

THE CHURCH
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Prayer Diary

September to November 2019

In this quarter - Autumn to the very end of the Church's year - we're praying for Upton, Bromsgrove, Droitwich and Pershore deaneries. We also pray for Bishops around the world using the Anglican Cycle of Prayer and the Porvoo prayer calendar (www.porvoochurches.org) – in italics on the bottom of each day.



Foreword from Bishop John



There'll be a great deal going on during the period covered by this prayer diary. I mean 'a great deal' as in a lot happening, rather than in the Donald Trump sense of the phrase. That said, to use the term does, perhaps, remind us of Brexit and the need to pray earnestly for the coming together of our country following the huge divisions it continues to produce.

One of the best ways of overcoming upset and anger is to concentrate our prayerful attention on all the things for which we can be thankful. During this period we shall be celebrating harvest, an opportunity to give thanks for all the good gifts that God showers upon us. At Remembrance we can give thanks for the peace that this country has been able to enjoy since the conclusion of the Second World War. On Education Sunday we can give thanks for the education from which we all benefit in this country, free of charge.

Finally, our All Together as Kingdom People Day can serve as a reminder to give thanks for the redemption of the world by our Lord and Saviour and for the inauguration of the reign of God.

Prayer should be primarily about giving thanks and there is so much cause for gratitude.

John

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Mission-Shaped Ministry



Mission-Shaped Ministry is a part-time ecumenical course about how to start and sustain Fresh Expressions of church. Next month, this nationally recognised course will begin in two venues in the Diocese - Cradley Heath in the north and Worcester in the south. There will then be ten sessions between September and June 2020, mostly on evenings and Saturdays, but also including a residential weekend in November at the diocesan retreat

house, Holland House. The course will be run by Tom Fish and Alicia Baker in the north, and by the Revds Mark Badger and Glenn Reading in the south.

Ministry leadership teams would find the course useful to help think about new ways to engage with their local communities. Sessions will include discussions, videos and hands-on activities based on themes such as mission, vision and values, community engagement, Gospel and culture.

Tom Fish, highlights the importance of new ways of working, saying: "Fresh Expressions are the fastest growing part of the Church of England, reaching people and communities that existing churches cannot."

Find out more about the Mission-Shaped Ministry course on the diocesan website. To book a place on the course, please email training@cofe-worcester.org.uk.

Please pray that the Mission-Shaped Ministry course acts as a foundation for and highlights new missional opportunities for churches and their communities.

Upton Deanery - Rural Dean: Chris Moss; Lay Chair: Maria Toman

Edinburgh (Scotland): Bishop John Armes

Espoo (Finland): Bishop Kaisamari Hintikka

Anglican Church of South America: Archbishop Gregory Venables

Mon 26 Worcestershire Mental Health In-Patient Units

Pray for all In-Patient Units: Elgar (Worcester), Hill Crest (Redditch), New Haven (Bromsgrove). For patients as they face life's challenges with support from caring staff who respond to each need. Chaplaincy Team: Andy Green, Rachel Luckman

Olo (South Sudan): Bishop Tandema Obede • Busan (Korea): Archbishop Onesimus Dongsin Park • Kigezi (Uganda): Bishop George Bagamuhunda

Tue 27 Upton Deanery

Pray for the Synod in encouraging support for overseas mission links, and for outreach to children and young people. For our clergy including Rural Dean Chris Moss; Lay Chair: Maria Toman; Deanery Secretary: Eileen Moss; Deanery Treasurer: John Boardman

Olympia (USA): Bishop Gregory Rickel • Busoga (Uganda): Bishop Paul Moses Samson Naimanhye

Wed 28 Berrow w Pendock

Pray for the community. For Pendock CE Primary School, Head: Hannah Gilroy, for Churchwarden: Elisabeth Rambridge, ALM: David Allen, Administrator: Mel Roberts, PCC Secretary Martin Knott, Treasurer: Andrew Rambridge. For the community involvement in Berrow churchyard; for our prayer groups, bible study and Messy Church. Clergy: Julie James, Anthea Elston; Reader: Roger Gillard

Omu-Aran (Nigeria): Bishop Philip Adeyemo Butare (Rwanda): Bishop Nathan Gasatura • Butere (Kenya): Bishop Timothy Wambunya

Thur 29 Eldersfield, Hollybush & Birtsmorton

Pray for our community & for All Saints' 150th anniversary. For Eldersfield Lawn Primary School, Head: Anthony Dixon-Gough & our Open the Book team. For the bell ringers, PCC members, ALM David Allen and churchwardens: Rosemarie, Mary, Janet. Clergy: Julie James, Anthea Elston; Reader: Roger Gillard

On the Lake (Nigeria): Bishop Chijioke Oti • Buve (Burundi): Bishop Sixbert Macumi

Fri 30 Hanley Castle & Hanley Swan, Welland

Pray for wisdom and vision as we make our churches more fit for purpose and as we seek to minister to our school communities. Clergy: Barry Unwin, Linda Bedford, Sue Adeney; Reader: Alison Martin Kilmore

Elphin & Ardagh (Ireland): Bishop Ferran Glenfield • On the Niger (Nigeria): Bishop Owen Chidozie Nwokolo • Byumba (Rwanda): Bishop Emmanuel Ngendahayo

Sat 31 Families in Poverty

Please pray for all those families who are struggling to make ends meet; particularly during summer holidays for those children who would receive a free hot meal at school and whose families can't afford to do some activities other children may experience over summer.

Kimberley & Kuruman (South Africa): Bishop Oswald Swartz • Kindu (Congo): Archbishop Zacharie Masimango Katanda • Kinkiizi (Uganda): Bishop Dan Zoreka



Annually, on the second Saturday in September, cyclists, pedestrians, horse riders and motorists descend on Britain's roads and footpaths to take part in the sponsored Ride & Stride event, fundraising for their local County Churches Trust. This annual event provides the main source of income for each Trust and enables them to make grants to churches in need. Ride & Stride is inter-denominational and participants are invited to seek sponsors who pay an agreed amount for each place of worship visited by bike, foot, horse or car on the day, between 10am and 6pm.

The many volunteers across the nation who wait in churches and chapels to record the visits of all the riders and striders are as incredibly important as those who take part in the event and sponsor it. This great event is a real community effort and is central to the work of the Trust.

In the twenty years since the churches in this county have been involved, more than 200 have received grants for much-needed building repairs or fabric improvement. The money raised by each participant is shared equally between the Worcestershire and Dudley Historic Churches Trust and a nominated place of worship.

This year, the event will take place on Saturday 14 September. Find out more about our county's Ride & Stride via email on worcestershire@rideandstrideuk.org, or on their website: <https://www.rideandstrideuk.org/counties/worcestershire-and-dudley/>

Please pray for all those taking part or sponsoring the event, and also those volunteering their time. Please also pray for the ongoing, important work and support of the Worcestershire & Dudley Historic Churches Trust in our county.

Upton Deanery - Rural Dean: Chris Moss; Lay Chair: Maria Toman

York: Archbishop John Sentamu, w Bishop Paul Ferguson (Whitby), Bishop John Thomson (Selby), Bishop Alison White (Hull), Bishop Glyn Webster (Beverley)

Turku (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Finland): Archbishop Tapio Luoma, Bishop Kaarlo Kalliala
Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan: Archbishop Justin Badi Arama

Mon 2 Start of the school term

Pray for all those children returning to school shortly and for those starting in nursery and reception. Pray also for their parents and guardians as they ensure everything is ready for the new school year.

Ondo (Nigeria): Bishop Stephen Oni

Calabar (Nigeria): Bishop Tunde Adeleye • Kinshasa (Congo): Bishop Achille Mutshindui

Tue 3 All who work in schools, further and higher education

Pray for all teachers, teaching assistants and all the support staff in schools as they return for a new school year. Pray that they have been refreshed by the school holiday.

