergy and Lay leaders in <i>The Chirbury Hills Group</i> : Chirbury, Marton-in-Chirbury, Trelystan with Leighton, Middleton-in-Chirbury with Corndon Marsh: William Rowell; LLM - Kay Yeates; Chirbury VC School (within the Shropshire Hills Federation); Leighton CP School.
Tuesday 13th May:	
Anglican	Ekiti Oke (<i>Ondo Nigeria</i>).
Hereford	For Clergy and Lay leaders in Ford; Alberbury with Cardeston & Wattlesborough; Great Wollaston, including Middletown. Trinity CE Primary School, Ford; Brynhafren CP School, Crew Green.
Wednesday 14th May Matthias, apostle	
Anglican	Ekiti West (<i>Ondo Nigeria</i>).
Hereford	For Clergy and Lay leaders in Great Hanwood, Longden & Annscroft with Pulverbatch.
Thursday 15th May:	
Anglican	Eldoret (<i>Kenya</i>).
Hereford	<i>Messy Church</i> in Pulverbatch and also in Hanwood. Longden CE School, St Thomas and St Anne's CE School, Hanwood.
Friday 16th May <i>Caroline Chisholm, social reformer</i>	
Anglican	Port Elizabeth <i>South Africa</i> (Southern Africa).
Hereford	For Clergy and Lay leaders in <i>Stiperstones Group</i> : Minsterley & Snailbeach, Habberley & Hope and Shelve. 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 17th May	
Anglican	El-Obeid (<i>Sudan</i>).
Hereford	For the Church and ministry in Pontesbury. 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>Søren Kierkegaard</i>	Lord Jesus Christ, no matter where we are, far away or near at hand, off involved in the hurly-burly of life, immersed in human cares or joys, light-hearted or down in the dumps, draw us to yourself, draw us so that we become totally yours.
SUNDAY 18th May: 5th of Easter	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Canada.
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: Guildford; Denmark: Viborg.</i>
The Wider View <i>Nürnberg</i>	We pray for those who teach and learn foreign languages, especially as language studies are being cut in many schools. Learning a language is also to engage with a culture and tradition other than our own, and to expand both awareness and opportunity. We pray for those supporting those in our community with English as an additional language.
This Week	Sunday is also National Children's Day : pray for all that ensures children have a healthy and safe childhood, and that their rights and freedoms are protected. Born and educated in York, Alcuin , commemorated on Tuesday, was active as an adviser and also as a liturgist at the court of Charlemagne. His day prompts prayer for those who develop liturgical resources within today's Church, to enable and encourage worship that is the best we can offer. Helena's day, on Wednesday, prompts prayer for all places of pilgrimage and devotion, and for all who lead pilgrimages, retreats and quiet days. Wednesday is also the World Day for Cultural Diversity . It celebrates both the richness of the world's cultures and the importance of intercultural dialogue in the cause of peace and sustainable development. Give thanks for the variety of faith and culture within the human family, and pray we may not allow differences to become barriers. World Turtle Day on Saturday prompts prayer for all who are working to reduce the pollution of our oceans. Turtles are particularly vulnerable to plastic pollution, as well as to climate change, rising sea levels, and human activity on nesting beaches. Saturday also commemorates John and Charles Wesley . Give thanks for their stories of faith, and pray for the work and witness of Methodism both locally and as part of the world Church. Pray for the work of skin clinics and specialists, and in particular for their work with skin cancers. Pray for all who experience melanomas, basal cell carcinomas, and other forms of skin cancer.
Monday 19th May:	
Anglican	Ely (<i>Canterbury</i> England).
Hereford	For Clergy and Lay leaders in Westbury, Worthen & Yockleton. Long Mountain School, Worthen; Trinity School, Ford; Westbury School.
Tuesday 20th May: Alcuin, deacon, abbot, liturgist	
Anglican	Embu (Kenya).
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Pray for the diocesan finance team, as they advise and support local volunteer treasurers and work to balance our budgets.

