

## **24TH SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 16 (PROPER 20)**

Anglican	The Church of Ireland.
Hereford	Pray for the nurture of vocation within our Diocese; for those who advise, discern and mentor, and for all considering a sense of God's call to ministry.
Porvoo	Wales: Swansea and Brecon; England: Leicester.
The Wider View	Pray for world peace, and in particular for the many nations divided by civil conflict, that may slip out of the headlines until (as recently in Libya) events like natural disasters draw our attention.
This Week	<p>In <b>Generosity</b> Week, may the message of generous living and giving in response to the generosity of God take root in every church.</p> <p><b>Migraine</b> Awareness Week begins today: around one in seven people live with migraine, often dismissed as 'just a headache', but in fact a complex and debilitating neurological disorder that impacts on quality of life, mental health and more besides.</p> <p><b>Vincent de Paul</b>, remembered on Wednesday, devoted much of his life to serving the poor. Pray for our social outreach as churches.</p> <p>In <b>Cycle to School</b> Week, pray for road safety and cycling proficiency training.</p> <p>In this week of <b>Ember Days</b>, pray for those training for ordained and other ministries, and all who guide and direct.</p> <p>This is <b>Happiness at Work</b> week: pray for all who find their work tedious, or experience bullying or exploitation in the workplace, and also for all who now work from home, who may be missing the support and social interaction of the workplace.</p> <p><b>Mesothelioma</b> Awareness Day this week prompts prayer for all living with this cancer caused by exposure to asbestos.</p> <p><b>World Tourism Day</b> this week prompts prayer that tourism - vital to many economies, may respect traditional ways of life and natural habitats.</p>

## **1ST OCTOBER - TRINITY 17 (PROPER 21)**

Anglican	Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Anglican Church in Japan).
Hereford	Ledbury Deanery.
Porvoo	England: Liverpool; Wales: Monmouth; Denmark: Haderslev.
The Wider View	Pray for girls and women in Afghanistan, as the Taliban regime continues to limit access to, e.g. education and professions, as well as to many public areas. Pray for the safety of those who speak out.
This Week	<p>The International Day of <b>Older Persons</b> today calls for the full participation of older people as stakeholders in their communities. Pray for elderly people discriminated against or neglected.</p> <p>In <b>Anaphylaxis</b> Awareness week, pray for all at risk to these severe and potentially life threatening allergic reactions.</p>

Wednesday commemorates **Francis of Assisi**. Pray for all who follow his way today, including the Society of St Francis within the Anglican Communion (and within our Diocese).

**William Tyndale** is commemorated this week. Give thanks for the ongoing work of translation and interpretation of scripture, and that people everywhere may read God's Word in their own tongue.

Pray that our **Harvest** celebrations may look outward, offering help and support to those whose harvests fall short, and pledging ourselves afresh to be faithful and generous stewards of creation. In **Black History** Month focuses on women in their contributions to literature, music, fashion, sport, business, politics, etc.

In **Dyslexia** Awareness Week - pray for all with this condition, and for acceptance and understanding.

**World Habitat** Day tomorrow focuses on the inequalities within human habitats, especially in many of the world's urban areas. Pray for all who live in substandard, dangerous or unhealthy housing.

### **8TH OCTOBER - TRINITY 18 (PROPER 22)**

Anglican Hereford	The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & the Middle East. Pray for all that enables and resources our ministry with children, young people and families, and for our church schools.
Porvoo	England: Truro; Norway: Tönsberg; Sweden: Strängnäs.
The Wider View	Primary health care (PHC) is vital to economic development, and improvements in PHC services are a priority in Tanzania; pray that access to adequate PHC may be widely and equitably available, and that poorer people may not be excluded from health services.
This Week	<p><b>Thomas Traherne</b> is remembered this week. Give thanks for his writings exploring the glory of creation, and for all who express and explore faith via the written word.</p> <p>In National <b>Arthritis</b> Week, pray for all who live with arthritis. Pray for the work of <b>hospices</b> and of palliative care worldwide, and for those who provide such care in our diocese.</p> <p>In <b>Baby Loss</b> Awareness Week, pray for all bereaved in pregnancy or at or soon after birth, and for their support and care.</p> <p><b>Robert Grosseteste</b>, remembered on Monday, was a remarkable figure in medieval history - bishop, philosopher, scholar, and one of the founders of serious scientific research in the western world. Pray for those today who explore the relationship between science and faith.</p> <p>World <b>Mental Health</b> Day this week campaigns for mental health as a universal human right. Pray for all who are excluded because they struggle with mental health.</p> <p>Pray for all <b>Readers</b> in their ministry, for those in training and those to be admitted at Saturday's Readers' Association meeting.</p>

