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God who in Jesus calls us open hearts and minds to your invitation.
God of the pilgrim way - be our companion day by day.
God of the still, small voice - teach us to pray.
Grant that in our calling, our following, our pilgrimage, we may see your kingdom of truth and peace and delight to bring others to your love.
We make this prayer through Jesus, the Lord.
(The "Follow" Prayer)

God of generosity, whose Son Jesus gathers us as one around the table of rejoicing; be with us as we gather in his name. Give us hope, encouragement, unity, expectancy, and by our time together, draw us closer to one another and to you. We make this prayer through Jesus, the Lord.

(The "Gather" Prayer)

O come, O Holy Spirit:
come as holy fire and burn in us.
Come as holy wind and cleanse us.
Come as holy light and lead us.
Come as holy truth and teach us.
Come as holy forgiveness and free us.
Come as holy love and enfold us.
Come as holy life and dwell in us.

#### **Hereford Archdeaconry**

The Deaneries

A Abbeydore

B Bromyard C & D Hereford

E Kington & Weobley

F Ledbury

G Leominster

H Ross & Archenfield

#### **Ludlow Archdeaconry**

I Bridgnorth

J Clun Forest

K Condover

L Ludlow

M Pontesbury

N Telford Severn Gorge



## The Prayer Diary - January to March 2021

The main part of this Prayer Diary covers the quarter from Sunday 27th December to Saturday 27th March, week by week, under the following headings:

- ➤ Anglican Biddings for each day taken from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer (adapted and updated where possible), so that we are praying with the Anglican Church round the world. A new version of the Cycle of Prayer begins in 2021, spread over more than two years, and allowing us once again to pray for just one diocese each day.
- ➤ **Hereford** Again, a bidding for each day: each quarter these will feature half of our deaneries and parishes, 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, along with events, meetings, and activities within our Diocese and perhaps more widely.
- > Diary Events and activities from the Diocesan Diary.
- > **Prayer** A prayer or reflection appropriate to the week.

Please send entries for the next edition which covers the quarter April to June 2021 to me at wkrowell@btinternet.com - clearly marked in the subject area as Prayer Diary. The more I know about events and activities, the more accurate and focused our prayer biddings can be. Please also let me know if you spot any mistakes or omissions - they do happen, alas, but I do my best to make sure this Diary is as accurate as possible!

You may find the following explanation of the initials used helpful:

MAP - Mission Action Plan

LMC - Ludlow Mascall Centre (formerly BMC)

CMD - Continuing Ministerial Development

CGH - Cuddeston in Gloucester & Hereford (formerly WEMTC)

IMD - Initial Ministerial Development

DAC - Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches

DDVO - Diocesan Director of Vocations and Ordinands

PAT - Post Admission Training for Readers

MDO - Mission (MAP) Development Officer

IM - Intergenerational Missioner

CMD - Continuing Ministerial Development

SUNDAY 27th	n December: John, Apostle and Evangelist (1st of Christmas)
Anglican	Other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement :-
	His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome; His All Holiness Archbishop
	Bartholomew of Constantinople, Ecumenical Patriarch; Fr Prof. loan Sauca,
	Interim General Secretary of the World Council of Churches; Bishop Ivan M
	Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council; Revd Chris Ferguson,
	General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches.
Hereford	The Abbeydore Deanery: Rural Dean – Nicholas Lowton; Lay Co-Chair – Philip
	Wilcocks; Sub-Warden of Readers – Vacant. Rural Pioneer Priests serving
	across the Deanery: Nicholas Lowton, Mark Godson, Simon Lockett, Hilary
	Morgan, Luci Morriss. Intergenerational Missioner: Geri Miller.
Porvoo	England: Chichester, Bishop Martin Warner, Bishop Ruth Bushyager, Bishop Will Hazlewood; Finland: Mikkeli, Bishop Seppo Häkkinen.
The Wider	As the start of 2021 approaches, pray for all those who this year have been or still
View	are affected by the Covid 19 pandemic worldwide, including the bereaved, those
	who remain unwell, those isolated from families, and health workers who have
	spent so much of 2020 caring in very difficult circumstances. Pray for an end to
	the pandemic and a return to a life where we can meet friends and families safely.
This Week	Monday remembers the <b>Holy Innocents</b> , who died on the orders of Herod.
	Pray for children and other innocent victims of violence and war within our
	world today, and for all situations where power is abused and the vulnerable
	exploited. As <b>restrictions are re-imposed</b> after whatever Christmas relaxation has been
	permitted, pray that people will adhere to the rules, and act with a sense of
	responsibility and care. Pray especially that people will exercise restraint as
	regards New Year celebrations.
	New Year's Day is also the feast of the <b>Naming and Circumcision of Christ</b> .
	May we take his name as our own, as witnesses to his love and builders of kingdom values within this Year of Our Lord 2021.
	As many of us make <b>New Year resolutions</b> , pray for all who are seeking to
	make positive changes to their lives, some as the result of the experience of
	the Covid pandemic. January may be kept as "Veganuary" and as "Dry
	January" - two monthly themes to give a push toward greater awareness of
	diet, and perhaps the impact of dietary choices on the environment, and of the
	impact of excessive alcohol on personal health.
	Pray for all who are <b>continuing to isolate</b> because of age or existing health
	conditions, including those who have been advised not to receive vaccination
	because of allergies or other health issues. Give thanks for Community Angels
	and similar schemes to provide practical help and support.
Monday 28th	December: The Holy Innocents
Anglican	Fond du Lac (The Episcopal Church) - The Rt Revd Matthew Alan Gunter.
•	Fort Worth (The Episcopal Church) - he Rt Revd Scott Mayer.
Hereford	Black Mountains Group - Clodock & Longtown with Craswall, Llanveynoe, St