Wednesday 21st May <i>Helena, protector of the holy places</i>	
Anglican	Enugu (<i>Enugu Nigeria</i>).
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 in their work across the diocese.
Thursday 22nd May	
Anglican	Enugu North (<i>Enugu Nigeria</i>).
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 23rd May:	
Anglican	Esan (<i>Bendel Nigeria</i>).
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 24th May: John & Charles Wesley, evangelists and hymn writers	
Anglican	Eswatini <i>formerly Swaziland</i> (Southern Africa).
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Pray for churches to maintain their commitment to home and world mission through this time, in both regular giving and response to immediate concerns and emergencies.
Prayer <i>Lancelot Andrewes</i>	O Lord Jesus Christ, who on the first day of the week didst rise again, raise up our souls to serve the living God; and as thou didst also on this day send down on thy apostles thy most Holy Spirit, so take not the same Spirit from us, but grant that we may be daily renewed and plentifully enriched by his power, for thine own mercy's sake.
SUNDAY 25th May: Rogation Sunday The Venerable Bede, scholar & historian; <i>Aldhelm, bishop</i>	
Anglican	Church of the Province of Central Africa.
Hereford	<i>Ross and Archenfield Deanery:</i> For the Rural Dean and all in leadership there.
Local Ministry	<i>For all those locally commissioned to minister in the Ross & Archenfield Deanery</i>
Porvoo	<i>England: Exeter; Norway: Nord-Hålogaland.</i>
The Wider View	Pray for all in our world whose lives and livelihoods have been impacted by disaster, both natural and of human origin. Severe weather events and other impacts of global warming continue to strike poor and marginal communities, as do the effects of war and civil disorder, political unrest and corruption. Pray for all involved in ensuring that both emergency relief and longer term help get to those most in need of it.
This Week	Sunday remembers the Venerable Bede , monk, scholar and historian. Give thanks for all who research and record our history.

	<p>The Sunday before Ascension Day is also often called Rogation Sunday, a time to reflect on prayer itself but also by tradition to pray for the farmland and its growing crops. Pray we may serve our Creator in our careful use of what he has placed into our hands.</p> <p>By tradition Rogation Days were times for fasting and prayer. Now we have the “Thy Kingdom Come” days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. Perhaps we may use the Rogation Days to draw closer to God ourselves, before from Ascension Day we pray for others to come to know and follow him.</p> <p>Pray for Thy Kingdom Come, within our diocese, nationally and around the world, and that many who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world, will receive it and respond to it.</p> <p>Wednesday is World Hunger Day, drawing attention to the immense numbers of people in our world who lack proper nutrition, and proposing sustainable ways of tackling the issue. Pray for all who lack the food they need, and especially for young families and nursing mothers.</p> <p>On Ascension Day, we honour Christ as our King, and as the one who is constantly interceding for us at the Father’s right hand; and, like the first Apostles, we wait prayerfully for the gift of his Spirit.</p> <p>Thursday is also Oak Apple Day, remembering the restoration of the Stuart monarchy. Pray for the monarchy and the institutions of our nation today.</p>
Monday 26th May	
Anglican	Etche (<i>Niger Delta</i> Nigeria).
Hereford	For Clergy & Lay leaders in Ross with Walford and Brampton Abbots. Brampton Abbots CE School; Ashfield Park Primary School; St Joseph’s RC Primary School; Walford Primary School; John Kyrle High School; Ross Community Hospital.
Tuesday 27th May:	
Anglican	Etsako (<i>Bendel</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Felix Unuokhe Olorunfemi.
Hereford	For Clergy & Lay leaders in <i>StowCaple Benefice</i> - Sellack, Kings Caple, Bridstow, Peterstow, Foy, How Caple, Sollershope. Bridstow CE Primary School, Kings Caple Primary School.
Wednesday 28th May <i>Lanfranc, monk, archbishop & scholar</i>	
Anglican	Europe (<i>Canterbury</i> England).
Hereford	For Clergy and Lay leaders in <i>Ariconium Benefice</i> – Aston Ingham, Hope Mansel, Linton, The Lea, Upton Bishop & Weston-under-Penyard; Weston-under-Penyard CE Primary School; The Lea CE Primary School.
Thursday 29th May: ASCENSION DAY <i>‘Thy Kingdom Come’ global prayer begins → 8th June</i>	
Anglican	Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe (TEC).
Hereford	For Clergy and Lay leaders in <i>Wye Reaches Group</i> - Dixton & Wyesham, Whitchurch & Ganarew, Bishopswood; Whitchurch CE Primary School; Kymin View Primary School, Wyesham.