## **15TH OCTOBER - TRINITY 19 (PROPER 23)**

Anglican	The Anglican Church of Kenya.
Hereford	Leominster Deanery.
Porvoo	Sweden: Växjö; England: Oxford.
The Wider View	Pray for our friends in Nuremberg as they continue to reflect on their hosting of the German Kirchentag in June; give thanks for the new opportunities for partnership and friendship that have emerged.
This Week	<p>In <b>Recycle Week</b>, pray we may get better at recycling, and at reducing unnecessary packaging and waste.</p> <p>Tuesday is the Day for the <b>Eradication of Poverty</b>. The gap between rich and poor in the world is widening, with many people struggling to afford the basics of life. Pray for worldwide action on this.</p> <p>Wednesday is <b>St Luke's Day</b>: pray for health and care workers, hospital chaplaincy, and all forms of healing ministry.</p> <p><b>Anti-Slavery Day</b> this week prompts prayer for all held in conditions of real or virtual slavery, and for their safety and freedom.</p> <p><b>SUDEP Action Day</b> on Wednesday shines a light on sudden unexpected death in epilepsy. Pray for all who live with epilepsy.</p> <p><b>Conflict Resolution</b> day prompts prayer for tolerance; may we get better at resolving conflict and healing division by peaceful means.</p> <p>Pray for "<b>knit and natter</b>" groups and similar enterprises that provide a reason to meet up and enjoy time together.</p> <p>Pray for <b>Credit Unions</b>, providing help and support in a safe and self-sustaining way, affordable loans and opportunities for saving.</p>

## **22ND OCTOBER - TRINITY 20 (PROPER 24)**

Anglican	The Anglican Church of Korea.
Hereford	Pray for all that helps develop shared ministry, and to stimulate faith, support teamwork and motivate action.
Porvoo	England: Carlisle; Norway: Stavanger.
The Wider View	Migrants in small boats continue to cause concern, yet many are genuinely seeking asylum, with around two-thirds of claims accepted. The issue is the lack of access to "safe and legal" routes. Pray that all who need it may find safety and refuge, and not be turned away.
This Week	<p><b>Post-Polio Syndrome</b> in later life affects some people who have had polio in earlier years, and is progressive and disabling. Pray for all who live with this condition.</p> <p>Pray for all who live with <b>speech impediments</b> of various kinds, and for all who offer speech therapy.</p> <p>Give thanks for <b>household pets</b>, and pray for their care and protection. Pray for all who rescue abandoned or unwanted pets.</p> <p>In <b>Breast Cancer Awareness Month</b>, pray for all who live with this disease, and give thanks for advances in detection and treatment.</p> <p>Pray for all who face <b>bullying</b> at school or college, and for decisive</p>

action to limit the incidence and effects of bullying.

## **29TH OCTOBER - LAST AFTER TRINITY (PROPER 25)**

Anglican	The Anglican Church of Melanesia.
Hereford	Ludlow Deanery.
Porvoo	England: Winchester; Norway: Agder and Telemark.
The Wider View	Pray for the "Train a Priest" scheme in Tanzania supported by our diocese, and for more to come forward to support this work.
This Week	<p>Pray for children and families in <b>half term week</b>.</p> <p>At <b>All Saints and All Souls</b> tide, give thanks for the lives of faith and service of those who have gone before us, and also for those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.</p> <p>At <b>Halloween</b> pray that we as churches may shine as lights, and be confident in acclaiming the triumph of Christ.</p> <p>Pray for community <b>bonfires</b> and fireworks, and that all events of this sort may take place safely.</p> <p>In <b>Pancreatic Cancer</b> Awareness Month, pray for research and improved treatments for this hard to diagnose cancer.</p> <p>In <b>Stress</b> Awareness Week, pray for those who find it difficult to manage stress in their lives.</p> <p>Pray for all who live with <b>COPD</b> and other lung diseases, for support, treatment and therapy.</p>

## **5TH NOVEMBER - 4TH BEFORE ADVENT**

Anglican	La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico.
Hereford	Give thanks for the ecumenical, interfaith and international links that are part of what defines and locates us as a diocese.
Porvoo	England: Norwich; Sweden: Luleå.
The Wider View	Pray for East African rural communities struggling to cope with the impact of changing weather patterns due to global warming, and for work to understand systems more clearly and improve forecasting.
This Week	<p>On this weekend of bonfires and fireworks, pray for <b>fire service</b> personnel, and especially retained firefighters.</p> <p>In <b>Children's Book Week</b>, pray for all that encourages a love of books and reading in children.</p> <p>Wednesday is the international Day of <b>Radiography</b>. Give thanks for all who work in this important medical discipline.</p> <p>Pray for all who have financial problems, and for those who offer advice and direction (this is <b>Talk Money Week</b>).</p> <p>In the week of <b>Armistice Day</b>, pray for the Royal British Legion - for branches, social action and Poppy Appeal collectors.</p> <p>Pray for community <b>choirs, dramatic societies</b> and other groups, preparing concerts, shows etc for Christmas.</p> <p>Pray for all who are <b>elderly and housebound</b>, and for all who help by visiting, befriending, providing lifts, doing shopping, etc.</p>