	Margaret's, Michaelchurch Escley & Newton: Nicholas Lowton, Sam Ashton;
T	Longtown Primary School; Michaelchurch Escley Primary School.
	th December: Thomas a Becket, Archbishop and Martyr or John, Evangelist (tr)
Anglican	Fredericton (Canada) - The Rt Revd David Edwards.
	Freetown, Sierra Leone (West Africa) - The Rt Revd Thomas Arnold Ikunika
Hamafand	Wilson.
Hereford	Ewyas Harold & Dulas, with Abbeydore, Bacton, Kentchurch, Llangua,
	Rowlestone & Llancillo, Walterstone, Kilpeck, St Devereux & Wormbridge:
	Mark Godson; Frank Rodgers, Bob Bates; Reader – Diane Bates; Local
Wadnaaday	Ministry Team; Ewyas Harold Primary School.
	30th December
Anglican	Gasabo (Rwanda) - The Rt Revd Onesphore Rwaje.
Horoford	Gboko (Nigeria) - The Rt Revd Emmanuel Nyitsse.
Hereford	Cagebrook - Kingstone with Clehonger, Eaton Bishop, Allensmore and
	Thruxton: Hilary Morgan, Ann Hitchiner, Michael Westall; Kingstone High
Thursday 2	School; Clehonger CE Primary School, Kingstone & Thruxton Primary School.
	1st December: John Wyclif, reformer (New Year's Eve)
Anglican	George (Southern Africa) - The Rt Revd Brian Marajh.
Hanafand	Georgia (The Episcopal Church) - The Rt Revd Scott Benhase.
Hereford	Wye Dore - Madley with Tyberton, Peterchurch, Vowchurch & Turnastone:
	Simon Lockett, Judy Dinnen
	From January 1st 2021 the Anglican Cycle of Prayer is presented in a new
F.1. 4.11	form, where we pray for a single diocese each day.
	anuary: Naming and Circumcision of Jesus (New Year's Day)
Anglican	The Diocese of Aba – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).
Hereford	Wye Dore Ministry Team – Simon Lockett, Brenda Stokes, Judy Dinnen, Julie
	Lunn, Sam Morgan, Helen Byard, Joy Rickwood, Lyn Garwood, Barbara
	Llewellyn-Samuel, Jane Hirst; Fairfield High School, Peterchurch; Madley
0 1 1 0	Primary School; Peterchurch Primary School.
	nd January: Basil & Gregory, bishops; Seraphim, monk; V. Samuel Arzariah, bp
Anglican	The Diocese of Aba Ngwa North – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).
Hereford	Borderlink – Blakemere, Bredwardine with Brobury, Clifford, Cusop, Dorstone,
	Hardwicke, Moccas & Preston-on-Wye: Luci Morriss, Jane Rogers, Sally
	Barnes, our benefice team of Lay Leaders, Messy Church and Clifford Primary
D	School.
Prayer	Grant, Lord, that as the years change
LE Evens	we may find rest in your eternal changelessness.
H.E. Evans	May we go forward into this year with courage,
	sure in the faith that while life changes around us,
	you are always the same,
	guiding us with your wisdom, and protecting us with your love.
	So may the peace which passes all understanding
	keep our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY 3rd	January: 2nd of Christmas [or kept as The Epiphany]
Anglican	The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria. Egypt and North Africa
Hereford	Pray for all that is done to resource people within our diocese in prayer and in
riororora	spiritual development; give thanks for all who exercise a ministry of prayer, and
	pray that all that we plan and do may be grounded in a prayerful and joyous
	commitment to our Lord.
Porvoo	England: London - Bishop Sarah Mullally, Bishop Graham Tomlin, Bishop Pete
	Broadbent, Bishop Rob Wickham, Bishop Jonathan Baker, Bishop Ric Thorpe,
	Bishop Joanne Grenfell. Norway: Nidaros / New See and Trondheim, Presiding
	Bishop Olav Fykse Tveit, Bishop Herborg Oline Finnset.
The Wider	A message from Bishop Ark of Nuremberg to a recent link meeting via Zoom
View	included news of people tiring of the lack of normality as the covid crisis
	continues, with artists, small shops and restaurants becoming desperate. At a
	time when we have been forcibly reminded how little control we have over our
	lives, the message of faith, hope and love we share is much needed within a
	wounded society that is longing for healing.
This Week	The Feast of the Epiphany reminds us that Christ is come to draw all nations
	to him, and we see him honoured and acclaimed as King, Priest and Sacrifice.
	January 3rd is marked as "Festival of Sleep" day - a light-hearted awareness
	day that does also have its serious side, in that many people suffer from lack of
	sleep or disrupted sleep, and chronic sleep porblems have shown a marked
	increase during this period of pandemic.
	January 4th is <b>World Braille Day</b> , a reminder of all who live with severe sight
	loss or damage, especially where there is little provision for their help or care.  The impact of the pandemic on <b>high streets</b> has been immense, but in truth it
	has mostly served to accelerate a process of change in shopping habits and
	therefore in what town centres will contain that was already taking place. There
	is a human cost to most societal changes, and many shop workers have been
	made redundant, while businesses both large and small have failed. Pray for
	all who have lost jobs and livelihoods, and for all that is done to help people
	re-train or find new openings.
	One of the many unknowns as we enter a new year is the extent of the impact
	of <b>Brexit</b> on all sorts of aspects of our lives, from employment to the supply of
	consumer goods and foodstuffs in our shops. Farmers, especially sheep
	farmers, may well have lost an important market - depending on whether any
	agreement has been reached. Pray for those who will most suffer during the
	period of painful adjustment to new trading relationships, and as we search for,
	and negotiate access to, new markets for what we produce.
Monday 4th	
Anglican	The Diocese of Abakaliki – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).
Hereford	Support Ministry: Pray for Sarah Whitelock, Communications Director, and for
	all involved in communicating our message and vision as a Diocese, and within
	and from our churches and deaneries - including, within the present crisis,

<u> </u>	advice and direction, prayer and on-line forms of worship.
Tuesday 5th	
Anglican	The Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney – The Scottish Episcopal Church.
Hereford	Support Ministry: Pray for those who help compile and produce this Prayer
	Diary, for the Prayer Station established by Archdeacon Derek on Facebook,
	and all that is there to resource us in prayer for one another and for the world.
Wednesday	6th January: THE EPIPHANY
Anglican	The Diocese of Abuja – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).
Hereford	Health Chaplaincy: Hospital Chaplaincy in Hereford County Hospital & the Wye
	Valley NHS Trust: Philip Roberts, chaplain, and the honorary chaplains and lay
	volunteers. Pray also for the RC Chaplain, Father Matthew Carney, and all
	who offer spiritual support to patients and families. Pray for support to Covid
	patients, and to staff working under immense pressure and risk.
Thursday 7t	
Anglican	The Diocese of Abyei – The Episcopal Church of South Sudan.
Hereford	Health Chaplaincy: Pray for chaplaincy teams at the Royal Shrewsbury
	Hospital, the Princess Royal Hospital, Telford, and other hospitals outside our
	Diocese but providing healthcare to our area; pray too for all who offer
	chaplaincy support in the smaller local hospitals within our Diocese.
Friday 8th J	anuary
Anglican	The Diocese of Accra Ghana – The Province of West Africa.
Hereford	Health Chaplaincy: Chaplaincy at the 2gether NHS Foundation Trust, providing
	mental health and learning disability services in Herefordshire and
	Gloucestershire, including the Stonebow Unit in Hereford.
Saturday 9t	h January
Anglican	The Diocese of Adelaide – The Anglican Church of Australia.
Hereford	Health Chaplaincy: Keith Shaw CA, and all offering chaplaincy support within
	the South Staffordshire and Shropshire Foundation Trust offering mental
	health care within the northern part of our Diocese.
Prayer	God of gold, we seek your glory:
	the richness that transforms our darkness into colour,
Jan Berry	and brightens our dullness with vibrant light:
	your wonder and joy at the heart of all life.
	God of incense, we offer you our prayer:
	our spoken and unspeakable longings,
	our questioning of truth,
	our search for your mystery deep within.
	God of myrrh, we cry out to you in our suffering:
	the pain of all our rejections and bereavements,
	our baffled despair at undeserved suffering,
	our rage at continuing injustice;
	and we embrace you, God-with-us,
	in our wealth, in our yearning, in our anger and loss.

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.   The Bridgnorth Deanery: Rural Dean: Mark Daborn; Lay Co-Chair: Martin Elcock; Sub-Warden of Readers: Garry Ward.	SUNDAY 10tl	n January: The Baptism of Christ (1st of Epiphany)
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Hereford	Stottesdon with Farlow, Cleeton St Mary, Silvington, Sidbury & Middleton Scriven: Mark Daborn; Reader: Alex Daborn; Farlow CE Primary School; Stottesdon CE Primary School.
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Anglican	The Diocese of Agra – The (united) Church of North India.
Hereford	Bridgnorth and Morville Parishes Team Ministry: Bridgnorth with Tasley, Astley Abbotts, Oldbury & Quatford, Morville, Aston Eyre, Acton Round and Monkhopton: Simon Cawdell, Team Vicar Sarah Cawdell, Associate Minister Marjorie Brooks; Curates: Clive Munday, Tom King; Reader: Jane Peeler; Intergenerational Missioner: Kate King; Clergy with PTO: David Chantrey, Clive Parr, Hugh Patterson, John Webb; Reader with PTO: Sheila Hodgkins;. Local Ministry Team: Clergy with Kay Prior, Sheila Royle, Sandie Phillips; Children, Families and Education Co-ordinator: Emma Lambert. Bridgnorth Endowed School, Oldbury Wells School, Castlefields Primary School, St Leonards CE Primary School, St Mary's Bluecoat CE Primary School, Morville CE Primary School, St John's Catholic Primary School; Bridgnorth & S Shropshire Infirmary.
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Anglican	The Diocese of Aguata – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).
Hereford	Claverley with Tuck Hill: Garry Ward; Reader: Colin Bailey; Claverley CE Primary School.
Saturday 16t	h January
Anglican	The Diocese of Ahoada – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).
Hereford	Pray for the churches of other denominations with whom we share ministry. As we draw towards the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, give thanks for the fellowship we share and the ways in which we can work together in the service of Christ. Pray for small chapel communities struggling to keep going, and for the many people of other denominations who worship regularly in our churches, particularly in more rural areas.
Prayer	You know my heart, Lord;
from the pastoral prayer of Aelred of Rievaulx	you know my will is that whatever you have given your servant should be devoted wholly to the service of those in need, and spent for them in its entirety; and that I myself, moreover, would be freely spent for them.  So may it be, O Lord, so may it be.  My powers of perception, and of speech, my work time and my leisure, my doing and my thinking; times when things go well with me, and times when they go ill, my life, my death,  my good health and my weakness, each single thing that makes me what I am, the fact that I exist, and think, and judge, let all be used, let all be spent for those
	for whom you were willing yourself to be spent.

