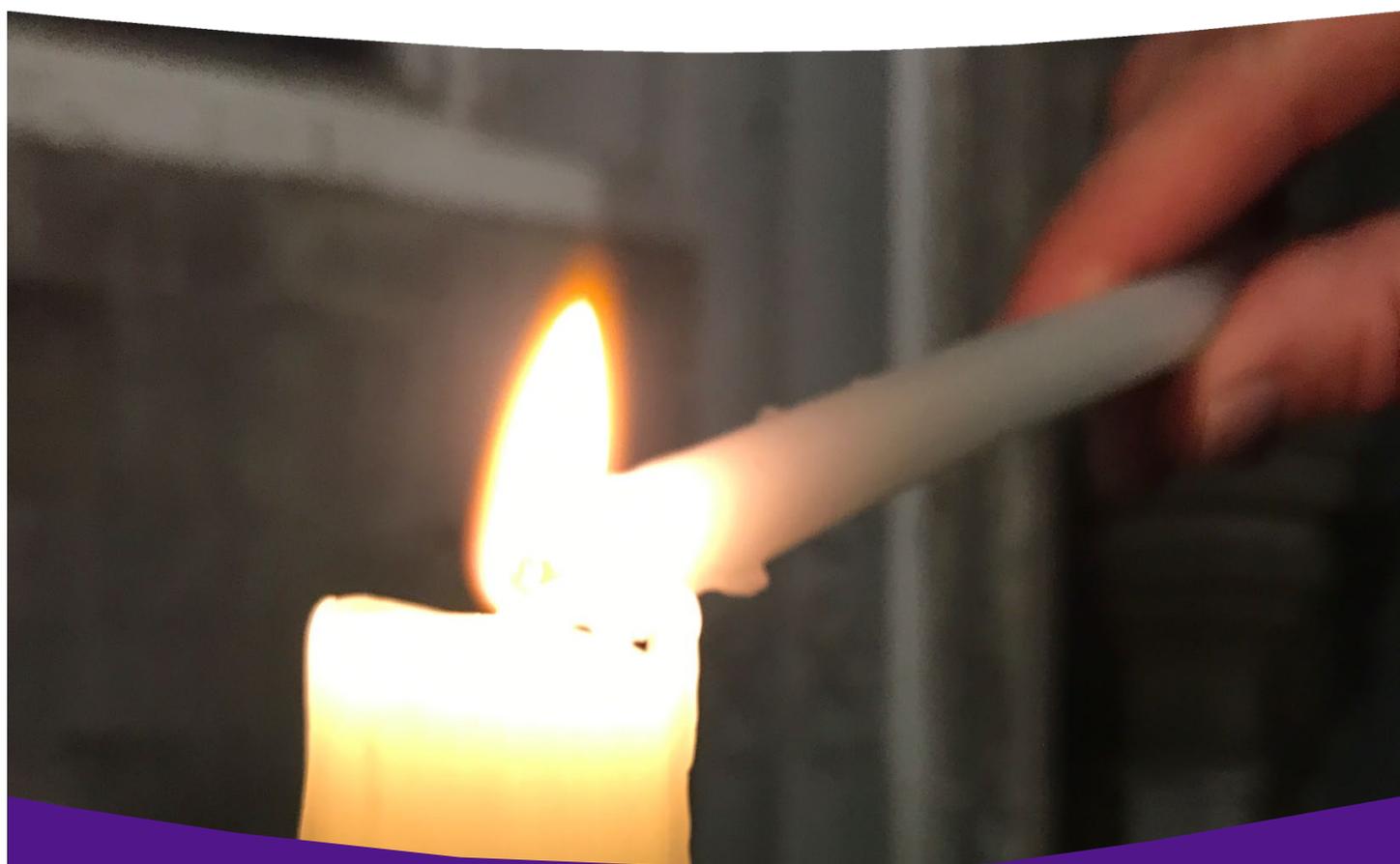




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Prayer Diary

April to June 2024

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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)