Friday 30th May:	
Anglican	Evo (<i>Niger Delta</i> Nigeria).
Hereford	For Clergy and Lay leaders in <i>Wye Brooks Benefice</i> - Goodrich w Welsh Bicknor, Marstow, Llangarron, Llangrove, Welsh Newton w Llanrothal; Goodrich CE Primary School; Llangrove CE Primary School; and the Benefice LMDG.
Saturday 31st May:	
Anglican	Exeter (<i>Canterbury</i> England).
Hereford	<i>Ludlow Deanery</i> : For the Rural Dean, Lay Co-Chair and Deanery Leadership Team.
Prayer	<p style="text-align: center;">We pray 'Thy Kingdom Come': Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name, THY KINGDOM COME on earth as in heaven Here in this place, here in this heart, may your will be done. Provide for me today as you have all my life; Forgive me my sin, as I seek to forgive others- Thy Kingdom Come in me. Lead us not into temptation, but keep us in your will- Thy Kingdom Come For the Power, the Kingdom and the Glory are yours, from eternity to eternity, Through all the days of our lives and dreams of our nights- Thy Kingdom Come. Amen</p>
SUNDAY 1st June: Justin, martyr	
Anglican	Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.
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 our Diocesan Safeguarding team, 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> : Hereford; <i>Lusitanian Church (Portugal)</i> ; <i>The Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad</i> .
The Wider View <i>Nürnberg</i>	We pray for our linked parishes, especially Madley and their friends in Hilpoltstein; and also for the link between All Saints' Hereford and the Old Catholic congregation in Nuremberg.
This Week	<p>With people around the world continue to pray for those you have named, to come to know Jesus and to have faith in him, as Thy Kingdom Come continues through this week.</p> <p>Sunday is Cancer Survivors Day; while more people are living beyond cancer than ever before, pray for cancer survivors experiencing challenges such as fear of recurrence, or ongoing side-effects from their treatment. Pray too for continued research and development, so that survival rates continue to improve.</p> <p>This is Child Safety Week, the Child Accident Prevention Trust's annual</p>

	<p>community education campaign, acting as a catalyst for thousands of safety conversations and activities UK-wide. Pray for the safety of children at home and elsewhere, and for parents and carers.</p> <p>Wednesday remembers the child victims of aggression in our world: pray for families and children caught up in war zones and civil unrest, for their safety and for those working to provide help and refuge.</p> <p>Thursday is World Environment Day. This year we focus on ending global plastic pollution. Pray for the many people in the world struggling against the degradation of their land due to climate change and loss of fertility.</p>
Monday 2nd June:	
Anglican	Ezo (<i>Western Equatoria</i> South Sudan).
Hereford	<i>The Clergy and lay leaders of St Weonards Benefice</i> : St Weonards, Orcop, Garway, Tretire w Michaelchurch & Pencoyd, Hoarwithy & Hentland; St Weonards Primary School; Garway Primary School.
Tuesday 3rd June: Martyrs of Uganda	
Anglican	Faisalabad (Pakistan).
Hereford	<i>The Clergy and lay leaders of 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; Much Birch CE Primary School; Hereford Steiner Academy, Much Dewchurch.
Wednesday 4th June: Petroc, abbot	
Anglican	False Bay <i>South Africa</i> (Southern Africa).
Hereford	<i>Care of Churches</i> : Pray for the Property Team and all they do to care for the churches and houses within our diocese, as we seek to work towards Net Carbon Zero.
Thursday 5th June: Boniface (Wynfrith), bishop & martyr	
Anglican	Fianarantsoa <i>Madagascar</i> (Indian Ocean).
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.
Friday 6th June Ini Kopuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood	
Anglican	Florida (<i>Province IV</i> TEC).
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 June: Thomas Ken, bishop & hymn writer	
Anglican	Central Florida (<i>Province IV</i> TEC).
Hereford	<i>Diocesan Office</i> : Kerry Preedy, HR & Office Manager; Sarah Hedley, Secretary & Receptionist.