SUNDAY 17	th January: 2nd of Epiphany
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Australia.
Hereford	Pray for the Intergenerational Ministers working throughout our Diocese, and for in our parishes all who plan and lead family worship, cafe-style church, Messy Church, Open the Book, and all our worship and activities that reach out to children and families, and to schools, playgroups etc.
Porvoo	Finland: Tampere, Bishop Matti Repo; England: Manchester, Bishop David Walker, Bishop Mark Ashcroft, Bishop Mark Davies.
Diary	Nick Read, collated and installed today as a Prebendary.
The Wider View	While Covid continues to prevent visitors going to our link schools, hospitals, dioceses and parishes across Tanzania, pray for the relationships we have to remain robust and grow stronger, so that we can overcome the lack of personal contact that we know is so important.
This Week	The third Sunday in January is kept as World Religion Day, and we are reminded both of the importance of religion within our world, something we can be forgetful of in what is in many ways a post-religious Western society; and of our need to seek understanding, dialogue and harmony between faiths, while confidently proclaiming Christ.  Sugar Awareness Week beginning on Monday encourages us to be aware of our sugar intake, and of the sugar content of many processed or packaged foods.  Monday also begins the Big Energy Saving Week. Both as individuals and as churches we may well be paying more than we need to for the energy we use, and we may also be able to reduce our usage - and many people in our parish communities are probably paying more than they should be at a time when they are struggling to get by.  Monday also begins the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year's theme of "Abiding in Christ" uses material prepared by the sisters of the Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland. Pray for those of other Christian denominations with whom we share a call to work and worship within our communities, and pray for good and fruitful ecumenical links.  Monday is also Martin Luther King Day, and we are reminded that race continues to be a divisive issue in much of our world. Pray there may come a time when race is no longer a cause of hatred or prejudice, and give thanks for those who speak out against injustice and bias.  Wulfstan was the saintly bishop of our neighbouring Diocese of Worcester who ably guided that diocese through the transition from Saxon to Norman rule. Pray for the churches and people of the Diocese of Worcester today. Saturday is kept as National Reading Day. Give thanks for all that encourages a love of books and reading in children and young people, and pray for all who work to encourage literacy. Pray too for our library services, often under threat because of the need to trim budgets; pray for those who campaign against cuts, and community groups keeping local libraries open.

January: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins; Amy Carmichael, writer
The Diocese of Aipo Rongo – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.
Highley with Billingsley, Glazeley & Deuxhill, Chelmarsh: Mike Harris;
Associate Ministers: Val Smith, Rosemary Lawley (PTO); SSM Curate: David
Poyner; Reader: Mary Rayner; Readers with PTO: Elizabeth Smith, Keith
Smith, Ruth Honeybourne; Highley Community Primary School.
Dawn Taffender, licensed today to Sutton Hill and Woodside.
n January: Wulfstan, bishop
The Diocese of Ajayi Crowther – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).
Worfield: Jeannetta Stokes; Worfield Endowed CE Primary School.
"Building Bridges between Churches and Schools Network" meeting.
20th January: Richard Rolle, spiritual writer
The Diocese of Akobo – The Episcopal Church of South Sudan.
Support for Ministry: Elizabeth Hackney, Lead Intergenerational Missioner,
and Kathy Bland, Intergenerational Church Enabler, and all who work with
them, particularly our Intergenerational Missioners.
Archdeaconry Ministerial & Pastoral Sub-Committees.
st January: Agnes, child martyr
The Diocese of Akoko – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).
Support for Ministry: Karilyn Collins, advising on partnership and development
issues, and encouraging awareness of development needs and opportunities
worldwide.
Clergy stress resilience webinar.
January: Vincent of Saragossa, deacon and martyr
The Diocese of Akoko Edo – Church of Nigeria (Ánglican Communion).
Support for Ministry: Pray for all that is done to ensure awareness and good
practice on disability issues across our churches, and for Revd Garry Ward as
Diocesan Disability Adviser.
d January
The Diocese of Akot – The Episcopal Church of South Sudan.
Support for Ministry: Hospice chaplaincy - Jill Groves, chaplain at St Michael's
Hospice, Bartestree; also those who provide chaplaincy at the Severn Hospice
in Shrewsbury, Telford and Newtown, serving the north of the Diocese.
Lord, you invite us to abide in you
who are the vinedresser who cares for us with love.
You call on us to see the beauty of each branch united to the vine,
the beauty of each person.
And yet, too often the differences in others make us afraid.
We withdraw into ourselves.
Our trust in you and one another is lost.
Our trust in you and one another is lost. Come and direct our hearts toward you once again.

SUNDAY 24t	h January: 3rd of Epiphany
Anglican	The Church of Bangladesh.
Hereford	The Bromyard Deanery: Acting Rural Dean – Steven Baggs; Lay Co-Chair –
	Brenda Allan.
Porvoo	England: Birmingham, Bishop David Urquhart, Bishop Anne Hollinghurst;
	Ireland: Cork, Cloyne & Ross, Bishop Paul Colton; Denmark: Elsinore, Bishop
	Lise-Lotte Rebel.
The Wider	Following the inauguration of President Biden, pray that there may be a time of
View	healing and a new sense of unity and common purpose within the country, and
	that the United States can once again be a force for peace and understanding
	within the world.
This Week	World Leprosy Day is kept on the fourth Sunday of January, sponsored by
	Lepra, The Leprosy Mission and other agencies working in this field. This year
	the day focuses on the stigma attached to leprosy (or Hansen's Disease). This
	disease is curable and preventable, and yet some 600 people per day world-
	wide are diagnosed with it. The disease is forgotten by many, and those who
	suffer from it are stigmatised. Pray for all who working to bring practical help,
	relief and new hope to leprosy patients today.
	As the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity draws to its close on the Feast of the
	Conversion of Paul, pray for the unity of witness and purpose Paul wrote to
	encourage as a mark of our shared mission, as those who belong to Christ and
	acknowledge him as Lord.  Pray for the churches and people of Australia, as <b>Australia Day</b> is celebrated
	this Tuesday.
	Wednesday this week is <b>Holocaust Memorial Day</b> . Pray that we may never
	forget the horrors of what happened under Hitler's rule, but pray too that we
	remain aware and alert; other genocides have happened since, and there is a
	tide of popularism within today's world that seeks to legitimise many of the
	same divisive tendencies that built Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen.
	National Storytelling Week begins on Saturday. Storytelling is a hugely
	enriching activity, and has an impact everywhere from nurseries to care homes
	for the elderly. It is also an excellent way of teaching the faith. Give thanks for
	those who are good at telling stories, and pray for those who teach and train
	others to do this, since we all have a story to tell.
	<b>Thomas Aquinas</b> , the "Angelic Doctor" regarded as perhaps the greatest
	thinker of the Medieval Church, is commemorated this week. Pray for all who
	teach the faith, and that they may do so with gentleness and care; pray too for
	the Dominican order, to which Aquinas belonged.
	The annual Great Garden Birdwatch this coming weekend is a fine example
	of community action for nature; pray we may be ever more aware of the natural
More don OF41	world where we are, and ready to care and conserve.
•	January: Conversion of Paul; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends
Anglican	The Diocese of Akure – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).