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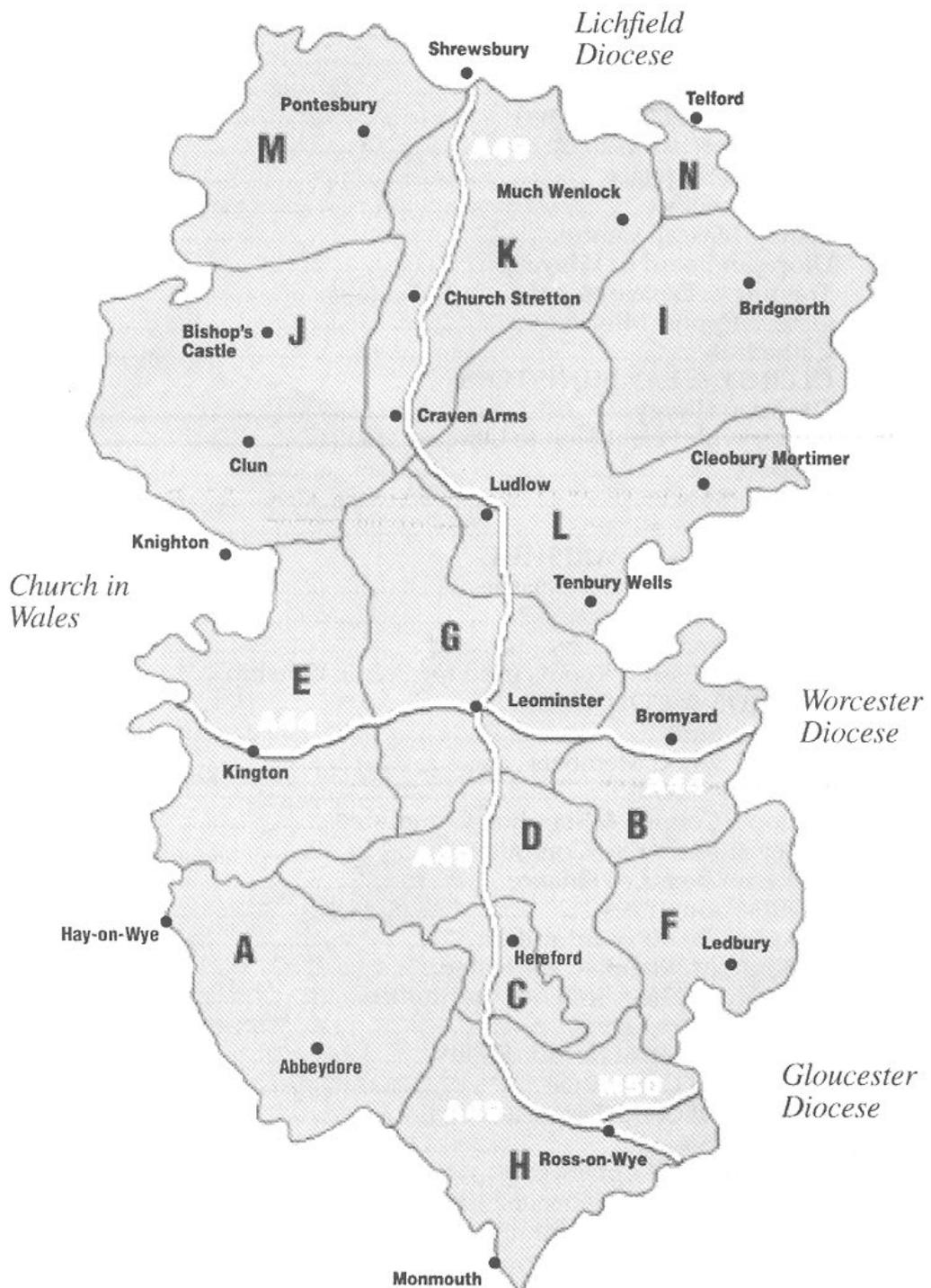
The Deaneries

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- F Ledbury
- G Leominster
- H Ross & Archenfield

Ludlow Archdeaconry

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

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



The Prayer Diary - April to June 2024

The main part of this Prayer Diary covers the quarter from Sunday 24th March to Saturday 22nd June, week by week, under the following headings:

- **Anglican** - A bidding for each day, taken from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer and updated as fully and accurately as possible, so that we can pray with confidence with and for the Anglican Communion worldwide.
- **Hereford** - A bidding for each day, featuring each quarter half of the deaneries and benefices of our diocese, along with diocesan organisations, areas of work, and officers.
- **Porvoo** - This weekly bidding pairs the Lutheran churches of the Nordic and Baltic areas and the Anglican churches of the British Isles and of Spain and Portugal, which have signed the Porvoo Declaration recognising each others' ministries. Also included is the Latvian Church, which has not yet taken a decision on signing the Declaration, and the Church of Denmark, which has not signed but wishes to develop links with the churches which have signed.
- **The Wider View** - Biddings and promptings for prayer relating to world mission and development, including our own World Church links, among them our companion links with the Kirchenkreis Nürnberg in Germany, and the Tanzanian dioceses of Tanga, Dar es Salaam, Masasi and Newala.
- **This Week and Today** - Focuses for prayer during the week, on themes and issues in healthcare, the community, education and the changing seasons, along with events, meetings etc from the Diocesan calendar.
- **Prayer** - A prayer or reflection appropriate to the week.

Please send entries for the next edition which covers the quarter July to September 2024 to me at wkrowell@btinternet.com - clearly marked in the subject area as Prayer Diary. The more I know about events and activities, the more accurate and focused our prayer biddings can be. Please also let me know if you spot any mistakes or omissions - they do happen, alas, but I will always do my best to make sure this Diary is as accurate as possible!