Ontario (Canada): Bishop Michael Oulton • Calcutta (N. India): Bishop Probal Kanto Dutta

Wed 4 Diocese of Peru

Please pray for all areas of formation and training across the diocese: for ongoing formation of clergy; for pastoral support of those exploring a vocation to ministry; for the development and training of lay ministers, and the basic formation of children, young people and adults in the churches.

Obomoso (Nigeria): Bishop Titus Babtunde Olayinka • Caledonia (Canada): Bishop David TJ Lehmann • Calgary (Canada): Bishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson, w Bishop Sidney Glenn Black

Thur 5 Earls Croome with Hill Croome & Strensham

Pray for clarity about the future of our church buildings, for the establishment of friends groups, and for ongoing relationship building in the community. Clergy: Barry Unwin, Sue Adeney; Readers: Eleanor Grigson, Olive Latham, Alison Martin, Mary Weatherill

Oregon (USA): Bishop Michael Hanley • California (USA): Bishop Marc Andrus

Fri 6 Upton on Severn, The Hook, Ripple

Pray that the Autumn term Alpha course points many to Christ, and for our benefice's youth and children's activities to thrive as we start a new term. Clergy: Barry Unwin, Sue Adeney, Grevile Cross; Readers: Eleanor Grigson, Olive Latham, Alison Martin, Mary Weatherill

Orlu (Nigeria): Bishop Bennett Okoro • Cameroon (West Africa): Bishop Dibo Thomas-Babyngton Elango • Kirinyaga (Kenya): Bishop Joseph Kibichwa

Sat 7 Kempsey & Severn Stoke w Croome d'Abitot

Give thanks for Awards for All and Natural Networks funding to establish a Community Conservation area around St Mary's Kempsey. We rejoice in welcoming ordinand Giles Joiner, his wife Steph and baby Simeon. Clergy: Mark Badger, David Hassell, Owain Bell, Don Sloggett, Ann Hadley; Readers: Ron Rust, Sheila Cook, Peter Fitzjohn, Libby James; ALMs: Clare Morgan Catherine Worton.

Oru (Nigeria): Bishop Geoffrey Chukwunenye
Canberra & Goulburn (Australia): Bishop Mark Short, w Bishop Trevor Edwards, Bishop Stephen Pickard

Education Sunday

There are 100 Church of England schools in the Diocese, educating approximately 22,500 children and young people across Dudley and Worcestershire. All schools ensure they offer a curriculum that is rich, broad, deep and engaging, whilst church schools in particular ensure that they have a focus on spiritual growth and character development.

Diocesan Director of Education, Dr Margaret James, said: "Church schools have been reaffirmed over the last two decades as being at the heart of the Church's service to the nation. The call for church schools is for them to serve local communities in such a way that brings hope and aspiration, within an ethos characterised by respect. Inspired by the words of Jesus in John's Gospel, church schools are places in which every child is helped to live an abundant life."

Parishes can support local church and non-church school communities in many ways. You could take part in the pray, bake, read initiative (praying intentionally for your local school, baking a cake for staff each half term and offering to read with a student). Perhaps you could help with worship, assemblies, or confirmation preparation? Or maybe support the staff and children pastorally, or the school strategically, by becoming a church school Foundation Governor. What else could your parish realistically begin in order to nurture relationships with your local schools? Why not talk to other parishes within your deanery, perhaps even working together to engage several local schools in one worship event.

For help and advice on working more closely with your local school, contact the Diocesan Education team on education@cofe-worcester.org.uk.

This Education Sunday, please pray for growing faith between churches, schools and households.



Upton Deanery - Rural Dean: Chris Moss; Lay Chair: Maria Toman

Salisbury: Bishop Nicholas Holtam, w Bishop Andrew Rumsey (Ramsbury), Bishop Karen Gorham (Sherborne)
St Asaph (Wales): Bishop Gregory Cameron
Episcopal Church of Sudan: Archbishop Ezekiel Kumir Kondo
Ribe (Denmark): Bishop Elov Westergaard

Mon 9 Longdon, Castlemorton, Bushley

Pray for our worship, giving and outreach in Longdon; the church development project in Castlemorton, and for ministry to the CE Primary School; in Bushley, for our informal worship service and a project to increase financial support. For Administrator: Wendy Thompson. Clergy: Chris Moss; Reader: Michael Harper

Canterbury: Archbishop Justin Welby, w Bishop elect Rose Hudson-Wilkin (Dover) & Bishops Noman Banks (Richborough), Jonathan Goodall (Ebbsfleet), Roderick Thomas (Maidstone)

Osaka (Japan): Bishop Andrew Haruhisa Iso

Tues 10 Queenhill w Holdfast

Pray for the PCC as it undertakes a development and re-ordering project. For Administrator: Wendy Thompson. Clergy: Chris Moss; Reader: Michael Harper

Osun (Nigeria): Bishop James Afolabi Popoola • **Cape Coast (West Africa):** Bishop Victor Atta-Baffoe

Wed 11 Diocese of Morogoro

Give thanks for the recent visit to Morogoro led by Bishop Graham and for strengthened relationships and parish links. Pray that this special time of closeness between our two dioceses will lead to future opportunities for shared mission.

Carlisle: Bishop James Scobie Newcome, w Bishop Emma Ineson (Penrith)

Osun North (Nigeria): Bishop Abiodun T Olaoeye

Cape Town (South Africa): Bishop Thabo Makgoba, with Bishop Garth Counsell

Thur 12 Upton on Severn Ecumenical Partnership

As the new Baptist pastor in Upton continues to settle in, pray for good ecumenical relationships, and ongoing witness in the town and schools.

Cashel & Ossory (Ireland): Bishop Michael Andrew James Burrows

Osun North East (Nigeria): Vacant

Fri 13 Retired Clergy in Upton Deanery

On the Eve of Holy Cross Day we give thanks for the vocation of retired clergy who have found in the Cross of Christ the source of life and hope as they have exercised their ministry. We pray they continue to discover fresh springs of nourishment and strength

Ottawa (Canada): Bishop John Holland Chapman, w Bishop Nigel Shaw

Central Buganda (Uganda): Bishop Michael Lubowa

Sat 14 Alexandra Hospital, Redditch

Pray for the whole hospital community. For patients and their families. Thanking God for the 1000 people who work at the Alex. For the Chaplain, David Ryan and the Chaplaincy volunteer team.

Otuokpo (Nigeria): Bishop David Bello • **Central Busoga (Uganda):**

Bishop Patrick Wakula • **Kisangani (Congo):** Bishop Lambert Funga Botolome

Cathedral Undercroft Project

The Undercroft Learning Centre project is an exciting development taking place at the heart of the Cathedral. Originally the cellars of the former priory, the 12th century Undercroft is a unique space located beneath College Hall. Over the years, the Undercroft has been a medieval storehouse for food, ale and later coal, and even a sixth-form common room for King's School.

The project will conserve this beautiful medieval space, and will transform it into a community learning centre which will host many activities: from mindfulness and well-being courses, to heritage crafts, in addition to large school events, lectures and talks.

Plans include the installation of a lift and level flooring throughout to make the space accessible to all. It will provide visitors with new and exciting interpretations of Worcester's priory and daily life in the monastic community, whilst also featuring as part of the Cathedral tour.

Building works started after National Lottery Heritage Funding was awarded in May. Alongside the conservation, repair and building work is a plan to develop the scope of the Cathedral's Education Department, so that a greater number of learners are able to access and enjoy this incredible place.

Project Support Officer Sian Mitchell says: "This project will bring to life a fascinating part of the original monastery. Learning was at the heart of life in a Benedictine community, so it is wonderful to see this monastic space being conserved and used as an education centre." Watch its transformation unfold on Facebook, Twitter (@Worcundercroft) and Instagram (/undercroftlearningcentre).