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st January: 4th of Epiphany [or kept as the Presentation of Christ]
The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil [Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil]
Pray for our churches in mission, and for all that encourages and resources our outreach into every community. Pray for parishes, benefices and deaneries developing Mission Action Plans appropriate to their needs, strengths and communities, and as they train, plan and prepare to achieve these.
Wales: Bangor, Bishop Andrew John; <i>Ireland:</i> Dublin and Glendalough, Archbishop Michael Jackson.
Michael Tavinor's last service as Dean of Hereford Cathedral.
Pray for the palliative care teams from Mtwara and Lindi in Tanzania who will be doing a training in Dar es Salaam in February, to extend the new palliative care services in their hospitals into the community.
Give thanks for the ministry of <b>Michael Tavinor</b> as Dean of Hereford. He formally retires on 28th February, but this Sunday sees his final service. The <b>Feast of the Presentation</b> - whether celebrated on Sunday or Tuesday brings to a close the great Christmas-Epiphany season. Give thanks for the message of Christ made known among us as Saviour and King, and pray we may present ourselves to him, to be bearers of his light and love. The first week in February seeks to focus awareness of <b>sexual abuse and violence</b> . Pray for all those who are abused by others in this way, and whose pain and distress may well be hidden from view. Pray that within the Church we may provide a safe space for those victimised by others, and understand safeguarding as something fundamental to our Gospel faith.  This week is also <b>Children's Mental Health Week</b> . It is estimated that around three children in every class will have a mental health problem, while others may struggle with stressful challenges, for example bullying, the illness of a close family member, or a bereavement. This year's theme of "Express Yourself" encourages children to find their own voice, and to share feelings in creative ways. Pray for a deeper awareness of mental health issues in young people. <b>Anskar</b> , remembered on Wednesday, was a tireless preacher of the faith in Denmark and across Scandinavia, often called "The Apostle of the North". Pray for the churches of those countries today, particularly the Nordic Lutheran churches to whom we are linked via the Porvoo Communion. Pray too for those who live with two frequently found but sometimes extremely disabling diseases, <b>tinnitus</b> and <b>Raynaud's syndrome</b> .
February: Brigid, abbess
The Diocese of All Saints Cathedral <i>Nairobi</i> – The Anglican Church of Kenya.
Hereford Cathedral: Dean – Michael Tavinor, and Residentiary Canons - Andrew Piper (Precentor), Christopher Pullin (Chancellor); Lay Canons of Chapter – Barry Forrester, Barbara Gratton and Nick Harvey; Chapter Clerk and Chief Operating Officer – Chris Milton. Pray also for the maintenance and conservation of this great and important building. Give thanks for the ministry

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Anglican	The Diocese of Aluakluak – The Episcopal Church of South Sudan.
Hereford	Hereford Cathedral: Administrative staff - Liz Morawiecka, Alan Cartwright, Gill
	Atkins, Julie Anscomb, Lorraine Cave, Peter Challenger, Abigail Jones, Jess
	Stallwood; Vergers - Tim Pryse-Davies, Lyn Smith, Alex Reed, Aaron
	O'Sullivan. Pray for the safety of staff and visitors at this time.
	/ 3rd February: Anskar, archbishop & missionary
Anglican	The Diocese of Amazônia – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.
Hereford	Hereford Cathedral: Geraint Bowen, Organist and Director of Music; Peter
	Dyke, Assistant Director of Music; Timothy Symons, Music and Liturgy
	Administrator; choristers, and all who support the music of the Cathedral. Pray
	also for the Cathedral bell ringers.
Thursday 4	th February: Gilbert, founder of the Gilbertine order
Anglican	The Diocese of Amichi – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).
Hereford	Hereford Cathedral: The commercial operations of the Cathedral, work with
	schools and children, the Mappa Mundi exhibition, library and archives; also
	the Cathedral Friends and the Perpetual Trust. Give thanks for the volunteers
	who in normal times welcome visitors to the Cathedral and its exhibitions.
Friday 5th F	February
Anglican	The Diocese of Amritsar – The (united) Church of North India.
Hereford	Hereford Cathedral: Hereford Cathedral School – Paul Smith, headmaster;
	Hereford Cathedral Junior School – Chris Wright, headmaster.
Saturday 61	th February: Martyrs of Japan; Accession of Queen Elizabeth II to the throne
Anglican	The Diocese of Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands – The (united) Church of
J	North India.
Hereford	Hereford Cathedral: Pam Row, Cathedral Chaplain, and all who share in the
	worship of the Cathedral; also the Ecumenical Companions: Brigitte Malik
	(Lutheran), Steve Faber (URC), Steve Sully (Challenge Community Church),
	Fr Simon McGurk (RC).
Prayer	Blessed are you, Lord our God,
- <b>,</b> -	king of the universe:
A prayer at	To you be glory and praise for ever!
Candlemas	For you are our light and our salvation
	and we your children wait for your loving kindness
	in the midst of your temple.
	In your Christ, born of the Virgin Mary,
	there has sprung up a light for the righteous
	and joyful gladness for those who are faithful.
	As we, like Simeon and Anna, welcome him with joy,
	presented before us as light of all the world,
	may we be filled with his Spirit and made a living temple
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	to the praise and glory of your holy name.

SUNDAY 7th	r February: 2nd before Lent
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Burundi.
Hereford	The Clun Forest Deanery: Rural Dean – Stephanie Fountain; Lay Co-Chair – Andrew Wood; Treasurer - Sally Currin; Sub-Warden of Readers – Jonathan Kemp; Deanery Healing Adviser - Mary Hardham.
Porvoo	England: Worcester, Bishop John Inge, Bishop Martin Gorick; Norway: Hamar, Bishop Solveig Fiske.
The Wider View	Now that our Government has dissolved the Department for International Development and incorporated its work into the Foreign and Commonwealth Development Office, more closely linking aid to trade and defence, pray for those in leadership to be aware of humanitarian needs and compassionate in their response, and for the percentage of GDP given to aid to be increased rather than cut.
This Week	Monday 8th February is International Epilepsy Day, focusing attention on a disease that can be extremely disabling. Pray for all who live with epilepsy, and for better awareness of how to respond to an attack.  Student Volunteering Week begins on Monday, as does National Apprenticeship Week. Pray for young people seeking to offer something and to acquire skills, and those who help with guidance and direction.  Pray for all who will take part in the CMD days beginning this week and continuing next, on "Generosity". Our individual and corporate witness should reflect and convey the generosity of God, but it can be challenging to teach about giving, and particularly so at times of stress and uncertainty.  Tuesday marks Safer Internet Day. This international awareness day, with a theme of "Together for a Safer Internet" seeks to encourage high standards of safety, particularly with young people and children in mind. Most of us use the web a good deal, but it can be hugely destructive when used malevolently, as a tool for bullying or a means of grooming, whether sexually or politically. Pray for those at risk.  11th February is kept as the International Day of the Sick, an observance started by Pope John II to encourage both care and prayer.  Friday begins the Chinese New Year (the Year of the Ox). Pray for the people of China, for those of Chinese extraction within our own communities, and for those within China campaigning for freedoms denied them, in Hong Kong, in Tibet and among the Uighur Muslim minority.
Monday 8th	February
Anglican	The Diocese of Saint Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane – The Scottish Episcopal Church.
Hereford	Ridgeway Group - Bishop's Castle with Mainstone, Lydbury North and Edgton, & Sarn: Stephanie Fountain; Readers – Cathy Owen, Sylvia Taylor; Benefice Administrator, – Cathy Owen; Retired Clergy - Graham Lloyd, Michael Plunkett, Richard Burn, Ian Ball, Kevin Skippon; LMDG - Angela Pooley; Community College, Bishop's Castle; Bishop's Castle Primary School; Lydbury

	North CE Primary School; Bishop's Castle Community Hospital.
Diary	Mothers' Union Trustee meeting.
Tuesday 9th	
Anglican	The Anglican Missionary District South West Brazil – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.
Hereford	Middle Marches Group - Bedstone, Bucknell, Chapel Lawn, Clungunford, Hopton Castle, Llanfair Waterdine, Stowe: Annie Ballard; Readers – Jonathan Kemp; Vision and Strategy Group: Pat Hancock, Jonathan Kemp, Richard Lewis, Maurice Moore, Margi Savery; St Mary's CE Primary School, Bucknell; Bedstone College.
Wednesday	10th February: Scholastica, abbess
Anglican	The Diocese of Angola – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.
Hereford	Clun Valley Group - Clun with Bettws y Crwyn, Newcastle, Clunton, Clunbury and Hopesay: vacant; Retired Clergy – Maurice Young, Robert Payne; Local Ministry Team – Sandra Davies, Pam Pittwood; Newcastle CE Primary School; St George's CE School, Clun; Clunbury Primary CE School.
Diary	Greg Smith, licensed today to Pontesbury and the Stiperstones Group.
Thursday 11	th February
Anglican	The Diocese of Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda.
Hereford	Onny Camlad Group – Wentnor with Ratlinghope; Myndtown & Norbury, Lydham, More & Snead, Churchstoke & Hyssington: Vivienne Hatton; Carol Whittock (Mission Priest half-time); Retired Clergy – Michael Pollit, Michael Whittock; Reader - David Jelves; Onny Camlad Local Ministry Development Group: Carol Whittock, Margaret Wallsgrove, Anita Bright, Bob Berry, Shirley Jones. Churchstoke School; Norbury School.
Diary	CMD - Generosity: Teaching Giving in Troubled Times (part 1).
Friday 12th I	
Anglican	The Diocese of North Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda.
Hereford	Support Ministry: Wendy Coombey, working to support parishes in project development, and all who work with her.
Saturday 131	th February
Anglican	The Diocese of Northwest Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda.
Hereford	Stephen Challenger, Property Secretary and secretary to the DAC, and allwho work with him to give advice and direction on matters to do with church fabric.
Prayer Christina Rossetti	Lord, purge our eyes to see within the seed a tree, within the glowing egg a bird, within the shroud a butterfly.
	Till, taught by such, we see beyond all creatures, thee, and hearken to thy tender word and hear its "Fear not; it is I."