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

CGH	-	Cuddesdon in Gloucester & Hereford (formerly WEMTC)
CMD	-	Continuing Ministerial Development
CMS	-	Church Mission Society
DAC	-	Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches
DDVO	-	Diocesan Director of Vocations and Ordinands
DHMAT	-	Diocese of Hereford Multi Academy Trust
DBE	-	Diocesan Board of Education
HDRA	-	Hereford Diocesan Readers' Association
IM	-	Intergenerational Missioner
IMD	-	Initial Ministerial Development
LC	-	Lay Chair (of Deanery)
LLM	-	Local Lay Minister
LMC	-	Ludlow Mascall Centre (formerly BMC)
LPV	-	Local Pastoral Visitor
LWL	-	Local Worship Leader
MAP	-	Mission Action Plan
MDO	-	Mission (MAP) Development Officer
MDR	-	Ministerial Development Review
PAT	-	Post Admission Training for Readers
RD	-	Rural Dean
SIAMS	-	Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools
TEC	-	The Episcopal Church (of the United States)
USPG	-	United Society - Partners in the Gospel

SUNDAY 24th March: Palm Sunday (Holy Week begins)	
Anglican Hereford	The Church of the Province of West Africa - Most Revd Cyril Cobina Ben-Smith.
Porvoo	<i>Sweden</i> : Lund, Bishop Johan Tyrberg; <i>Ireland</i> : Cashel, Ossory and Ferns, Bishop Adrian Wilkinson; <i>England</i> : Ely, vacant, Bishop Dagmar Winter.
The Wider View	Pray for world peace, for the many nations divided by civil conflict, and for those attacked by others. Pray for those seeking to provide refuge and humanitarian aid to those trapped in war zones or forced to leave land and homes.
This Week	<p>As Holy Week begins, give thanks for the Christ who, in human frailty, walks the road we walk, and pray that in this week we may walk in the way of his suffering, and, by the victory of the cross, may share also in his resurrection. Sunday is also World TB Day. Tuberculosis is a worldwide epidemic, but this year's theme reminds us that it can be beaten. Pray for increased investment, and for co-operation among nations to make this happen.</p> <p>Monday is FND Awareness Day. Functional Neurological Disorder affects the brain network, can happen to anyone at any age, and can be severe and disabling. Access to specialist care, or lack of appropriate care, can be a serious issue in much of the UK. Pray for better awareness and improved provision.</p> <p>Purple Day on Tuesday raises awareness of epilepsy: pray for all who live with this condition, and for their care and support.</p> <p>The Chrism Eucharist on Wednesday prompts prayer for all who exercise ministry in our parishes, and for our commitment as parish churches to be a serving and healing presence in the communities in which we are set.</p> <p>Wednesday is also World Theatre Day, emphasising the importance of this art form, which can challenge and inform as well as entertain. Pray for the provision and resourcing of theatre within our communities, and give thanks for the Hereford Passion earlier this month, in which the story of this week was vividly told anew.</p> <p>On Maundy Thursday give thanks for the saving love of Christ expressed in the breaking of bread and sharing of wine, and pray that we may be ready to serve one another and be servants to the world, as he has served us. Pray for the many events and worship activities of Good Friday around our Diocese, and especially for those that bring different churches together, and are a public witness to our faith and our Lord.</p> <p>On Saturday, Easter Eve, pray for all who feel the pain of bereavement and loss, and for the care we offer to the newly bereaved.</p> <p>Saturday is also World Bipolar Day. Pray for greater awareness of bipolar disorders, that social stigma and discrimination may be removed.</p>

Monday 25th March: Monday of Holy Week	
Anglican	Cyangugu (Rwanda) - Rt Revd Francis Karemera.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for organists and other musicians in our churches, for choirs and worship groups and for all that helps lift our hearts in praise.
Tuesday 26th March: Tuesday of Holy Week	
Anglican	Cyprus & the Gulf (Jerusalem/ME) - Revd Sean Semple, Bishop-elect.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for all who prepare our churches for worship, those who greet people as they arrive, help newcomers, and work to ensure that our buildings are clean and well-presented, especially in this holiest of weeks.
Today	St John Passion at the Cathedral.
Wednesday 27th March: Wednesday of Holy Week	
Anglican	Daegeon (Korea) - Rt Revd Titus Ho-Wook Kim.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for tower captains and bell ringers, for the Diocesan Guild, and for all who are learning to ring.
Today	Chrism Eucharist at the Cathedral
Thursday 28th March: MAUNDY THURSDAY	
Anglican	North Dakota (<i>Province VI</i> TEC) - Rt Revd Brian Thom, Bishop Provisional.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for all who assist with the celebration and administration of the Eucharist, and those who help ensure that people unable to come to church may receive Easter communion at home.
Friday 29th March: GOOD FRIDAY	
Anglican	South Dakota (<i>Province VI</i> TEC) - Rt Revd Jonathan Folts.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for the ministry of our churches as places to gather at times of both joy and sorrow, and at significant points on our life journey. Pray for prayer corners and other quiet places, and for the welcome and refuge our buildings and worship communities can offer to those in need.
Saturday 30th March: Holy Saturday / Easter Eve	
Anglican	Dallas (<i>Province VII</i> TEC) - Rt Revd George R. Sumner.
Hereford	<i>The Parish Church:</i> Pray for all who help to plan and lead worship, especially as we approach Easter, and that the worship we offer may be joyful, relevant and heartfelt.
Prayer <i>William Temple</i>	<p>O loving Saviour, we would linger by thy cross, that the light of thy perfect love may shine into the secret places of our souls, showing what is vile there, so that it may shrink away; and nurturing there whatever is pure or lovely or of good report, so that, beholding thee, we may become more like thee, thou revealer of God to humankind, thou guide of humankind to God.</p>