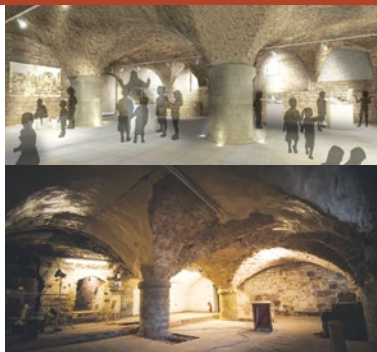
Please pray for the Cathedral Undercroft project, for its vision to be fully realised in our community.

Bromsgrove Deanery – Rural Dean: Paul Lawlor; Lay Chair: David Hargreaves

Bath and Wells: Bishop Peter Hancock, w Bishop Ruth Worsley (Taunton)

Tanga (Tanzania): Archbishop Maimbo Mndolwa

Tuam, Killala and Achonry (Ireland): Bishop Patrick Rooke



Mon 16 Bromsgrove Deanery

Give thanks for new clergy joining the deanery and pray for healing for those suffering with health issues. Give thanks for our former deanery treasurer Stephen Mitchell and pray for the right person to take on this role. Lay Chair: David Hargreaves; Rural Dean: Paul Lawlor
Owerri (Nigeria): Bishop Cyril Chukwunonyerem Okorochoa • **Central Ecuador (The Episcopal Church):** Bishop Victor Scantlebury • **Kita Kanto (Japan):** Bishop Zerubbabel Katsuichi Hirota

Tue 17 Holy Trinity Team Ministry

Pray for St Leonard, Beoley; for our curate, Francis Moloney, and our Mission Enabler, Anne Batchelor, as we develop our ministry with children and young people. Also for our work with local schools. Clergy: Paul Irving, Francis Moloney; Readers: Norma Walters, Margaret Lloyd, Enid Mullis

Owo (Nigeria): Bishop Stephen Ayodeji Fagbemi

Central Florida (The Episcopal Church): Bishop Gregory Brewer

Wed 18 The Protestant Church of Central Germany

Pray for the new bishop of the EKM, Friedrich Kramer, installed on 7 September in Magdeburg Cathedral, that he will be a shepherd after God's own heart, who will walk in God's ways and watch over God's people with loving care.

Oxford: Bishop Stephen Croft w Bishops Colin Fletcher (Dorchester), Alan Wilson (Buckingham) Lawrence Wilson (Buckingham) & Vacant (Reading) • **Central Gulf Coast (The Episcopal Church):** Bishop Russell Kendrick • **Central Melanesia (Melanesia):** Bishop George Takeli

Thur 19 Holy Trinity Team Ministry

Pray for St Bartholomew, Tardebigge for the church's relationship with Tardebigge First School and the opportunity to bring Christ to parents and children there; the growth of our family-friendly services; the development of new leaders. Clergy: Richard Clark

Oyo (Nigeria): Bishop Williams Oluwarotimi Aladekugbe

Central New York (USA): Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe

Fri 20 Holy Trinity Team Ministry

Pray for St Stephen, Redditch and for St Stephen's First School, Head: Sarah Callanan. Pray too for our relationships with Redditch Borough Council and the Mayor Cllr Roger Bennett. For Churchwardens: Elaine Whitfield and Keith Abbotts. Clergy: Paul Lawlor

Pacong (South Sudan): Bishop Joseph Maker Atot • **Central Newfoundland (Canada):**

Bishop John Watton • **Kitale (Kenya):** Bishop Stephen Kewasis, w Bishop Samson Tuliapus

Sat 21 Holy Trinity Team Ministry

Pray for St Philip, Webheath. For the growth and development of our ministry to children; the completion of our church annex and plans for the celebration next year of our 150th anniversary. Clergy: Richard Clark

Kiteto (Tanzania): Bishop Isaiah Chambala

Kitgum (Uganda): Bishop Wilson Kitara • **Kitui (Kenya):** Bishop Josephat Mule



Next Saturday, people from across the Diocese will come together for All Together as Kingdom People - a day to

be inspired, encouraged and equipped to grow as Kingdom People.

This year we will be joined by the Bishop of Liverpool, Paul Bayes, who will host a workshop on evangelism and will address us in our closing worship. There will also be plenty of opportunities through formal and informal workshops to come away with new ideas to reinvestigate your worship, prayer ministry or to help make running your parish easier.

There will be sessions suitable for families to attend together along with a climbing wall and sports cage completely free of charge, as well as practical prayer stations and a chance to be involved in a 'Kingdom Arts' project.

Bishop John said: "Our last All Together Day in 2015 was a great success with people gathering from right across the Diocese. This is another fantastic opportunity to come together to be inspired by new ideas to use in your own parish as well as share in worship and food together."

There is a timetable of workshops and more information on the day on the diocesan website: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/all-together/>

Please pray for the All Together as Kingdom People Day, that it will be a joyous occasion and that people will go away feeling invigorated by our Kingdom People vision.

Bromsgrove Deanery – Rural Dean: Paul Lawlor; Lay Chair: David Hargreaves

Sheffield: Bishop Pete Wilcox, w Bishop Peter Burrows (Doncaster)
Sodor and Man: Bishop Peter Eagles
Kampala (Uganda): Archbishop Stanley Ntagali
Church of Greenland: Bishop Sofie Petersen



Mon 23 St Laurence, Alvechurch

Pray that we will continue to grow as a prayerful community. For our growing connection with children and young families and for our building restoration project. For our churchwardens, ALMs and those involved in our mission and ministry. Clergy: Richard Bubbers; Readers: Dick Russell, Sue Phillips Wardle, Helen Ayling

Panama (Central America): Bishop Julio Murray Thompson • **Central Pennsylvania** (USA): Bishop Audrey Scanlan • **Kivu** (Rwanda): Bishop Augustin Ahimana

Tue 24 Bromsgrove Team Ministry

Pray for All Saints and give thanks for the arrival of our new Rector, David Ford. Pray for discernment as we identify priorities for the future especially for our children and young people. Clergy: David Ford, Sue Humphries (Rtd); Reader: Rosemary Sumner

Pankshin (Nigeria): Bishop Olumuyiwa Ajayi
Central Philippines (Philippines): Bishop Dixie Copanut Tacloban

Wed 25 Economy and Daily Life

Pray for all who work in education, and all who study of all ages, that they may face the challenges of the new term with fortitude and vision. Pray that those leaving home for the first time will make friends and settle in quickly.

Panyana Area (South Sudan): Bishop Seme Nigo Abinda • **Central Solomons** (Melanesia): Bishop Ben Seka • **Central Tanganyika** (Tanzania): Bishop Dickson Chilongani

Thur 26 Bromsgrove Team Ministry

Pray for St John the Baptist w St Andrew Charford. For our All Age Cafe Service, our ministry with parents and toddlers and links with schools; for our detached youth work project and for the fundraising effort needed to repair and reorder our church building and churchwardens. Clergy: Ray Khan, Janet Hatton, David Lingwood; Readers: Hilda Roxborough, Philip Bowen

Papua New Guinea: Bishop Allan Migi
Central Zambia (Central Africa): Bishop Derek Gary Kamukwamba

Fri 27 Bromsgrove Team Ministry

Please pray for Christ Church, Catshill and all who minister there. For our churchwardens Pat Hackett and David Coulson and all who contribute to the life of our church. Clergy: Bev Robertson; Reader: Geoff Westwood

Paraguay (South America): Bishop Peter John Henry Bartlett • **Central Zimbabwe** (Central Africa): Bishop Ignatius Makumbe • **Kobe** (Japan): Bishop Augustine Naoaki Kobayashi

Sat 28 Bromsgrove Team Ministry

Pray for St Godwalds, Finstall as we give thanks for the arrival of our new Rector, David Ford, and pray for discernment as we identify priorities for the future especially for our children and young people. Clergy: David Ford, Margaret Woodgates (Rtd); Reader: Janet Hewer

Patna (North India): Bishop Philip Marandih • **Chandigarh** (North India): Bishop Younas Massey

Baptism books

This week, the parish of Gornal & Sedgley will launch their new Baptism books project, which has been created as a way to help the church keep their promise to baptism parents, to "welcome baptised children and uphold them in their new lives in Christ". The resource will be launched on Tuesday 1 October, after having been trialled by families earlier this year.