SUNDAY 14t	h February: Next before Lent
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Canada.
Hereford	Pray for each of our towns, villages and smaller communities, giving thanks for the church's presence in even small and isolated communities, and praying for all that helps develop good and mutually supportive relationships between the local church and the wider community.
Porvoo	Ireland: Limerick & Killaloe, Bishop Kenneth Kearon; Denmark: Roskilde, Bishop Peter Fischer-Moeller.
The Wider View	Pray for Bishop Emmaus Bandekile Mwamakula of the Moravian Church in Tanzania, who has been calling for the country to discus the adoption of a new Constitution to guarantee democracy, freedom, and the rights of every group within society. His open criticism of the government's record in this regard leaves him fearing for his own safety.
This Week	Valentine's Day prompts prayer for all who are in love, and also perhaps for those preparing for marriage this year, especially those many couples who have had to postpone their wedding due to the Covid pandemic.  Thomas Bray, commemorated on Monday, was a child of our Diocese, being born on the Long Mountain and baptized in Chirbury church. Pray for the witness today of USPG and SPCK in mission and study.  On Shrove Tuesday there would probably have been a variety of church social and fund-raising events (mostly involving pancakes), and it's probable that many of these still won't be able to happen. Pray we will still manage to celebrate this last day before the abstinence of Lent.  On Ash Wednesday we are reminded of our own mortality, and our utter dependence on God: left to ourselves, we are but dust. Pray for our keeping of this holy season, as a time not only of giving things up but also taking on a new commitment to serve, to study or to pray, and therefore as a time of growth. Since Wednesday is also Random Acts of Kindness Day, that might well be one of the new commitments to take on. Give thanks for those who are the source of unexpected blessings in our lives.  Pray for Lent courses, study groups, prayer times and acts of worship in our churches throughout the Forty Days. Some may well be on-line, which may present issues and problems but could also be a source of blessing, and of making new contacts. Give thanks for this aspect of our use of the internet in worship, social outreach and teaching in recent months.
•	February: Sigfrid, bishop; Thomas Bray, founder of SPG and SPCK
Anglican	The Diocese of South Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda.
Hereford	Support Ministry: Hilary Morgan, Chaplain for the Deaf, and the Deaf Church meeting at St Mary's, Grandstand Road, Hereford. Pray also for all that is done to enable ministry to deaf people, including training in sign language.
Tuesday 16tl	h February: Shrove Tuesday
Anglican	The Diocese of West Ankole – The Church of the Province of Uganda.
Hereford	Support Ministry: John Daniels, Local Ministry Officer, encouraging parishes
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	and groups to consider Local Ministry, and facilitating debate, training and formation. (NB John is furloughed at the time of writing this).
Wednesday	17th February: ASH WEDNESDAY
Anglican	The Diocese of Antananarivo <i>Madagascar</i> – The Province of the Indian Ocean.
Hereford	Support Ministry: Amanda McPhee, Safeguarding Adviser, and all who work
	with her to provide training and resources, and to ensure high standards of
	safeguarding within our Diocese.
Diary	CMD - Generosity: Teaching Giving in Troubled Times (part 2).
Thursday 18	th February
Anglican	The Diocese of Antsiranana <i>Madagascar</i> – The Province of the Indian Ocean.
Hereford	Outreach and Mission: Pray we may make effective use of all types of media in
	outreach, mission and worship. Pray for all who edit and produce church and
	community magazines and newsletters, and keep our church notice boards,
	websites and social media pages up to date, and for who are getting to grips
	with worship via Zoom, Youtube and the like.
Friday 19th I	February
Anglican	The Diocese of Araucanía – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.
Hereford	Outreach and Mission: Life events: pray that we may offer a warm welcome
	and a generous and caring response to those who come to church to mark
	important times, happy or sad, in their lives, especially while we are limited by
	Covid restrictions in what we can do and offer. Pray for our outreach to those
	directly impacted by the disease.
Saturday 20t	th February
Anglican	The Diocese of the Arctic – The Anglican Church of Canada.
Hereford	Outreach and Mission: Pray for our mission in each local situation; for effective
	engagement with the issues and opportunities identified through MAP's and in
	other ways, and for training, planning and prayer support.
Prayer	O God of grace,
	lead us and guide us from a life of self-centredness
At the	and satisfaction for what we are and what we do
beginning of Lent (from the	to a life of dependence on you.
Church of	Inspire our hearts that we may rise beyond the daily trifles of our existence
Bangladesh)	and join with you in love and concern for the whole creation,
	that we may always remind ourselves that we are the disciples
	of one who did not help himself, but was a man for others.
	Grant that we may, through our life and example,
	work for a world where your name is truly praised,
	and we all live like salt and leaven in the midst of this mass of humanity,
	and in a bond of charity.
	O God the Holy Spirit,
	hallow and guide us
	in this vocation of wholeness and healing,
	through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY 219	st February: 1st of Lent
Anglican	The Church of the Province of Central Africa.
Hereford	The Condover Deanery: Rural Dean – Geoff Garrett; Lay Co-Chair – Janet
<del></del>	Wilcoxon; Sub-Warden of Readers – Nancy Cleaton.
Porvoo	England: Peterborough, Bishop Donald Allister, Bishop John Holbrook;
	Ireland: Meath & Kildare, Bishop Pat Storey.
The Wider	Pray for refugees and displaced and migrant people throughout the world,
View	many of whom will have spent Christmas and New Year in hostile conditions,
	vulnerable to cold, hunger, exploitation and disease including Covid, some of
	them in places where the host nation can hardly afford to feed and protect its
	own people. May 2021 bring them a better and safer life.
This Week	Pray for those who help run our local <b>village and community halls</b> , many of
	which will have been little used through past months. Give thanks for help from
	both statutory and voluntary sources which has helped tide things over, and
	pray for community groups and other regular users as they return.
	<b>Polycarp</b> , commemorated on Tuesday, was martyred in the mid 2nd Century,
	refusing the option to save his life by renouncing his faith. Pray for all who are
	persecuted for their faith today.
	George Herbert's day, which is Saturday, gives cause to celebrate those who,
	like him, express their faith in poetry and hymnody, and also to honour his
	quiet dedication to the cure of souls in his country parish.
	The Lenten <b>Ember Days</b> fall during this week. One tradition is that they were
	days of prayer for those shortly to be ordained, but they also prompt our prayer
	for all who serve the Church in its various ministries, both ordained and lay, for
	those training for ministry, and for those considering a sense of vocation. Pray
	for Neil Patterson and those who work with him in supporting those considering
	or training for ordination, and for those presently in training (see the back page
	of this Diary).
	Fairtrade Fortnight, beginning on 22nd February, this year focuses on the
	impact of climate change on the growers and producers with whom they work.
	Pray for all that encourages and enables fair trade.
	23rd February is kept as <b>Rotary Day</b> worldwide. Give thanks for the Rotary
	Clubs active within our Diocese, and for other organisations (Lions, Round
	Table, etc), which share the same theme of service within the community. Pray
	also for the many community help groups which have arisen as a response to
	the Covid pandemic, some at least of which aim to continue their work of
	providing help and care when the present crisis is over.
	By this time the work of <b>mass vaccination</b> should be well under way, and
	beginning to have an impact. Pray for all who are engaged in this work, and for
	its organisation within each community.
Monday 22n	d February
Anglican	The Diocese of Argentina – The Anglican Church of South America.
Hereford	Condover with Ryton, Frodesley, Acton Burnell & Pitchford: Geoff Garrett;