SUNDAY 31st March: EASTER DAY (1st Sunday of Easter) <i>[BST begins]</i>	
Anglican	The Church in the Province of the West Indies - Most Revd Howard Gregory.
Hereford	<i>Ledbury Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Chris Moore; Lay Co-Chair – Kevin Hewison; Sub-Warden of Readers – Linde Melhuish.
Local Ministry	<i>In the Ledbury Deanery</i> : LPV: Val Houghton, Susan Cooper, Richard Nightingale; LLM: Tim Woods.
Porvoo	<i>Ireland</i> : Armagh, Archbishop John McDowell; <i>Denmark</i> : Funen, Bishop Mads Davidsen.
The Wider View <i>Nürnberg</i>	Please pray for Bishop Elisabeth and all our partners in the Nuremberg Episcopal Area of the Lutheran Church of Bavaria, as they face the challenge of falling revenues in this post-Covid time, and are having to re-organise parishes and cut posts. We pray especially for the parish of Langwasser, twinned with St Laurence's Church, Ludlow, who face a long vacancy following the retirement of Pastor Jörg Gunsenheimer.
This Week	<p>Pray on Easter Day that the glory of the Resurrection may touch our hearts afresh, reminding us that with God nothing is impossible or without hope, and inspiring us to praise and service.</p> <p>On All Fools' Day, Monday, may we be reminded that the foolishness of God is wiser than all human wisdom, and be ready, like Paul, to know nothing but Christ, and him crucified.</p> <p>Tuesday is World Autism Acceptance Day, raising awareness of the barriers and discrimination that many who live with autism still experience. Pray for better understanding, and for guidance and support.</p> <p>April is kept as Stress Awareness Month: Stress continues to be a significant public health challenge, and the month has sought to open a dialogue and to create safe space for people to talk about the impact stress creates in their professional and personal lives. Pray we may be challenged to see what we can do to make things better, and be agents of positive change.</p> <p>This is also Parkinson's Awareness Month, educating people on the many symptoms that impact daily life, and how to recognize the early signs that can lead to an earlier Parkinson's diagnosis and a better quality of life. Pray for all who live with this disabling disease, and for their families and friends.</p> <p>International Children's Book Day, on Tuesday (the birth day of Hans Christian Andersen) celebrates children's books, and aims to inspire a love of reading in the young. Pray for all who encourage children to read, at school and at home, for the proper funding and resourcing of library services, and for all who write for children.</p> <p>Pray for rambling and walking groups within our communities, and for all who lead walks. Pray too for volunteers who care for footpaths and stiles.</p> <p>Pray for all who work in the hospitality and tourism sector within our communities, as the Easter holiday begins the new season.</p> <p>Pray for visitors to our churches at Easter and through the Bank Holiday week, and that they may feel welcomed, affirmed and refreshed.</p>