The resource has been designed to be fun and interactive for families on their faith journey. Each month, the Gornal & Sedgley team will forward a popular, secular book suggestion to their baptism families which they would like them to share together. In addition to reading the book, the resource will highlight a way in which the book reflects something about God; it will also include activity suggestions linked to the story which families can try together and there are prayers for the family to use. The Gornal & Sedgley team have committed to praying for the families each month, as they journey through faith.

If your church would like to be part of this project, please contact Mission Enabler, Helen Laird, by email on HLaird@cofe-worcester.org.uk.



Please pray for all those involved in the Baptism books project, for those taking part and those facilitating it. Please also pray for the project to flourish and to support families as they grow together in faith.

Bromsgrove Deanery –
Rural Dean: Paul Lawlor;
Lay Chair: David Hargreaves

TEC (Episcopal Church):
Bishop Michael Curry
Swansea and Brecon (Wales):

Archbishop John Davies
Leicester: Bishop Martyn Snow,
w Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani
(Loughborough)

Mon 30 Holy Trinity Dodford & St Mary

Please pray for Holy Trinity and St Mary Dodford. For churchwarden Dorothy Woodhouse and all who contribute to the life of our church. Clergy: Bev Robertson; Reader: Sally Burdett

Chelmsford: Bishop Stephen Cottrell w Bishops Peter Hill (Barking), Roger Morris (Colchester), Bishop John Perumbalath (Bradwell) • **Pelotas (Brazil):** Bishop Renato Da Cruz Raatz

Tue 1 OCTOBER Foodbanks

Pray for the work of foodbanks, giving thanks for volunteers and praying for all who have to resort to using foodbanks to make ends meet. Pray for a restructuring of our economy so that foodbanks may no longer be necessary.

Pennsylvania (USA): Bishop Daniel Gutierrez
Chester: Bishop Peter Forster with Bishop Keith Sinclair (Birkenhead)

Wed 2 Diocese of Peru

Pray for the leadership of our Anglican family in Peru. Bishop Jorge asks for your prayers that he and others may be consistent in following the gospel of poverty, humility and obedience together with service in joy and simplicity of heart.

Perth (Australia): Archbishop Jay Goldsworthy w Bishops Jeremy James, Kate Wilmot
Chhattisgarh (North India): Bishop Robert Ali • **Chicago (USA):** Bishop Jeffrey Lee

Thur 3 Ipsley Team Ministry

Pray for the church of St Peters, Ipsley, and the communities that we serve. For our Churchwardens and ALM's and our Rector as he continues to recover from major spinal surgery. Clergy: Garth Nathaniel; Readers: Peter McLaren, David Hargreaves, Christine McLaren, Catherine McLaren, Linda Nicholas, Chris Tilley

Peru: Bishop Jorge Aguilar • **Chichester:** Bishop Martin Warner,
w Bishops Richard Jackson (Lewes), Mark Sowerby (Horsham)

Fri 4 Ipsley Team Ministry

Please pray for St John the Evangelist, Greenlands supported by Rural Dean, Paul Lawlor as we seek to discern how God is calling us to be Kingdom people and how we work with those around us. Pray our weekly tots group develops into whole family discipleship. Wardens: Barry Humphrey, Amanda Worley; Readers: Rosemary Humphrey, Maureen Hughes, Vicki Quarton

Peshawar (Pakistan): Archbishop Humphrey Peters
Chotanagpur (India): Bishop B. B. Baskey • **Koforidua (West Africa):** Bishop Felix Annancy

Sat 5 Ipsley Team Ministry

Pray for Christ Church, Matchborough and give thanks for outreach into our community: the weekly Open Door drop-in cafe, ministry among toddlers, children and youth, and the Older Persons' Lunch Club. Clergy: Richard Harding, Ian Evans; Readers: Phil Williams, Marilyn Bishop

Peterborough: Bishop Donald Allister w Bishop John Holbrook (Brixworth)
Christ the King (Southern Africa): Bishop William Mostert

Harvest

Whatever the weather, whether it has been a wet winter and a dry summer, or indeed a mixture of both, we are fortunate to have farmers who produce a harvest. Many will say that they work with three things: a tractor, the weather and God. Harvest is a time to celebrate: the produce we all enjoy; the skills of all those who work on the land; and the world that God has given us. We may independently be in awe of the countryside we see, or we may take a silent moment to rest in the beauty of creation. We may seek to do this in an act of worship, joining with many others to give thanks.

The annual County Harvest Service organised by the Chaplaincy to Agricultural and Rural Life (CARL) will take place in the Cathedral today. Many members of the Young Farmers' Club (YFC) will help to lead the service, which involves a procession of produce culminating with a traditional, large harvest loaf.

This is an opportunity to offer to God the contribution we make in bringing food to the table; to give thanks and pray for others in the agricultural chain upon whom we are dependent; and above all to praise God who gives life to all living things.



A Harvest prayer from the Arthur Rank Centre

God of the heavens and the earth,
You call us to share in the care of your creation
and to bring food and fruitfulness from field and farm.
Hear our prayer for all who make their living on the land
and make us grateful for the work of their hands
and for the generosity of your provision.
We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

If you want to take up a creation or environmental theme for Lent study groups next year, there will be study resources available for the Archbishop's 2020 Lent Book by Ruth Valerio, 'Saying Yes to Life'.

Bromsgrove Deanery – Rural Dean: Paul Lawlor, Lay Chair: David Hargreaves

Church in Wales: Archbishop John Davies

Liverpool: Bishop Paul Bayes w Bishop Beverley Mason (Warrington)

Monmouth (Wales): Bishop Richard Pain

Haderslev (Denmark) Bishop Marianne Christiansen

Mon 7 Christ the King Team Ministry

Pray for The Bridge, Headless Cross, in particular for the Everyone Welcome course which will look at how we can create a place of hospitality for all those yearning to find their place in the family of God. Clergy: Glenn Reading, Victoria Barlow; Reader: Roger Ling

Phulbani (India): Bishop Bijay Nayak • **Christchurch (New Zealand):** Peter Carrell
Kolhapur (India): Bishop Sandeep Suresh Vibhute

Tue 8 Christ the King Team Ministry

Pray for St Matthias & St George, Astwood Bank: For Victoria and her family as they minister amongst us. Also for the new Messy Church and for those families we are making new links with. Clergy: Glenn Reading, Victoria Barlow; Reader: Roger Ling

Pittsburgh (USA): Bishop Dorsey W M McConnell • **Chubu (Japan):** Bishop Peter Ichiro Shibusawa

Wed 9 Diocese of Morogoro

We give thanks and pray for the crucial work in pastoral care and mission undertaken by the Mothers Union. Pray for a strengthening of links between the Mothers Union members in both our dioceses.

Polynesia: Archbishop Fereimi Cama w Bishops Henry Bull, Gabriel Sharma, Afa Vaka
Clogher (Ireland): Bishop John McDowell • **Cochin (India):** Bishop Baker Ninan Fenn

Thur 10 Christ the King Team Ministry

Pray for the community of St Peter, Crabbs Cross. For the Open the Book programme and Crabbs Cross Academy operating the programme. Clergy: Michael Bartlett

Popondota (Papua New Guinea): Bishop Lindsley Ihove • **Coimbatore (South India):**
Bishop Timothy Ravinder

Fri 11 Retired clergy in Bromsgrove Deanery

As we pray for the retired clergy of Bromsgrove Deanery, we give thanks with them for the years of ministry which have now been left behind and ask that many new insights and adventures in the faith lie waiting to be discovered in this new phase of their discipleship.

Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea): Bishop Denny Bray Guka
Colombia (USA): Bishop Francisco Duque • **Kollam - Kottarakkara (India):** Bishop Oommen George

Sat 12 Princess of Wales Community Hospital, Bromsgrove

Pray for all patients and nursing teams, out-patient services, community teams, volunteers and fundraisers. Matron Phil Shakeshaft, Lead Chaplain Andy Green and Assistant Chaplain Rachel Luckman. For the Inclusive provision of chaplaincy services for those who seek support of all faiths and none.

Port Sudan (Sudan): Bishop Abdu Elnur Kodi • **Colombo (Ceylon):** Bishop Dhiloraj Ranjit
Canagasabay • Kondoa (Tanzania): Bishop Given Gaula

Prisons' Week

The second Sunday in October is Prisons' Sunday and marks the beginning of a week of prayer for our prisons and all those connected with them, running through to next Saturday.

Prisons' Week has taken place for forty years, with Christians praying for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities, those working in the criminal justice system and the many people who are involved in caring for those affected by crime on the inside and outside of our prisons.

The organisers of the week say: "Prisons' Week raises awareness and generates prayer. It motivates volunteers to step forward and give their time and gifts, in prisons and in their own communities. It provides an annual focus and reason for Christians to work together, building capacity and motivation to make a difference for people who are out of sight and often out of mind."

Each day of the week, a new prayer brings into focus a different group affected by prison or criminal justice. Churches and individuals are also asked to reflect on what they might do or offer as part of their response, through the range of Christian agencies and charities involved in supporting Prisons' Week. Find out more at <http://prisonsworld.org>.

A prayer for Prisons' Week

Lord, you offer freedom to all people.

We pray for those in prison. Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist. Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care.

Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime. Help us to forgive one another. To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in His strength and in His Spirit, now and every day. Amen.

Pray for all those in and connected with prisons, particularly HMP Hewell and Long Lartin in our diocese.

Droitwich Deanery – Rural Dean: Wyn Beynon; Lay Chair: Janet Bryan

Province of West Africa: Archbishop Daniel Sarfo

Turro: Bishop Philip Mounstephen, Bishop Chris Goldsmith (St Germans)

Tönsberg (Norway): Bishop Jan Otto Myrseth • **Strängnäs** (Sweden): Bishop Johan Dalman

Mon 14 HMP Hewell

Pray for the Governor, Deputy Governor, Senior Management Team and all staff, for their safety and well-being. Pray for the men who live and work here, for their anxiety, depression and fear and that through the compassion and care of those around them, that they may feel valued and cared for.

Portsmouth: Bishop Christopher Foster

Colorado (USA): Bishop Kym Lucas • **Kongor** (South Sudan): Bishop Gabriel Thuch Agot

Tue 15 Droitwich Deanery

Droitwich Deanery is a small deanery in terms of clergy numbers (just 5 stipendiaries) but we cover about 26 parish communities. Pray as we focus on increasing our income across the deanery to meet our share requests. Rural Dean: Wyn Beynon; Lay Chair: Janet Bryan

Pretoria (South Africa): Bishop Allan John Kannemeyer

Concepcion (Chile): Bishop Enrique Lago Zugadi

Wed 16 The Protestant Church of Central Germany

All parishes in the EKM elect new parish councils this week. Pray that those standing will listen to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit and the needs of the people, and have a great love for both God and the parishes.

Puerto Rico: Bishop Rafael Morales Maldonado w Bishop Wilfrido Ramos Orench

Connecticut (USA): Bishop Ian Douglas w Bishop Laura Ahrens

Connor (Ireland): Bishop Alan Abernethy

Thur 17 Worcestershire Severn Parishes

Pray for the Rector, Stephen Winter and Readers: James Homer and Richard Jaynes and Benefice Office and administrator: Nicholas Wright. For the development of new ministries in the benefice.

Pune (India): Bishop Sharad Yuvraj Gaikwad

Cork, Cloyne & Ross (Ireland): Bishop William Colton

Fri 18 Worcestershire Severn Parishes

At St James, Hampton Lovett, pray for the vision for the future of the church building. At St Mary, Elmbridge, for the development of a new All Age Worship Service and at St Michael, Rushock, for the new opportunities with young families.

Qu'Appelle (Canada): Bishop Robert Hardwick • **Costa Rica** (Central America):

Bishop Orlando Gomez • **Kontagora** (Nigeria): Bishop Jonah Ibrahim

Sat 19 Worcestershire Severn Parishes

At St James, Hartlebury, pray for new opportunities in the village and with the school and the future of the mission church at Crossway Green. At St Michael, Elmley Lovett, pray for plans for the church building and new work with Cutnall Green school.

Quebec (Canada): Bishop Bruce Myers • **Coventry:** Bishop Christopher Cocksworth w Bishop John Stroyan (Warwick) • **Krishna-Godavari** (India): Bishop George Cornelious Tanteputi

New Communities Minister at Top Church

Kath Poole has been appointed as the new Communities Minister at St Thomas and St Luke ('Top Church') in Dudley. This is a new role at one of our two resourcing churches which will focus on how the church can best serve the local community in the town.

Kath worked as an Occupational Therapist in mental health before coming to Top Church where she was involved in assessing and addressing barriers to participation. In her new role, she will spend the first six months researching the local area – talking to a wide range of people and finding out about the needs of the local area.

Kath said: "I have been a member of Top Church for the past few months and was looking for a way to combine work with my faith. I'm hoping to be able to use the skills I've developed as an occupational therapist to look at how Top Church can best participate in the community and vice versa. I am completely open to ideas about how the role might develop and over the next few months I'll be talking to those already working with the local community to see how we can be involved. It will be a privilege to come alongside those who are already working in Dudley and to be able to have a long term outlook as to what might be possible."

Please pray for Kath in this role as well as for those she will come into contact with.

Droitwich Deanery – Rural Dean: Wyn Beynon, Lay Chair: Janet Bryan

Province of the West Indies: Vacant

Diocese of Växjö (Sweden): Bishop Fredrik Modéus

Oxford: Bishop Steven Croft w Bishops Colin Fletcher (Dorchester), Alan Wilson (Buckingham)



Mon 21 Worcestershire Severn Parishes

At St Andrew, Ombersley, pray for the 'Towards 10 Years' programme looking forward to the 200th anniversary of the current church in 2028. At St Mary, Doverdale, pray for links with Sytchampton school and the securing of the church fabric.

Raiwind (Pakistan): Bishop Azad Marshall • **Cuba (USA):** Bishop Griselda Delgado Del Carpio
Kubwa (Nigeria): Bishop Duke Akamisoko

Tue 22 Salwarpe w Martin Hussingtree

Pray for St Michael Salwarpe and St Michael and All Angels, Martin Hussingtree for the parish fellowship meals, the staff and pupils at Hindlip CE School and the Open the Book teams. Clergy: Nigel Byard, Laura Handy

Rajasthan (India): Bishop Darbara Singh • **Cueibet (South Sudan):** Bishop Elijah Muteny Awet

Wed 23 Economy and Daily Life

Pray for politicians at all levels, for wisdom, selflessness and vision in decisions at times of crisis and uncertainty. Pray for all living with the consequences of Brexit and for peace, healing and hope.