	Readers – Raymond Evanson; Jeremy Lowe; Condover CE Primary School.
Tuesday 23rd	d February: Polycarp, bishop & martyr
Anglican	The Diocese of Northern Argentina – The Anglican Church of South America.
Hereford	Church Stretton with All Stretton and Little Stretton: Steve Johnson; Readers - Robert Rayner, Gillian Taylor; Children's Worker - Sarah Robinson; Youth Worker - Sally Clilverd; Church Stretton School; St Lawrence CE Primary School.
Wednesday 2	24th February: Ember Day
Anglican	The Diocese of Argyll & The Isles – The Scottish Episcopal Church.
Hereford	The Steeplewood Fold Group - Dorrington with Leebotwood, Longnor, Stapleton, Smethcote & Woolstaston: Laura Hnatiuk; Caro White (Associate Priest); Reader – Mike James; St Edward's CE Primary School; Longnor CE Primary School.
Thursday 25	th February
Anglican	The Diocese of Arizona USA – The Episcopal Church.
Hereford	The Apedale Group - Hope Bowdler with Eaton-under-Heywood, Rushbury and Cardington: Sam Mann, Sue Jelleyman; Readers - Joy Kohn, Margaret Stratton; Rushbury CE Primary School.
Friday 26th F	February: Ember Day
Anglican	The Diocese of Arkansas <i>USA</i> – The Episcopal Church.
Hereford	The Craven Arms Group – Stokesay with the Pilgrim Centre in Craven Arms, Halford with Sibdon, Acton Scott, & Wistanstow: vacant; Mervyn Williams; Local Ministry Team – David Ruck, Mervyn Williams, Carol Griffin, Carol Morris, Vanda Dawson, Margaret Semple; Stokesay Primary School; Wistanstow CE Primary School.
Saturday 27t	h February: George Herbert, priest and poet; Ember Day
Anglican	The Diocese of Armagh – The Church of Ireland.
Hereford	Wenlock Team Ministry – Much Wenlock with Bourton, Easthope, Stanton Long, Shipton; and Berrington with Betton Strange and Cross Houses, Church Preen, Cressage, Cound, Harley, Hughley, Kenley, Sheinton: Matthew Stafford, Alison Walker; Readers: Paul Trenberth; Reader Emeritus - Roy Cox, Trevor Hill; Associates David Janes; Family Breakfast Service Leaders - Jackie Birt, Jude Walker; Brockton CE Primary School; William Brookes School, Much Wenlock; Much Wenlock Primary School; Christ Church CE Primary School, Cressage; Church Preen Primary School.
Prayer	Forgive our silence, Lord, and our reluctance to speak up for others.
For Fairtrade Fortnight (from the United Reformed Church, adapted)	Forgive our reliance on goods produced unfairly at the expense of the poor, and our lack of awareness.  Enter the silence of our hearts, and lift them up with fresh understanding derived from the wisdom contained in your Word.  May we be ambassadors for Christ in bringing reconciliation between producer and consumer,  between those exploited and those who benefit from their exploitation.  May all our labour be valued and rewarded justly, and may our choices and lifestyles reflect a care for creation and humanity.
	May we appreciate your gift of life and respect the lives of all your children.

SUNDAY 28t	h February: 2nd of Lent
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Central America [Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America].
Hereford	Pray for the care, conservation and creative use of our church buildings, as places of worship and fellowship, and at the heart of the local community. Pray for all working to ensure safety, cleanliness and Covid security in these challenging times.
Porvoo	England: Canterbury - Archbishop Justin Welby, Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop Jonathan Goodall, Bishop Rod Thomas, Bishop Norman Banks; Ireland: Down & Dromore, Bishop David McClay.
The Wider View	Whatever agreement has or has not been reached between the UK and the EU, it is clear that much has been lost, as regards trust and a sense of shared identity. There is rebuilding to be done, and links such as ours with the Diocese of Nuremberg become all the more important in terms of friendship, dialogue and mutual support.
This Week	The last Sunday in February is kept as Rare Disease Day. The purpose of the day is to raise awareness of rare diseases with policy makers and the public. Though each disease may be rare, some 300 million people worldwide suffer from these diseases. Those with these diseases - over 6000 different conditions, each of which is experienced by only a small number of people - may experience misdiagnosis or even a refusal to take reported symptoms seriously. Pray for greater awareness and research.  On St David's Day, Monday, pray for our neighbour the Church in Wales, for the people of Wales, and for the fifteen (I think) Welsh churches in our own Diocese. Tuesday is the day of St Chad, the first bishop of our neighbour diocese, Lichfield: pray for that diocese too.  The Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal happens at this time too: pray for the work of Marie Curie nurses in our communities, for those supported by their work, and for its funding.  This is also Eating Disorders Awareness Week. Many young people perhaps in growing numbers - suffer from eating disorders such as Anorexia and Bulimia, which may be linked to bullying, body image issues, or stress. Pray for better understanding of the varied causes of these disorders, and for effective response and treatment.  Another issue affecting many young people is self-harming. Self Injury and Harm Awareness Day (SIAD) aims to focus attention on this issue worldwide, and always takes place on 1st March.  This is also National Careers Week. The economic downturn resulting from Covid will have impacted on young people considering career choices, and will also require many people to retrain and change direction. Pray for all who offer advice, support and funding for training or retraining.  World Hearing Day on March 3rd prompts prayers for all who live with hearing loss, for research and development to help with hearing issues, and for those

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	within our churches who struggle to hear.
	Pray for the work of our <b>Diocesan Synod</b> and <b>Board of Finance</b> , as its
84	members meet this week.
	March: David, patron of Wales
Anglican	The Diocese of Armidale – The Anglican Church of Australia.
Hereford	Support Ministry: Neil Patterson, Diocesan Director of Vocations and
	Ordinands. Pray for new vocations for ministry from our Diocese, and for those
	in training or preparing to begin; also for the assistant Directors of Ordinands.
	March: Chad, bishop
Anglican	The Diocese of Arochukwu / Ohafia – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
Hereford	Churches Together and other areas of ecumenical co-operation - ways in
	which we can share fellowship, ideas, projects, training, worship and even
	buildings.
Wednesday 3	Brd March
Anglican	The Diocese of Aru – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.
Hereford	Support Ministry: Luci Morris, Dean of Women's Ministry, supporting women in
	ordained ministry and as accredited lay workers within the Diocese.
Thursday 4th	March
Anglican	The Missionary Diocese of Asaba – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).
Hereford	Ministry: Give thanks for the ministry of Self-Supporting Ministers (SSMs) and
	ministers with PTO within our Diocese.
Friday 5th Ma	arch
Anglican	The Diocese of Asante-Mampong Ghana – The Province of West Africa.
Hereford	Ministry: Give thanks for the assisting ministry offered by retired and PTO
	clergy in our diocese, and pray for those who give support and help to retired
	clergy.
Saturday 6th	
Anglican	The Diocese of Saint Asaph – The Church in Wales.
Hereford	Hereford Deanery: The Bartestree Cross Group - Lugwardine with Bartestree,
110101010	Weston Beggard & Dormington, Withington & Westhide: Simon Tarlton;
	Lugwardine Primary School; Withington Primary School; St Mary's RC High
	School.
Diary	Diocesan Synod / Diocesan Board of Finance.
Prayer	God our Father,
i layei	You called your servant David to uphold the Christian faith
Barry Morgan,	amongst the people of Wales,
former	to encourage them by his observance of fasting and obedience,
Archbishop of	and to show them compassion through small acts of great love.
Wales	
	As light is poured onto the mountain-tops and
	as fresh rain is sprinkled on the hills,
	help us to be good carers of one another
	and of Your great and glorious Creation.