Monday 1st April: Monday of Easter Week	
Anglican	Damaturu (<i>Jos Nigeria</i>) - Rt Revd Yohannah Audu.
Hereford	Ledbury with Eastnor – Keith Hilton-Turvey, Tony Hodder, Joan Wakeling; Local Ministry Team – Keith Hilton-Turvey, Tony Goodall, Tony Hodder, Tim Keyes, Heather Lucas, Christabel Panter. John Masefield High School; Ledbury Primary School; Eastnor Parochial CE Primary School; Ledbury Community Health and Care Centre.
Tuesday 2nd April: Tuesday of Easter Week	
Anglican	Dar-es-Salaam (Tanzania) - Rt Revd Jackson Sosthenes.
Hereford	<i>The Hop Churches</i> – Ashperton, Bosbury, Canon Frome, Munsley, Stoke Edith, Stretton Grandison, Tarrington and Yarkhill: Mandy Williams, Linde Melhuish: Clergy with PTO: Nicky Seabright, David Good, David Gifford; Lay Reader: Michael Llywelyn-Jones; Bosbury CE Primary School; Ashperton Primary Academy.
Wednesday 3rd April: Wednesday of Easter Week	
Anglican	Davao (Philippines) - Rt Revd Ernie Moral.
Hereford	<i>The Cider Churches</i> – Aylton, Putley, Pixley, Wellington Heath, Little Marcle, Much Marcle and Yatton: Val Tait; Elizabeth Reed, William Simmonds; Readers – Jonathan Andrew, Eric Porter; Much Marcle CE Primary School.
Thursday 4th April: Thursday of Easter Week	
Anglican	St Davids (Wales) - Rt Revd Dorrien Davies.
Hereford	Colwall with Upper Colwall & Coddington: Melanie Horton, Andrew Falconer; Readers: Andrew Richardson; Retired Ministers: Bernard Ingram, Anne Spargo, Ros Trafford-Roberts, Tim Wright, Lynne Sparkes; Colwall CE Primary School; The Elms School; The Downs School.
Today	Safeguarding C2 Training at the Diocesan Offices.
Friday 5th April: Friday of Easter Week	
Anglican	Delaware (<i>Province III TEC</i>) - Rt Revd Kevin Brown.
Hereford	Cradley, Mathon & Storridge: Robert Ward; Cradley CE Primary School; Retired ministers: Nicholas Menon, Ven George Howe.
Saturday 6th April: Saturday of Easter Week	
Anglican	Delhi (North India) - Rt Revd Paul Swarup.
Hereford	Fownhope, Mordiford, Brockhampton, Woolhope & Checkley: Chris Moore, Owen Pembery. St Mary's CE Primary School, Fownhope (Tim Milne); Mordiford CE Primary School (Sue Warmington).
Prayer <i>Martin Luther</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Almighty God, who by the death of thy Son hast overcome sin and death, and by his resurrection hast restored innocence and eternal life, in order that, delivered from the power of the devil, we may live in thy kingdom: grant unto us that we may believe this with our whole heart, and, steadfast in this faith, may praise and thank thee evermore; through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord.</p>

SUNDAY 7th April: 2nd of Easter	
Anglican	The Episcopal Anglican Province of Alexandria - Most Revd Samy Fawzy.
Hereford	Pray for all that inspires, enables and resources our ministry with children, young people and families; pray too for our church schools, and for all that helps develop effective and fruitful links between church and school.
Porvoo	<i>Sweden:</i> Uppsala, Archbishop Martin Modéus, Bishop Karin Johannesson; <i>Wales:</i> Llandaff, Bishop Mary Stallard.
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	Sporadic measles outbreaks in various of Tanzania since 2022 have led to an intensive national vaccination campaign targeting children between ages of one and four years, supported by the WHO. Some eight million children have received vaccination, but there is still mistrust of vaccination in some areas. Pray that all children may receive the healthcare and protection they need.
This Week	<p>The Second Sunday of Easter is known as Low Sunday, perhaps as a simple contrast with Easter Day itself as the high day of the Christian year, but perhaps also from the Latin laudes, "Let us praise". May our Easter praise resonate in all we are and do.</p> <p>Sunday is also World Health Day, which this year has the theme "My health, my right," chosen to champion the right of people everywhere to access quality health services, education, and information, and to have safe drinking water, clean air, good nutrition and good housing and working conditions. Pray for the many millions in our world who do not have access to essential healthcare.</p> <p>On the (transferred) feast of the Annunciation (Monday), pray for the work and witness of the Mothers' Union here and around the world.</p> <p>Tuesday commemorates Dietrich Bonhoeffer, whose opposition to the Nazi regime prompts prayer for all those whose faith leads them to stand against oppression and discrimination, and in support of those who are marginalised, often at great personal risk or cost.</p> <p>Pray for all who are receiving treatment for bowel cancer, and for all who are working to combat this disease. Bowel Cancer UK's "Active for April" campaign this month aims to raise both funds and awareness. Pray for campaigns and information to help ensure awareness and early diagnosis.</p> <p>William Law, remembered on Wednesday, was unable to swear allegiance to King George I, and therefore lost his position at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. His spiritual writings, especially 'A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life' greatly influenced the leaders of the great Evangelical Revival of the 18th Century. He emphasised thankfulness to God as the basis from which all our Christian work and witness should spring - pray for that spirit of thankfulness within every part of our Church today.</p> <p>Our schools start their summer term this week. Pray for all who teach and all who learn, and especially for those who will be studying now for important exams.</p> <p>Pray for all who teach and translate the scriptures, and especially for the work of bringing the Bible to young eyes and ears in creative ways.</p>