Royalaseema (India): Bishop B D Prasad Rao • **Cuernavaca (Mexico):** Bishop Enrique Treviño Cruz • **Curitiba (Brazil):** Archbishop Naudal Alves Gomes

Thur 24 Bowbrook Group

Pray for the villagers of Himbleton and Huddington and the congregations and volunteers there. Pray that the formation of a new single parish will bring new ways of being Kingdom People. For Himbleton First School. Clergy: David Morris, Rita Holden, Barbara Wheatley; Reader: Margaret Farquhar

Recife (Brazil): Bishop João Cancio Peixoto • **Cuttack (India):** Bishop Surendra Kumar Nanda

Fri 25 Bowbrook Group

Pray for Hanbury Church. For the retired clergy offering their ministries and for our worship leaders. For the outreach activities, the many wedding and baptism families; and for our community consultations at Hanbury. For Hanbury First School, Head: Andrew Payne. Clergy: Wyn Beynon, David Morris; Readers: Peter Charlesworth, John Spencer

Rejaf (S. Sudan): Bishop Edward Tombe • **Cyangugu (Rwanda):** Bishop Nathan Amooti Rusengo
Kuching (S.E. Asia): Bishop Donald Jute w Bishops Solomon Cheong Sung Voon, Nelson Ugas Bulang

Sat 26 Bowbrook Group

Pray for the communities of Crowle and Bredicot. For Crowle First School, Head: Martina Abbot; the Open the Book team and the Christian Fellowship Group. For Crowle Pre-School, our new village shop and all our volunteers. Also, that our building project will give opportunities for outreach. Clergy: David Morris, Rita Holden; Reader: Margaret Farquhar

Remo (Nigeria): Archbishop Michael Fape • **Cyprus and the Gulf:** Bishop Michael Lewis
Kumasi (West Africa): Archbishop Daniel Sarfo

Bible Sunday Sunday 27 OCTOBER

Society of Catholic Priests

The Society of Catholic Priests (SCP) is a Church of England organisation set up in 1994 to help provide support for women from the more Catholic traditions of the Church of England to be ordained as priests. Today, this vision of inclusive Catholicism continues by seeking to promote priestly spirituality and Catholic evangelism. The SCP follow an understanding of the Catholic traditions as being inclusive to everyone, recognising vocations to all levels of ordained ministry regardless of gender or sexuality. Further information can be found on the SCP website via the following link: www.societyofcatholicpriests.com.

The Worcester Chapter is a thriving branch of the SCP. Members meet every other month to share communion, as well as some lunch and fellowship, and to discuss issues affecting the life of the church today. Worcester SCP aims to help promote vocations and develop areas of Catholic evangelism, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in word, sacrament and deed.

If you would like to know more about what the Chapter does, please get in touch with the Chapter Rector, Philip Morton, by email on: revphilipmorton@gmail.com.

Please pray for the Worcester Chapter of the SCP as they continue their work to promote vocations.

Droitwich Deanery – Rural Dean: Wyn Beynon; Lay Chair: Janet Bryan

Church of Ceylon: Bishop Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabay with Bishop Keerthisiri Fernando

Carlisle: Bishop James Newcome with Bishop Emma Ineson (Penrith)

Stavanger (Norway): Vacant



Mon 28 Bowbrook Group

Pray for the communities of Hadzor w Oddingley & Tibberton. That extra facilities to Tibberton and Oddingley churches will be a blessing to the community. Pray for our "Open Sunday" service and Tibberton First School, Head: Alex Gromski. Clergy: David Morris, Rita Holden, and Michael (PTO); Readers: Peter Charlesworth, Abigail and John Spencer

Renk (South Sudan): Bishop Joseph Garang Atem

Daejeon (Korea): Archbishop Moses Nagjun Yoo • Kumi (Uganda): Bishop Edison Irigei

Tue 29 The Wychebrook parishes

Pray for the communities of Feckenham, Stock & Bradley, Stoke Prior, Wychbold and Upton Warren as we look at simplifying our governance and administration. Pray for our two ordinands who will be deaconed in 2020 and 2021. Clergy: Wyn Beynon, David Morris; Readers: Mel Beynon, Angela Kovecevic

Rhode Island (USA): Bishop Nicholas Knisely • Dallas (USA): Bishop George R. Sumner, Jr.

Wed 30 Diocese of Peru

In a Catholic culture where priests are unmarried, please pray especially for the family and home life of married Anglican priests. Pray that their love and marriage stays strong and that their love is a light in a society.

Rift Valley (Tanzania): Bishop John Daudi Lupaa • Damaturu (Nigeria):

Bishop Yohannah A Audu • Dar-es-Salaam (Tanzania): Bishop Jackson Sosthenes

Thur 31 Saltway Team Ministry

Pray for the churches of St Peter de Witton & St Augustine, Dodderhill. For St Peter's Preschool, for the staff and pupils of St Peter's CEVA First School and for maintenance working parties. Clergy: Nigel Byard, Laura Handy.

Rio de Janeiro (Brazil): Bishop Eduardo Grillo • Davao (Philippines): Bishop Jonathan Casimina

Fri 1 NOVEMBER Saltway Team Ministry

Pray for St Andrew and St Nicholas especially the Toddler Group, Messy Church, the Sixthirty Service and for the repairs needed at St Andrew's. Clergy: Nigel Byard, Laura Handy

Rio Grande (USA): Bishop Michael Vono • Delaware (USA): Bishop Kevin S. Brown

Kurunegala (Sri Lanka): Bishop Keerthisiri Fernando

Sat 2 Retired Clergy in Droitwich Deanery

We ask God's blessing on those retired clergy who live or minister in Droitwich Deanery, and on All Souls day we give thanks for those clergy who have nurtured our own faith, and who now have passed into God's nearer presence.

Rochester: Bishop James Langstaff w Bishop Simon David Burton-Jones (Tonbridge)

Rochester (USA): Bishop Prince Singh • Kushtia (Bangladesh): Archbishop Samuel Sunil Mankhin

All Saints Sunday Sunday 3 NOVEMBER

Celebrate! Service



On 4 November last year, after much prayer, consideration and preparation St Michael & All Angels in Stourbridge started a new type of Sunday morning worship service. As a church with a passion for sharing the Lord Jesus with local families, and with help

and encouragement from the Calling Young Disciples project, the church initiated a family-focused worship service which strives to reach, include and engage people of all ages, with or without a church upbringing. Children are encouraged to participate, which involves joyful noise and interaction!

The church has made extensive use of the All-Sorts Worship material produced by Claire Benton-Evans, which provides a basic format and material for each week of the Church of England year. In this way, their worship focuses each week on the same Bible texts which are used in the more traditional 9am Morning Praise service each week. Breakfast and fellowship is shared between the two congregations at 10.15am, and this starts the Celebrate! service. The service moves into the church worship area at 10.30am and finishes by 11.15am.

Every week requires lots of work and preparation, which has encouraged a number of people to offer and develop their God-given gifts. This team plans, leads and runs the weekly Celebrate! services. As Celebrate! reaches its first birthday, the church now plans to review its impact.

Please pray for St Michael & All Angels, Stourbridge, and all those they work with through their Celebrate! services, as they seek to follow the Holy Spirit and expand His Kingdom.

Pershore Deanery - Rural Dean: Sarah Dangerfield; Lay Chair: Vacant

Church of Bermuda: Bishop Nicholas Dill

Winchester: Bishop Tim Dakin w Bishop David Williams (Basingstoke)

Diocese of Agder and Telemark (Norway): Bishop Stein Reinertsen

Mon 4 Pershore Deanery

Pray for all involved in mission and ministry across the deanery, particularly recent appointments & parishes in vacancy. Rural Dean: Sarah Dangerfield; Lay Chair: Vacant; Treasurer: Robin Hancox; Secretary: Liz Gardner; Reader: Graham Pharo

Rockhampton (Australia): Bishop David Robinson

Delhi (India): Bishop Warris K. Masih • Kutigi (Nigeria): Bishop Jeremiah Kolo

Tue 5 Norton Juxta Kempsey

Give thanks for a HLF grant for St James. Pray for our new act of worship with parents and children in Norton Juxta Kempsey School and for Giles Joiner who joins us as an Ordinand in training. Ministry Team: Mark Badger, David Hassell, Owain Bell, Ann Hadley, Peter Fitzjohn, Sheila Cook, Libby James, Ron Rust, Josh & Rachel Kennedy, Clare Morgan

Rokon (S. Sudan): Bishop Francis Loyo Mori • Derby: Libby Lane with Jan McFarlane (Repton)

Wed 6 Diocese of Morogoro

Give thanks for the growing link between Worcester and Morogoro Cathedrals. We pray that both Cathedral communities will continue to learn from one another as their partnership grows and deepens.