Prayer <i>Thomas Ken</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Giver of all good things, we thank thee: for health and vigour, fro the air that gives the breath of life, the sun that warms us, and the good food that makes us strong; for happy homes and for the friends we love; for all that makes it good to live. Make us thankful and eager to repay, by cheerfulness and kindness, and by a readiness to help others. Freely we have received; let us freely give, in the name of him who gave his life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.</p>
SUNDAY 8th June: PENTECOST	
Anglican	Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.
Hereford	<i>For the newly formed Telford Severn Gorge Deanery:</i> Rural Dean, Lay Co-Chair and Deanery Leadership Team
Local Ministry	<i>In the Telford Severn Gorge Deanery.</i>
Porvoo	<i>Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland; The Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church.</i>
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	<p>In mainland Tanzania, there are more than four million clinical and confirmed cases annually of malaria, and 93% of people live in areas where malaria is endemic. Malaria remains a major cause of mortality in new born and young children; the number of deaths attributed to malaria has fallen over recent years, but seems not to be falling further. Pray for the expansion of malaria control interventions, and increased support for vulnerable populations.</p>
This Week	<p>Give thanks at Pentecost that the Church is born in the fire of the Spirit, and pray that we, like the first Apostles, may live out and share our faith in Christ with a fervour and joy that is infectious.</p> <p>This is also Bike Week, helping to improve health, efficiency and family life by getting people cycling. Pray for the safety of all who cycle on our roads, for cycle clubs and for safe places for families to go biking together.</p> <p>Barnabas, whose day is Wednesday, known as the “Son of Encouragement,” and clearly exercised a ministry that brought the best out of those around him. In this Year of Faith, pray that the faith we profess and follow may always be for the encouragement and wellbeing of those around us.</p> <p>Pray for all who are living with diabetes, for good advice to help them assess symptoms, establish discipline and keep safe, and for the work of Diabetes UK, and their vision of a world in which diabetes can do no harm.</p> <p>Pray for churches and communities planning summer events, and particularly for the people who give time and effort in taking the lead as organisers.</p> <p>As the exam season in our schools continues, pray for all who are finding the process gruelling, or are worrying about how they’ve done.</p> <p>Pray for our farmers at what is a busy time for arable farming, as silaging continues and haymaking begins, and other growing crops are attended to.</p> <p>Give thanks for blood donors, and pray for those who provide blood donor clinics within our communities.</p>

Monday 9th June	
Anglican	Southeast Florida (<i>Province IV</i> TEC).
Hereford	For Clergy and Lay leaders in Broseley with Benthall, Jackfield, Linley with Willey & Barrow; Barrow 1618 Free School; Broseley CE Primary School; John Wilkinson Primary School.
Tuesday 10th June	
Anglican	Southwest Florida (<i>Province IV</i> TEC).
Hereford	For Clergy & Lay leaders in Coalbrookdale, Ironbridge & Little Wenlock; Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge CE Primary School.
Wednesday 11th June: Barnabas, apostle	
Anglican	Fond du Lac (<i>Province V</i> TEC).
Hereford	<i>For the church and leaders in Madeley:</i> St Michael's Madeley. John Fletcher of Madeley Primary School; John Randall Primary School; Haughton Special Primary School; St Mary's RC Primary School; Madeley Academy.
Thursday 12th June	
Anglican	Fredericton (<i>Canada Canada</i>).
Hereford	For Clergy and Lay leaders in Sutton Hill and Woodside; Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School; Woodlands Primary School; William Reynolds Primary School; Abraham Darby Academy.
Friday 13th June:	
Anglican	Free State <i>South Africa</i> (Southern Africa).
Hereford	<i>Mission & Ministry:</i> Elizabeth Wild, Director; Stephen Hollinghurst, Mission Enabler Environment; Joe Simons, Mission Enabler Church and Society.
Saturday 14th June: Richard Baxter, puritan divine	
Anglican	Freetown <i>Sierra Leone</i> (West Africa).
Hereford	<i>Parish Giving:</i> Mark Simmons, Lead Parish Giving Adviser; Rosa Speyer, Parish Giving Adviser (Communicating Generosity).
Prayer <i>Richard Baxter</i>	Keep me, O Lord, while I tarry on this earth, in a daily serious seeking after thee and in a believing affectionate walking with thee; that when thou comest I may not be found hiding my talent, nor yet asleep with my lamp unfurnished, but waiting and longing for my Lord, my glorious God.
SUNDAY 15th June: TRINITY SUNDAY	
Anglican	Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.
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>Scotland:</i> Argyll and the Isles; <i>Ireland:</i> Connor; <i>Denmark:</i> Lolland-Falster.
The Wider View	Increased numbers of intercontinental travellers, changes in climate and rapid urbanisation all contribute to the spread of emerging infectious diseases. Our