Monday 8th April: Annunciation of Our Lord <i>transferred from 25th March</i>	
Anglican	Derby (<i>Canterbury</i> England) - Rt Revd Libby Lane; Suffragan - Rt Revd Malcolm Macnaughton (Repton).
Hereford	<i>The Bartestree Cross Group</i> - Lugwardine with Bartestree, Weston Beggard, Dormington, Withington, and Westhide: Tiffany Jackson; PTO: Ian Hartland; Lugwardine Primary Sch; Withington Primary Sch; St Mary's RC High School.
Tuesday 9th April: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran pastor & martyr	
Anglican	Derry & Raphoe (<i>Armagh</i> Ireland) - Rt Revd Andrew Forster.
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> Gemma Martin, Diocesan Director of Education; Tim Reid, Executive Diocesan Director of Education (Hereford & Worcester Dioceses); Sian Lines, Deputy Director of Education; Toni Enefer, Business and Governance Officer (Education); Mark Harrington, Education Development Officer; William Talbot-Ponsonby, Cathedral Schools & Family Learning Officer.
Today	Bishop's Staff; MU Lady Day event at Cusop.
Wednesday 10th April: William Law, priest; William of Ockham, friar & philosopher	
Anglican	Dhaka (Bangladesh) - Most Revd Samuel Sunil Mankhin.
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> Our church schools - their heads, teachers and other school staff; their children and young people learning; school governors including foundation governors; and all who offer voluntary help and support.
Thursday 11th April: George Selwyn, bishop	
Anglican	San Diego (<i>Province VIII</i> TEC) - Rt Revd Susan Brown Snook.
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> Andrew Teale, CEO of DHMAT (Diocese of Hereford Multi-Academy Trust), and all who work with him.
Today	MU Midday Prayers at the Cathedral.
Friday 12th April	
Anglican	Divine Hope <i>Angola</i> (Mozambique & Angola) - vacant; Rev Joaquin Bondo, Vicar-General.
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> Parent-Teacher and friends associations, and all who help support our schools financially, including helping to fund extracurricular activities.
Saturday 13th April	
Anglican	Dogura (Papua New Guinea) - Rt Revd Tennyson Bogar.
Hereford	<i>Education:</i> All that develops and deepens links between our churches and all kinds of centres of education within our parishes and communities.
Prayer <i>Dietrich Bonhoeffer</i>	<p>O God, early in the morning I cry to you: help me to pray, and to concentrate my thoughts on you - I cannot do this alone.</p> <p>In me there is darkness, but with you there is light.</p> <p>I am lonely, but you do not leave me; I am feeble in heart, but with you is strength.</p> <p>I am restless, but with you is peace; in me is bitterness, but with you is patience.</p> <p>I do not understand your ways, but you know the way for me.</p> <p>Restore me to freedom, help me to so live now, that I may answer before you and before me.</p> <p>Lord, whatever this day may bring, your name be praised!</p>

SUNDAY 14th April: 3rd of Easter	
Anglican	The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia - Most Revd Don Tamihere (Aotearoa); Most Revd Sione Ulu'ilakepa (Polynesia).
Hereford	<i>Leominster Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Mark Long; Lay Co-Chair – Lydia Davies; Sub-Warden of Readers – Culain Morris. Link with Weissenburg (Nuremberg).
Local Ministry	<i>In the Leominster Deanery</i> : LLM: Joanna Beavan; Licensed Lay-Workers: Kathy Bland, David Bland, Des Hall.
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : Derby, Bishop Libby Lane, Bishop Malcolm Macnaughton; <i>Ireland</i> : Clogher, Bishop Ian Ellis; <i>Denmark</i> : Aalborg, Bishop Thomas Reinholdt Rasmussen.
The Wider View <i>Nürnberg</i>	We pray for the Wilhelm-Löhe-Schule and the Hans Sachs Gymnasium in Nuremberg and their many contacts, past and present, with schools in our Diocese; and for the growing number of schools which are linked through Coventry's International Cross of Nails (ICON) fellowship.
This Week	<p>Monday is Microvolunteering Day, which seeks to encourage those who are hesitant about big commitments to see that there are still good and useful things they can do. Microvolunteering is described as “bite-sized, on-demand, no commitment actions that benefit a worthy cause.” Pray for all who do give of their time and ability to help others or make a difference within their community.</p> <p>Tuesday is World Voice Day, dedicated to the power of the human voice, but also raising awareness of vocal problems and issues. Pray we may use the power of speech with care and consideration.</p> <p>Wednesday is World Haemophilia Day. Pray for a better awareness of haemophilia, von Willebrand disease and other inherited bleeding disorders. Increased awareness leads to better diagnosis; pray also for the millions who remain without access to care and treatment.</p> <p>Friday is national Early Years Teacher Day. Give thanks for nursery provision in our schools, and for all who teach reception children. Those who take responsibility for a child's very first years in education play a vital role in forming an eagerness to learn.</p> <p>Alphege, remembered on Friday, was a hermit, then Abbot of Bath, before his humility and piety led to his being made Bishop of Winchester and then Archbishop of Canterbury. As Archbishop he was captured by Danish invaders and held to ransom. He refused to allow a ransom to be paid for his life, and so was killed (on 19th April, 1012) by his captors, in an act of drunken rage.</p> <p>Pray for those who provide and maintain sports facilities in our towns and villages, and especially for those who teach and coach young people, and encourage them in looking after their own fitness and learning new skills.</p> <p>Pray for those who care for our village and community halls, all of them very dependant on the time and skills offered by volunteers. Pray also for the regular users of these facilities.</p> <p>Pray for sheep farming families as the lambing season draws towards its close, a time of shared stress and hard work, and of immense highs and lows.</p>