Rorya (Tanzania): Bishop John Adiema • Derry & Raphoe

(Ireland): Bishop Kenneth Good • Dhaka (Bangladesh): Archbishop Paul Shishir Sarker

Thur 7 Benefice of Pershore w Pinvin, Wick & Birlingham

Pray for our volunteers, for the schools in our benefice, for Open the Book teams and governors. ALMs: Suzanne Clarke, Hilary Roffey, Sandra Long. Clergy: Claire Lording, Steve Dunton, Alma Organ and those with PTO; Readers: David Bray, Angela Gerrard, Peter Stansbie, Joanna Williams

Ruaha (Tanzania): Bishop Joseph Mgomi • Diocese in Europe:

Bishop Robert Innes w Suffragan Bishop David Hamid • Europe (USA): Bishop Pierre Whalon

Fri 8 Benefice of Pershore w Pinvin, Wick & Birlingham

Pray for special services for Remembrance; for our civic leaders and for projects to make our church buildings a more accessible community resource. ALMs: Suzanne, Hilary, Sandra. Clergy: Claire Lording, Steve Dunton, Alma Organ and those with PTO; Readers: David Bray, Angela Gerrard, Peter Stansbie, Joanna Williams

Rumbek (South Sudan): Archbishop Alapayo Manyang Kuctiel w Bishop Elizabeth Awor Ngor

The Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands (West Indies): Bishop Laish Boyd

Kwara (Nigeria): Bishop Olusegun Adeyemi

Sat 9 Bowland Benefice

Pray for St Kenelm, Upton Snodsbury, and St Leonard, Broughton Hackett, that the local witness of both these churches would continue to grow and bear fruit. For Upton Snodsbury CE First School. For our Administrator: Carole Oliver. Clergy: Gary Noyes, Emma Goldby, Sarah Dangerfield.

The Free State (formerly Bloemfontein) (S. Africa): Bishop Dintoe Letloenyane

Remembrance Sunday

Each year Remembrance Sunday commemorates the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women involved in the two World Wars and later conflicts. This year is particularly important, marking the 75th anniversary of D-Day in the Second World War.

Acts of Remembrance will be performed by churches and public groups all over the Diocese this morning, alongside other activities to mark the occasion.

On 7 November, Pershore Abbey held their annual Schools' Remembrance Service, where several Pershore Schools and members of the Royal British Legion and the Royal Naval Association were represented.

The Revd Claire Lording, said: "The children led the service and helped us to remember different aspects of what Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day are all about. There is something very moving about people of different generations remembering together."

Today, the Abbey will host the annual Civic Remembrance Service, which is always very well supported, with churches joining together with civic and community representatives. A representative from the Canada High Commission will also be present at this morning's service, to remember the Canadian airmen who served in Pershore and Defford during the Second World War. Their graves in the Town Cemetery are maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Tomorrow, a simple service will take place in the cemetery by the Cross of Sacrifice to remember all the fallen.

Please pray for all those who served in battles past and present, giving their lives for ours, as our Lord, Jesus Christ, sacrificed his own.

Pershore Deanery - Rural Dean: Sarah Dangerfield; Lay Chair: Vacant

Lusitanian Church: Bishop Jorge Pina Cabral

Norwich: Bishop Graham Usher w Bishops Alan Winton (Thetford), Jonathan Meyrick (Lynn)

Luleå (Sweden): Bishop Åsa Nyström



Mon 11 Bowland Benefice

Pray for St John the Baptist, White Ladies Aston, with Churchill and Spetchley, and for St Nicholas, Peopleton, as we continue to serve our communities. For our connection with Bowbrook School and our ministry to families bringing children for baptism. Give thanks for our lay leadership team. Clergy: Gary Noyes, Emma Goldby, Sarah Dangerfield

Rumonge (Burundi): Bishop Pedaculi Birakengana • On the Coast (formerly Ikale-Ikale) (Nigeria): Bishop J Ebunoluwa Ogunele • Kwoi (Nigeria): Bishop Paul Zamani

Tue 12 Bredon Hill Group

In the parish of Bredon with Bredon's Norton, pray for all who grieve following the death of the Rector, Canon Matthew Baynes, just over a year ago. Pray for those involved in the appointment of a new Rector.

*Rupert's Land (Canada): Bishop Geoffrey J Woodcroft
Dogura (Papua New Guinea): Bishop Tennyson Bogar*

Wed 13 The Protestant Church of Central Germany

This week is the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall when people overcame dictatorship with candles and prayers. Pray for this witness especially in the face of today's increasing social divisions, that people may be encouraged and inspired by this story in these difficult times. May God strengthen the Church's faith and courage to stand up for freedom and solidarity.

*Rutana (Burundi): Bishop Pontien Ribakare
Doko (Nigeria): Bishop Uriah Kolo • Dominican Republic (USA): Bishop Moisés Quezada Mota*

Thur 14 Bredon Hill Group

In Eckington & Defford cum Besford, pray for the new vicar, Allison Davies, as she continues to settle in as incumbent for the benefice, and as she exercises pastoral responsibility for Overbury. Clergy: Allison Davies, Rick Tett

Ruwenzori (Uganda): Bishop Reuben Kiseembo • Dornakal (India): Bishop Vadapalli Prasada Rao

Fri 15 Bredon Hill Group

Please pray for the excellent team of churchwardens in the benefice of Elmley Castle w Bricklehampton & the Combertons: Penny Spiller, Bill Graham, Gill Tallis, Peter Hayes. Clergy: David Lewis

*Sabah (South East Asia): Bishop Melter Jiki Tais w Bishop John Yeo
Down & Dromore (Ireland): Bishop Harold Miller*

Sat 16 Bredon Hill Group

In the benefice of Overbury w Teddington, Alstone & Little Washbourne w Beckford & Aston under Hill, pray for churchwardens, Faith Hallett & David Carvill, and for deputy wardens, Anne Kyle & Kieran Whelan, as they seek greater cohesion between the churches. Clergy: David Lewis; Reader: Roger Palmer

*Sabongidda-Ora (Nigeria): Bishop Augustine E Ohilebo
Dublin & Glendalough (Ireland): Archbishop Michael Jackson*

2 before Advent Sunday 17 NOVEMBER

New Residentiary Canon at the Cathedral

The Revd Dr Stephen Edwards was installed as a Residentiary Canon at Worcester Cathedral in September, after being appointed by HM the Queen. Joining the Cathedral Chapter from the Diocese of Manchester, his particular responsibilities include promoting the Cathedral's mission in the Diocese and local community, and also for the pastoral care and spiritual nurture of the Cathedral community.



The Dean of Worcester, the Very Revd Peter Atkinson, said: "Stephen is an outstanding priest and we have warmly welcomed him to Worcester Cathedral and our diocese. He has joined us at a time of many exciting initiatives in the work of the Cathedral, including the creation of a new learning centre in our medieval Undercroft, and the arrival of a new Director Music. Stephen's ministry will encourage the Cathedral congregation, promote the Cathedral's work across the city, county and diocese, and strengthen the work of our education team."

Bishop John said: "Stephen Edwards is an immensely gifted priest whose ministry in the Diocese of Manchester is very highly regarded. We have been very pleased to welcome him here."