	<p>world is ever more closely connected, which means the impact of infectious disease is globally shared. Much of our international news focuses on blame and problems rather than responsibility and partnership. Pray that the need may be recognised and accepted for a collaborative worldwide framework for infectious disease research and control.</p>
This Week	<p>Unlike other festivals in the church's liturgical calendar, Trinity Sunday centres on a doctrine of the church, rather than an event. On this day we celebrate the unfathomable mystery of God's being, which we speak of as Trinity. May this be a day of adoration and praise of the God who is from eternity to eternity, beyond our sight and comprehension, and who yet come to us, and reveals himself to us.</p> <p>This is Refugee Week, connecting with World Refugee Day which is Friday. The week celebrates the contributions of people seeking sanctuary, and challenges negative stereotypes, so as to create a space where refugees can be seen and heard beyond their experience of displacement. It affirms that all have a contribution to make, and rejects the idea that people seeking safety should have to 'prove their worth' more than others in society.</p> <p>The work of Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, remembered on Tuesday, is a reminder that much we take for granted in terms of social care was the result of many years of campaigning work by those who, like Henrietta Barnett, refused to let the status quo go unchallenged. Pray that in our day we may value and defend the fruits of their labours.</p> <p>Thursday is Corpus Christi. Give thanks for the institution of Holy Communion, in which our Lord promises to be present among us as we meet in his name, and break the bread he blesses.</p> <p>Friday is the Visitation, and it is as Mary visits her kinswoman Elizabeth that she speaks the words we call the Magnificat. May we praise the God who raises up the meek and lowly, and casts down from their thrones those that are mighty, who by his Son challenges the order of the world.</p> <p>The Summer Solstice falls on Saturday: give thanks for the rhythm of the seasons, and the way in which the natural world can speak to us of the wonder and majesty of its Creator.</p> <p>Saturday is also World Music Day: give thanks for the diverse and vibrant world of music, for all who write and compose, and especially for all who help children and young people to develop skills or just to enjoy different forms of music.</p> <p>World MND Day is marked on Saturday. Pray for all who live with Motor Neurone Disease and for their support, and for continued research.</p>
Monday 16th June	
Anglican	Gahini (Rwanda).
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for our outreach to those "on the fringe" of our churches, and within the wider community.

Tuesday 17th June: Samuel & Henrietta Barnett, social reformers	
Anglican	Gambella <i>Ethiopia</i> (Alexandria).
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 June: Bernard Mizeki, martyr	
Anglican	Gambia <i>Gambia, Senegal & Cape Verde</i> (West Africa).
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 helps build the confidence to speak of and share our faith with those around us.
Thursday 19th June: CORPUS CHRISTI Thanksgiving for the institution of Holy Communion <i>Sundar Singh, sadhu, evangelist & teacher of the faith</i>	
Anglican	Garissa (Kenya).
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, and may encourage and enable new vocation and a stronger spirit of active mission and service across the variety of churches and communities in which we serve.
Friday 20th June: THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
Anglican	Gasabo (Rwanda).
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray we may see care for God's world as a vital component of our call to mission; and pray for churches looking to lighten their carbon footprint and to be more environment-friendly, and parishes taking part in the Eco Church scheme sponsored by La Rocha.
Saturday 21st June:	
Anglican	Gboko (<i>Abuja Nigeria</i>) - Rt Revd Emmanuel Nyitsse.
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.
Prayer <i>Clement of Rome</i>	God our Father, by the gift of your Spirit establish and ground us in your truth. Reveal to us what we do not know; perfect in us what is lacking; strengthen in us what we know; and keep us in your service without fault; through thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.
SUNDAY 22nd June	
Anglican	St Edmundsbury & Ipswich (<i>Canterbury, England</i>)
Hereford	Pray that we might engage well with the community beyond our church-reflecting on the 5 marks of mission, ask God to show you how best to serve his purposes through them in this coming week.
Porvoo	<i>Sweden:</i> Gothenburg; <i>Scotland:</i> Glasgow and Galloway.
The Wider View	Pray for those called to leadership in the wider church around the world. Pray that they may receive the funding and support that they need to respond to the call of God and the needs of their communities.