Monday 15th April	
Anglican	Doko (<i>Lokoja</i> , Nigeria) - Rt Revd Uriah Kolo.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Clergy with PTO</i> : Michael Denny, James Forrester, Celia Rees, Andrew Mayes, John Thewlis, David Hewlett, James Morrison, Gillain Sumner, Sian Harris, Penelope Littlewood, Jane Davies, Amanda Welch.
Tuesday 16th April: Isabella Gilmore, deaconess	
Anglican	Dominican Republic (<i>Province IX</i> , TEC) - Rt Revd Moisés Quezada Mota.
Hereford	<i>The Burghill Group</i> : Rector – Phill Brown; Reader - Susannah Peppiatt. Burghill; Moreton-on-Lugg; Stretton Sugwas; Pipe-cum-Lyde. Burghill Academy, Stretton Sugwas CE Academy. Stretton Sugwas Nursing Home.
Today	A General Introduction to the Faculty System (on-line training).
Wednesday 17th April	
Anglican	Dornakal (South India) - Rt Revd Padma Rao Kodirekka.
Hereford	Canon Pyon with Kings Pyon, Birley & Wellington: Priest-in-Charge – Anne Price. Reader – Lydia Davies, Canon Pyon CE Academy; Wellington Primary School.
Today	Both Archdeaconry Mission & Pastoral Committees meet; Faculty training.
Thursday 18th April	
Anglican	Down & Dromore (<i>Armagh</i> , Ireland) - Rt Revd David McClay.
Hereford	Kingsland with Eardisland, Aymestrey & Leinthall Earles: Priest-in-Charge – Julie Read; Nick Read, Associate Agricultural Chaplain; Curate - Rosie Roberts; Readers - Rosemary Capon, Wendy Maddocks; Kingsland Primary School.
Friday 19th April: Alphege, archbishop & martyr	
Anglican	Dublin & Glendalough (<i>Dublin</i> , Ireland) - Most Revd Michael Jackson.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry</i> : Team Rector - Guy Cole; Team Vicars - Matthew Burns, Mark Long; Curates - Jonathan Roberts, Fiona Honeysett; Readers - Rob Walker, Sheila Bradford; Lay Pioneers– Kathy Bland and David Bland; Rural Chaplain – Des Hall.
Saturday 20th April	
Anglican	Duk (<i>Jonglei</i> , South Sudan) - Rt Revd Daniel Deng Abot.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry</i> : The Priory, Leominster; Community Hospital; Leominster County Primary School; Earl Mortimer College; Westfield School, Leominster.
Prayer <i>Augustine of Hippo</i>	<p>O God, by your mercy strengthen us who lie exposed to the rough storms of troubles and temptations. Help us against our own negligence and cowardice, and defend us from the treachery of our unfaithful hearts. Help us, we implore you, and bring us to your safe haven of peace and happiness.</p>

SUNDAY 21st April: 4th of Easter

Anglican	The Anglican Church of Australia - Most Revd Geoffrey Smith.
Hereford	Pray for the development of shared ministry in our churches, including the Local Ministry Scheme, study opportunities and shared resources and good practice: for all that helps stimulate faith, support teamwork and motivate action.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Blackburn, Bishop Philip North, Bishop Jill Duff; <i>Scotland:</i> Brechin, Bishop Andrew Swift; The Lutheran Church in Great Britain: Bishop Paulina Hlawiczka-Trotman.
The Wider View	The issue of migrants in small boats remains in the news, and is likely to feature as an election issue. Over 90% of “small boat migrants” seek asylum; historically some two-thirds of claims have been accepted, but there is a major backlog despite attempts to deal with this. The “peak season” for Channel crossing begins in May. Pray that all in genuine need of refuge may find it.
This Week	<p>Pray for those running in today’s London Marathon, especially for those running to raise funds for charities.</p> <p>International Mother Earth Day is kept on Monday. To speak of the Earth as our mother (a phrase used by Francis of Assisi among others) affirms the fact that we have only this one planet, which we share with many other forms of life. The day seeks to raise awareness of the challenges before us, and of the responsibility we share to promote harmony with the natural world, and to have in mind the needs of future generations of humanity.</p> <p>Tuesday is St George’s Day: pray we may be proud of our heritage, and that this may be expressed in a generous spirit that honours the rights and freedoms of all.</p> <p>English Language Day is also celebrated on Tuesday, a reminder that English was the language of Shakespeare, who was born on this day. Give thanks for English is a vital means of global communication in the modern world, but also as a language of literature, full of beauty and possibility.</p> <p>Wednesday is Beep Beep Day, organised by the charity Brake to help ensure the safety of children aged 2 to 9 on our roads. The aim is both to teach young children basic road safety skills, in schools and nurseries, and also to raise the issue with parents, to ensure they know what is good practice. Pray for all that encourages road safety.</p> <p>Thursday is World Malaria Day, focusing attention on one of the major killer diseases of our world. Global travel and climate change may impact on malaria (and several other diseases) by allowing the spread of species of mosquito into new areas. Pray for the continued investment and sustained political commitment that will be needed for malaria to be prevented and controlled.</p> <p>Thursday also commemorates Mark the Apostle, writer of the shortest of our Gospels, with a refreshing directness and a sense of urgency. Pray for all our use of the Bible, and for study groups, etc, in our churches.</p> <p>The poet Christina Rossetti is remembered on Saturday. Give thanks for all who by their poetry inspire our thought, our prayers and our praise.</p>