SUNDAY 7th	March: 3rd of Lent
Anglican	The Anglican Church of the Congo [Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo].
Hereford	The Hereford Deanery: Rural Dean – Ruth Hulse; Lay Co-Chair – Jackie
	Mumford; Sub-Warden of Readers – Malcolm Robertson; Treasurer -
	Rosemary Lording.
Porvoo	England: Chelmsford (vacant) Bishop John Perumbalath, Bishop Roger Morris,
	Bishop Peter Hill; Sweden: Karlstad, Bishop Sören Dalevi.
The Wider	Pray for the people and nations of the Horn of Africa. At the time this Diary was
View	being assembled the situation in Northern Ethiopia was deteriorating, with
	fighting between Tigray regional forces and the Ethiopian army. Pray for peace
	there and elsewhere in the region, including Somalia and South Sudan.
This Week	No More Week, beginning this Sunday and sponsored by the charity UK Says
	No More, raises awareness of domestic abuse. Pray for individuals and
	families directly affected by such abuse, so often hidden and unreported, and
	for all who offer help and refuge.
	International Women's Day on Monday celebrates the achievements of
	women in cultural, social scientific and political spheres - and more, but is also
	a focus on campaigning issues, this year equality in education.
	This week is also National Butchers Week: pray for the many local butcher's
	shops that serve our communities, often ensuring a local market for locally
	produced and sourced meats - better economically and environmentally.
	Wednesday this week is <b>National No Smoking Day</b> . Pray for all who are
	trying to give up smoking, and also for those who are struggling with smoking-
	related health problems.  Cruft's Dog Show is due to take place this week, and focuses attention and
	prayer on dogs as wonderful pets and companions (and co-workers), but also
	perhaps on the ways in which intensive breeding can lead to permanent health
	problems, for the sake of accentuating prize-winning features.
	As we move towards Easter, pray for all who work within the area of <b>local</b>
	tourism and visitor attractions within our Diocese, many of whom will have
	struggled greatly over the past year, and will be hoping for a year of rebuilding.
	Pray too for those who visit our churches, and that we may find creative ways
	of interpreting our buildings so as to share not only their history and the beauty
	of the building and its contents, but also our faith.
	Pray for our <b>church schools</b> , for heads and teaching and non-teaching staff,
	and for children and parents. The past year has been a particularly testing one
	for teachers and children alike - give thanks for all who have offered help and
	support, or just brought a cake and a card in. Pray for school governors and
	especially for foundation governors, and for the work of our Diocesan Board of
	Education.
Monday 8th I	March: Edward King, bishop: Felix, bishop; Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, priest
Anglican	The Diocese of Athabasca – The Anglican Church of Canada.
Hereford	St Martin, Hereford and St Peter, Bullinghope; Anne Dowdeswell; Intergenerational

Missioners - Jo Child, David Bland; Local Ministry Team. The Hereford Academy; Riverside Primary School; Marlbrook Primary School; St Martin's Primary School; Our Lady's RC Primary School; Blackmarston School.
March March
The Diocese of Athooch – The Episcopal Church of South Sudan.
South Wye Rural - Dinedor w Holme Lacy; Little Dewchurch w Ballingham, vacant, Little Dewchurch CE Primary School.
0th March
The Diocese of Atlanta USA – The Episcopal Church.
West Hereford Team Ministry – St Nicholas, Holy Trinity, All Saints and St Michael's, Breinton: vacant, Ruth Hulse, Joanna Burden; Readers – Stuart Vince, Chris Webb, Malcolm Robertson, Michael Weaver; The Team LMDGs; Whitecross High School; Trinity Primary School; Lord Scudamore Academy.
n March
The Diocese of Auckland – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.
St Peter with St Owen & St James: Andy Morgan, Andy Dodwell, Elliot Swattridge; PTO - Paul Gill, Val Turner; Readers – Peter Strevens, Mary Bennett; St Thomas Cantilupe CE School, St James CE School. Church wardens- Peter and Janet Stevens, Richard Paske, Guy Rawlinson, Stephen Turner; Treasurer: Andy Butterfill; 'Bread of Life' - hot food provision.
arch
The Diocese of North West Australia – The Anglican Church of Australia.
Holmer with Huntington: Steven Lee, Rob Oram; Reader – Nancy Thomas; Holmer CE Academy.
March
The Diocese of Aweil – The Episcopal Church of South Sudan.
Burghill, Stretton Sugwas, Pipe-cum-Lyde & Moreton-on-Lugg: Phill Brown; Burghill Primary School; Stretton Sugwas CE Primary School.
Christ lives in his saints. We know his life in them. St Paul prayed to know the Power of the Resurrection,
though he knew the fact.
If you are to preach, you must make up your minds that you are sent, and sent by God.
Without the gift of love, you will never be a preacher.  Nothing anonymous will ever persuade
the faith and conduct of the preacher give life and power to his message.  Thus preaching is different from mere feeling.
You may teach mathematics or geography without being fully convinced.
But in delivering the Gospel message, if it is to be a living life-giving message,
there must be in the preacher

SUNDAY 14t	h March: 4th of Lent, Mothering Sunday
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Chile [Iglesia Anglicana de Chile].
Hereford	Pray for all who visit our churches, and for the welcome we extend, both at
Tiorord	times of worship, and to those who look in at other times. Pray we may
	interpret our buildings in ways that both tell their story and share our faith.
Porvoo	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia: Archbishop Jānis Vanags, Bishop
1 01 000	Einārs Alpe, Bishop Hanss Martins Jensons; <i>England:</i> Lichfield, Bishop
	Michael Ipgrave, Bishop Sarah Bullock, Bishop designate Matthew Parker,
	Bishop Clive Gregory; <i>Wales:</i> St David's, Bishop Joanna Penberthy.
The Wider	Pray for Nuremberg Diocese as it prepares for change, with Bishop Ark's
View	retirement at the end of this year (Bishop Elizabeth will continue), and looks
VIOW	towards the 2023 Kirchentag. Pray too for growth in our link relationship,
	including new and revived contacts at deanery level between our dioceses.
This Week	On <b>Mothering Sunday</b> we give thanks for mothers and for family life - and for
TINO VVOOR	mothering, which is not done only by mothers. Pray too for the ancient church
	foundations of our Diocese, for the places where the faith was first preached,
	and for the Cathedral as our mother church. Pray too for those families within
	our communities whose home life is disrupted and chaotic, or where for
	example unemployment has left the family struggling to cope.
	National <b>Compost Week</b> prompts prayers for those who will be busy
	gardening by now, and for awareness of the benefits of this simple form of
	recycling.
	March 16th is kept as <b>Young Carers Day</b> , and prompts prayer for the many
	young people who, alongside school and other commitments, care for siblings,
	parents or other family members. They may well be missing out on the informal
	contacts with friends that are an important part of childhood - but for many their
	caring is done not just out of duty, but also our of love.
	On the feast day of <b>Patrick</b> (Wednesday), pray for the churches and people of
	Ireland. Tensions, both political and economic, will have been raised by the
	withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union; discussions were
	still in process at the time of preparing this Diary, but whatever their outcome
	there will be significant adjustments to be made between north and south in
	the island of Ireland.
	St Joseph's Day (Friday) is by tradition a day to pray for all who work with
	their hands, and to give thanks for the skills of those who make and build.
	Cuthbert is remembered this Saturday for the humility he showed as priest
	and bishop, his dedication to his flock and to his Lord, and his love of the wild
	places and wild creatures of the Northumbrian coast. Give thanks for Celtic
	rhythms and prayers as a resource for our worship today.
	Beep Beep Day on 17th supports the teaching of road safety to our youngest
	children nursery and early classes. Pray for all that is done to keep children
	safe on our roads, and for care when driving near to schools and playgrounds.
	Friday will be <b>Red Nose Day</b> : pray for all taking part in or responding to events