This Week	As visitations take place, give thanks for the work of churchwardens, and pray for those newly taking on this office for the year ahead. Pray for the work of the Historic Churches Trusts , and for those who give support by opening gardens and organising other summer events.
Monday 23rd June	
Anglican	Durham (York, England).
Hereford	For Clergy and Lay leaders in <i>Wigmore Abbey</i> : Brampton Bryan, Downton, Burrington, Aston, Elton, Leintwardine, Adforton, Wigmore, Leinthall Starks. Wigmore High School; Wigmore Primary School; Leintwardine Endowed Primary School.
Tuesday 24th June:	
Anglican	Dutse (<i>Kaduna</i> , Nigeria)
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Pray for places of refuge and refreshment, those who offer spiritual direction, and all that provides sensitive and perceptive care for those whose ministry has brought them into a difficult or stressful place.
Wednesday 25th June:	
Anglican	East Kerala (South India)
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.
Thursday 26th June:	
Anglican	The Church of Bangladesh
Hereford	<i>The Clergy and Lay leaders in the 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..
Friday 27th June	
Anglican	Easton (Province III, TEC)
Hereford	<i>Support for Ukraine</i> : For the Diocesan Team and the wider volunteer base they support, providing safe spaces and ongoing support for Ukrainian refugees in our communities.
Saturday 28th June	
Anglican	Eau Claire (<i>Province V</i> , TEC).
Hereford	<i>Pray for our diocese as we reach halfway through this year, that we might know a greater sense of hope, of unity and of generosity to one another as we serve Christ in our communities.</i>
Prayer <i>Teresa of Avila</i>	<i>Lord, grant that I may always allow myself to be guided by You, always follow Your plans, and perfectly accomplish Your Holy Will. Grant that in all things, great and small, today and all the days of my life, I may do whatever You require of me. Help me respond to the slightest prompting of Your Grace, so that I may be Your trustworthy instrument for Your honour. May Your Will be done in time and in eternity by me, in me, and through me. Amen.</i>

We pray for our Curates in Training:

Richard Lonsdale (Year 3 - Pontesbury etc)
Linde Melhuish (Year 3 - Hop Churches)
Jonathan Roberts (Year 3 - Cathedral)
Andrew Falconer, (Year 2 - Colwall etc)
Fi Honeysett, (Year 2 - Leominster East Parishes)
Sarah Lupton, (Year 2 - Cleobury Mortimer)
Owen Pembery, (Year 2 - Fownhope etc)
Rosie Roberts (Year 2 - Kingsland w. Eardisland etc)
Freddie Strong (Year 2 - Gt Hanwood, Longden etc)
Michael Aylmer (Year 1)
Tracy Jones (Year 1)
William Talbot-Ponsonby (Year 1)

For our Ordinands in Training:

Alex Herbert (CGH)
Kate Edwards (CGH)
Vicky Dunlop (CGH)
Geoff Holder (CGH)
Philippa Wright (CGH)
Ewan Gillings (St Stephen's House)
Alex Day (Cuddesdon)
Joanna Day (Cuddesdon)
Christine Cattanach (CGH)
Susannah Peppiatt (CGH)

Warden and Sub-Wardens of Readers:

Warden: Mark Godson

Sub-Wardens:

Abbeydore - vacant
Bromyard – Culain Morris
Hereford - Malcolm Robertson
Kington & Weobley - vacant
Ledbury - Linde Melhuish
Leominster - Culain Morris
Ross & Archenfield - Freda Davies
Bridgnorth - Garry Ward
Clun Forest - Julia Francis
Conover - vacant
Ludlow - vacant
Pontesbury - Julia Francis
Telford Severn Gorge - Garry Ward

Pray for all who are considering or training for various forms of **lay ministry** within our churches.