Stephen said: "I am honoured to be appointed as a Canon Residentiary at Worcester Cathedral in this exciting new role bringing together pastoral care for the Cathedral community and promoting the cathedral's mission within the city and wider diocese. It has been very hard to leave the north west after so many happy years, but I am delighted to have moved to the beautiful city and Diocese of Worcester."

Please pray for Stephen and all other new members of Cathedral staff, who work to support the mission of the Diocese in the city centre.

Pershore Deanery - Rural Dean: Sarah Dangerfield; Lay Chair: vacant

*The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain: Bishop Carlos López-Lozano
Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church: Archbishop Urmas Viilma
w Bishops Tiit Salumäe, Joel Luhamets*

Rochester: Bishop James Langstaff w Bishop Simon Burton-Jones (Tonbridge)

Mon 18 The Five Alive Parish

Pray for the churches in Fladbury, Wyre Piddle, Hill & Moor, Crophorne and Charlton. Give thanks for all volunteers in church and community working together. Pray the Holy Spirit will help us discern how best to join in God's mission. Clergy: Sarah Dangerfield, Gary Noyes, Emma Goldby

*Saldanha Bay (South Africa): Bishop Raphael Hess
Duk (South Sudan): Bishop Daniel Deng Abot with Bishop Thomas Tut Gany*

Tue 19 Economy and Daily Life

Today is World Toilet Day, a UN Day of Observance. More people in the world have a mobile phone than have access to a safe toilet. Pray for the Toilet Twinning initiative and how your church might get involved to help change the lives of those at risk from poor sanitation.

Salisbury: Bishop Nicholas Holtam w Bishops Andrew Rumsey (Ramsbury), Karen Gorham (Sherborne) • Dunedin (New Zealand): Bishop Steven Benford

Wed 20 The Flyfords Family

Pray for St John the Baptist, Grafton Flyford, St Peter, Flyford Flavell and St Michael, North Piddle, as they join together as one parish with a stronger witness. For Administrator: Caroline Ward. Clergy: Gary Noyes, Sarah Dangerfield, Emma Goldby; Reader: Delia Harding

Sambalpur (India): Bishop Pinuel Dip • Dunkwa-on-Offin (West Africa): Bishop Edmund Dawson Ahmoah • Durgapur (India): Bishop Probal Kanto Dutta

Thur 21 The Flyfords Family

Pray for St Edburga, Abberton, St Bartholomew, Naunton Beauchamp, and St James, Bishampton with Throckmorton Chapelry, as we discover new ways to connect with our communities. Give thanks for the lay leadership team and for Administrator: Caroline Ward. Clergy: Gary Noyes, Sarah Dangerfield, Emma Goldby; Reader: Delia Harding

*San Diego (USA): Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori
Durham: Bishop Paul Butler w Bishop Sarah Clark (Jarrow)*

Fri 22 Stoultton with Drakes Broughton & Pirton

Pray for St Edmund, St Barnabas and St Peter, for those in lay leadership, & our building plans. For St Barnabas CE School and for our churchwardens. Clergy: Emma Goldby, Gary Noyes, Sarah Dangerfield; Reader: Mary Kenchington

*San Joaquin (USA): Bishop David Rice • Dutse (Nigeria): Bishop Markus Yohanna Danbinta
Kyoto (Japan): Bishop Stephen Takashi Kochi*

Sat 23 Retired Clergy in Pershore Deanery

On the Eve of the Feast of Christ the King, we pray with Pershore Deanery as they offer ".... an all-encompassing thanks for the ministry of retired clergy, and appreciation particularly for this ministry during vacancies".

Santiago (Chile): Bishop Hector Zavala Muñoz • Santiago (Philippines): Bishop Frenzel Ray P Piluden

Christ the King Sunday 24 NOVEMBER

New Church Buildings Team



There's a new line up in the Church Buildings team at the diocesan office. Church Buildings Officer, Mark Carter now has two Assistant Officers – Kate Andrew, who has been working with some parishes for a couple of years, and Pat Every, who has joined the team from the Diocese of Lichfield.

Mark says: "Any of the team can support

parishes with any area of building development – whether you're looking at opening your church for more community use, making some repairs or installing a new toilet! We can help with advice on fundraising, planning, heritage statements or working with the Local Authority as well as guiding parishes through the faculty process. If you're thinking of making any changes to your church buildings, please come and talk to us at an early stage."

Mark has been the Church Buildings Officer for around 18 months, launching the online faculty system and taking a mission-led focus to changes to buildings. For the last two years, Kate has been working with parishes in our lowest income communities, in particular supporting St Edmunds in Dudley and St John, Brockmoor as well as helping Top Church with their lottery application. Pat joined the team in July from the Diocese of Lichfield. She has spent the past eighteen years working in urban regeneration in various church organisations. Pat's post fulfils our commitment to Historic England to continue supporting community development of our churches following funding received for Andrew Mottram's previous role.

"We all have different skills to bring to the team to help support parishes with their church buildings," continues Mark. "We'll also be taking a more holistic approach when we look at how our buildings can be used – working with other diocesan colleagues to help churches both grow numerically as well as increase their presence in the community."

Please pray for Mark, Kate and Pat in their work to support parishes with their church buildings.

St Edmundsbury and Ipswich: Bishop Martin Seeley, w Bishop Mike Harrison (Dunwich)
Aberdeen and Orkney (Scotland): Bishop Anne Dyer
Falkland Islands: Bishop Tim Thornton

Mon 25 Worcestershire County Council

Please pray for the councillors who are part of Worcestershire County Council, including Council leader, Simon Geraghty and for the staff who support them. Pray that the decisions they make will benefit those most in need across Worcestershire.

Sao Paulo (Brazil): Bishop Flavio Augusto Borges Irala • **East Carolina (USA):** Bishop Robert Skirving

Tue 26 Children and Youth

Pray for all members of the Children's & Youth Councils and for those from across the Diocese thinking about joining. For Diocesan Youth Officer, Simon Hill & Children's Officer, Emma Pettifer and for all the members of the Calling Young Disciples project team. Pray for parishes and deaneries exploring how they can listen to the voices of children & young people in their communities.

Sapele (Nigeria): Bishop Blessing Erifeta
East Kerala (South India): Bishop Kayalakkathu George Daniel

Wed 27 Economy and daily life

Pray for people who are self-employed in your community. There are 4.7 million people self-employed in the UK who do not benefit from employment law concerning such things as maternity and paternity leave and sick pay. Pray for resilience and discernment.

Saskatchewan (Canada): Bishop Michael William Hawkins w Bishop Adam Halkett
East Ruwenzori (Uganda): Bishop George Turyasingura
East Tennessee (USA): Bishop Brian Lee Cole

Thur 28 Communications Team

Pray for the communications team – Sam Setchell, James Atkinson and Laura Farmer as they seek to help parishes share the good news in their communities.

Saskatoon (Canada): Bishop David Irving • **Eastern Himalayas (India):** Vacant

Fri 29 Bishops' Offices

Pray for Catrine Ball and Leonie Andrews in the Bishop of Worcester's Office, Helen Shakespeare in the Bishop of Dudley's Office and Bishop's Chaplain Stuart Currie in their work supporting our bishops and helping those in the parishes who come to them needing assistance.

Sebei (Uganda): Bishop Paul Kiptoo Masaba • **Eastern Kowloon (Hong Kong):** Bishop Timothy Kwok • **Kyushu (Japan):** Bishop Luke Ken-ichi Muto

Sat 30 St Andrew's Day

On St Andrew's Day, we give thanks for his ministry of friendship, hospitality and faithfulness to Jesus and we pray for the people of Scotland.

Sekondi (W. Africa): Bishop Alexander Asmah • **Eastern Michigan (USA):** Bishop Todd Ousley



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