	and activities to raise funds for Comic Relief.
Monday 15t	
Anglican	The Diocese of Awerial – The Episcopal Church of South Sudan.
Hereford	Tupsley with Hampton Bishop: Nick Armstrong; Reader - Deborah Hartland; Bishop of Hereford's Bluecoat School; St Paul's CE Primary School; Hampton
	Dene Primary School; Broadlands Primary School; St Francis Xavier RC Primary School; Aylestone Business & Enterprise College.
Tuesday 16	th March
Anglican	The Diocese of Awgu / Aninri – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).
Hereford	Hereford VI Form College (Chaplain – Deborah Jackson); Herefordshire & Ludlow College; Hereford College of Arts; Royal National College for the Blind; Holme Lacy College.
Wednesday	17th March: Patrick, patron of Ireland
Anglican	The Diocese of Awka – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).
Hereford	The Maund Group - Bodenham, Felton & Preston Wynne, Marden with Amberley & Wisteston, Sutton St Nicholas & Sutton St Michael: Paul Roberts; Reader – Janet Hewlett; St Michael's CE Primary School, Bodenham; Marden Primary School
Thursday 19	Primary School; Sutton Primary School.
<b>-</b>	8th March: Cyril, bishop & teacher  The Disease of Awari Church of Nigeria (Anglisen Communical)
Anglican	The Diocese of Awori – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).
Hereford	The Magnis Group - Credenhill with Brinsop & Wormsley, Mansel Lacy & Yazor, Kenchester, Bridge Sollers & Bishopstone: Rana Davies-James, Angie Deane; Reader – Mike Wilkinson; St Mary's CE Primary School, Credenhill.
Friday 19th	March: Joseph of Nazareth
Anglican	The Diocese of Ayod – The Episcopal Church of South Sudan.
Hereford	Stirling Lines (SAS) – Military Chaplains.
Saturday 20	Oth March: Cuthbert, bishop and missionary
Anglican	The Diocese of Badagry – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).
Hereford	Fownhope, Mordiford, Brockhampton, Woolhope & Checkley: Chris Moore; St Mary's Primary School, Fownhope (Tim Milne); Mordiford Primary School (Kerri Finney).
Prayer	Lord Jesus Christ,
	at the carpenter's bench
John Stott	you participated in the dignity of honest labour:
(adapted)	as you give to each of us tasks to perform,
	so help us to do our weekday work
	with readiness of mind and singleness of heart,
	not in order to find favour with those around us,
	but as your servants,
	labouring with strength of arm and heart,
	as for your glory and not for human gain.
	So may all we do, whether great or small
	be done for this:
	the glory of your holy name.

SUNDAY 21st March: 5th of Lent, Passion Sunday [Passiontide begins]		
Anglican	The Church of England.	
Hereford	Kington & Weobley Deanery: Rural Dean – Guy Wilkinson; Lay Co-Chair – Elizabeth Shayler; Sub-Warden of Readers – Anne Tunley.	
Today	Pray for churches across our Diocese holding <b>Gift Day</b> services, events and activities today, or planning them for other days, and that we may enable and ensure the funding we need for ministry and mission in these testing times.	
Porvoo	Sweden: Lund, Bishop Johan Tyrberg; Ireland: Cashel, Ossory & Ferns, Bishop Michael Burrows; England: Ely, Bishop Stephen Conway, Bishop Dagmar Winter.	
The Wider	As the events of Passiontide and Easter turn our focus to the peoples of the	
View	Holy Land, pray that, as pragmatic links seem to be being forged between Israel and the Gulf states and Sudan, the needs and aspirations of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza will remain part of any discussions. Gaza has been particularly badly his by the Covid pandemic: pray for the people there and the health services.	
This Week	As well as it being the beginning of Passiontide, a number of awareness days share this Sunday. World Down Syndrome Day raises awareness around the world of those living with Down's Syndrome, this year focusing on the right to participate of those living with this syndrome.  The International Day of Forests encourages awareness of the importance of forests and also their fragility and vulnerability: pray we may protect our remaining forests, for the wellbeing of people and of planet.  Sunday is also World Poetry Day - give thanks for poets and poetry, and the way this literary form can challenge, encourage and lift us, both affirming our shared humanity and engaging with the reader as he or she is.  The feast of the Annunciation was once the start of the New Year. It celebrates Mary's decisive "yes" to the message brought to her. She declares herself as the "handmaid of the Lord" - pray for a humility and obedience like hers to be a mark of the Church in mission and service today.  World Water Day on Monday reminds us of the importance of water, and of those many places in our world where water is a cause of disease and death. Pray for all to have access to clean water.  TB is also a major killer in our world. Our focus on Covid over the past year has hidden the continued impact of many other diseases, and TB is not only a persistent health problem in poorer religions, but a growing problem in more developed countries, encouraged by international travel and large population movements. World TB Day on Wednesday seeks to raise awareness of what is in fact an epidemic, though unobserved by many.	
Monday 22nd		
Anglican	The Diocese of the Bahamas & The Turks and Caicos Islands – The Church in the Province of the West Indies.	
Hereford	Eardisley with Bollingham & Willersley, Brilley, Michaelchurch, Whitney,	

	Winforton, Almeley & Kinnersley: Marcus Small, Guy Wilkinson, Bob Mullis;
	Readers - Joyce Banbury, David Greenwood; Almeley Primary School; Eardisley CE Primary School.
Tuesday 23rd	•
Anglican	The Diocese of Bakuru – Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion).
Hereford	Kington with Huntington, Old Radnor, Kinnerton & Titley: Ben Griffith, Linda
	MacDermott; Paul Buckingham; Reader - Rob MacCurrach; Kington Primary
	School; Lady Hawkins High School; Kington Court Hospital.
Wednesday 2	4th March: Walter Hilton, mystic; Paul Couturier, priest; Oscar Romero, martyr
Anglican	The Diocese of Ballarat – The Anglican Church of Australia.
Hereford	Letton with Staunton-on-Wye, Byford, Mansel Gamage & Monnington-on-Wye;
	Weobley with Sarnesfield & Norton Canon: vacant; Susan Verwey, John
	Thewlis, Charles Overton, Peter Houghton; Reader - Henry Verwey; Staunton-
	on-Wye Endowed Primary School; Weobley Primary School; Weobley High
	School.
Thursday 25t	h March: Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Anglican	The Diocese of Bangor – The Church in Wales.
Hereford	Arrowvale Group - Pembridge with Moorcourt, Shobdon, Staunton-on-Arrow,
	Byton & Lyonshall: Anna Branston; Readers – Ian Smith, Anne Ingham;
	Pembridge CE Primary School; Shobdon Primary School.
Diary	Archdeaconry Ministerial & Pastoral Sub-Committees.
Friday 26th M	arch: Harriet Monsall, founder of the Community of St John the Baptist
Anglican	The Diocese of Banks & Torres Vanuatu – The Anglican Church of Melanesia.
Hereford	Presteigne with Discoed, Kinsham, Lingen & Knill: Stephen Hollinghurst,
	Debbie Venables; The John Beddoes Secondary School, and Presteigne
	Primary School.
Saturday 27th	March
Anglican	The Diocese of Barbados – The Church in the Province of the West Indies.
Hereford	Support for Ministry: Pray for the work of the Ludlow Mascall Centre, and in
	particular for the Diocesan Resource Library located there.
Prayer	May the Lord be my friend,
	who once on earth endured on the gallows-tree
From the Dream	suffering and death on account of human sin.
of the Rood	He has redeemed us: he has given us life and a home in heaven.
	Hope was renewed with bliss and blessing
	for those who had been through burning fire.
	The Son was successful in that expedition,
	and mighty in victory,
	when with a host and great crowd of souls,
	came to God's kingdom the almighty Ruler,
	to joy among the angels and all the saints,
	who in heaven already lived in glory.
	The Lord, almighty God, came home to his own land.

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Clive Munday (year 4 - Bridgnorth & Morville)
Rachel Robertson (year 4 - Tupsley with Hampton Bishop)

Sue Jelleyman (year 3 - Ape Dale)

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David Poyner (year 3 - Severn Valley)

Tim Starling (year 3 - Stow Caple)

Elliot Swattridge (year 3 - Ss Peter & James, Hfd)

Alison Walker (year 3 - Wenlock Team) Linda MacDermott (year 2 - Kington)

David Wyatt (year 2 - Canon Pyon)

lain McIntyre (year 2 - Madeley)

Jo Burden (year 1 - West Hereford)

Lawrence Gittins (year 1 - Ludlow)

Tiffany Jackson (year 1 - Ross)

Joe Simons (year 1 - Cleobury Mortimer)

Katie Smith (year 1 - Kingsland)

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Kate King, working in Bridgnorth
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Mark Hackney - Pontesbury Deanery

#### Interns ("Discover"):

Michael Aylmer (Bartestree & Maund) Peter Greenfield (Kingsland)

#### Warden and Sub-Wardens of Readers:

Warden: Rev Preb Dr John Daniels

Sub-Wardens:

Abbeydore - vacant
Bromyard – vacant
Hereford - Malcolm Robertson
Kington & Weobley - Henry Verwey
Ledbury - Chris Blanchard / Linde Melhuish
Leominster - Michael Kneen
Ross & Archenfield - Christopher Blanchard
Bridgnorth - Garry Ward
Clun Forest - Jonathan Kemp
Condover - Nancy Cleaton
Ludlow - John Beesley
Pontesbury - Nancy Cleaton
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Alex Daborn - Stottesdon
Christopher Evans - Greater Whitbourne
Mark Simmons - Orleton
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