Monday 22nd April	
Anglican	Dunedin (Aotearoa / NZ / Polynesia) - Rt Revd Steven Benford.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry</i> : Eastern Parishes – Pudleston-cum-Whyle, Hatfield, Docklow, Stoke Prior & Ford, Humber; Hope-under-Dinmore, Kimbolton with Hamnish, Middleton-on-the-Hill, Leysters, and Bockleton. West Eaton Nursing Home. St James' Kimbolton CE Primary School; Stoke Prior Primary School.
Today	MU Trustees.
Tuesday 23rd April: George, martyr, patron of England	
Anglican	Dunkwa-on-Offin (<i>Ghana</i> , West Africa) - Rt Revd Paul Appiah Sekyere.
Hereford	<i>Leominster Team Ministry</i> : Western Parishes – Eyton, Ivington, Monkland, Dilwyn & Stretford; Eye, Croft with Yarpole & Lucton; Orleton and Brimfield. Dilwyn CE Primary School; Ivington CE Primary School; Luston Primary School; Orleton CE Primary School; Lucton School.
Today	RD's and LC's meet at Hereford; Church Maintenance training (online).
Wednesday 24th April: Mellitus, bishop; Seven martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood	
Anglican	Durgapur (North India) - Rt Revd Sameer Khimla.
Hereford	<i>The Maund Group</i> : Rector – Paul Roberts; Assistant Curate – Natalie Jennings; Intergenerational Missioner at Sutton – Christine Cattanach; Bodenham, Felton, Marden with Amberley and Wisteston, Preston Wynne, Sutton Saint Nicholas, Sutton St Michael; St Michael's CE Primary School Bodenham, Marden Primary Academy, Sutton Primary Academy.
Today	Servants & Stewards (LMC); C2 Safeguarding; Church Maintenance training.
Thursday 25th April: Mark, evangelist	
Anglican	Durham (<i>York</i> , England) - Rt Revd Paul Butler; Suffragan - Rt Revd Sarah Clark (Jarrow).
Hereford	<i>Wigmore Abbey</i> : Priest-in-Charge - Adrian Thompson; Readers – Alastair Gloag, Carole Gloag, Culain Morris; Brampton Bryan, Downton, Burrington, Aston, Elton, Leintwardine, Adforton, Wigmore, Leinthall Starks. Wigmore High School; Wigmore Primary School; Leintwardine Endowed Primary School.
Today	DAC (Leominster); Spiritual Question Time - +Richard & Dean Sarah (Ledbury).
Friday 26th April	
Anglican	Dutse (<i>Kaduna</i> , Nigeria) - Rt Revd Markus Yohanna Danbinta.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Pray for places of refuge and refreshment, those who offer spiritual direction, and all that provides sensitive and perceptive care for those whose ministry has brought them into a difficult or stressful place.
Saturday 27th April: Christina Rossetti, poet	
Anglican	East Kerala (South India) - Rt Revd V.S. Francis.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Pray for all who lead and enable Bible study, fellowship and prayer groups within our local churches and groups.
Today	DBF and Diocesan Synod (Leominster).
Prayer <i>Christina Rossetti</i>	Lord, give us ears that hear, eyes that see, wills to obey, hearts that love; then declare what you want, reveal what you want, command what you want, change what you want!

SUNDAY 28th April: 5th of Easter	
Anglican	The Church of Bangladesh - Most Revd Samuel Sunil Mankhin, Moderator.
Hereford	<i>Ludlow Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Ashley Buck; Lay Co-Chair – Sadie Chalkley; Sub-Warden of Readers – John Beesley.
Local Ministry	<i>In the Ludlow Deanery</i> : LPV: Patricia Helm, Sasha Griffiths, Suzanne Thomas, Lucy Treasure, Ann Stocker.
Porvoo	<i>Sweden</i> : Gothenburg, Bishop Susanne Rappmann; <i>Scotland</i> : Glasgow and Galloway, Bishop Kevin Pearson.
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	Pray for the “Train a Priest” scheme in Tanzania supported by our diocese, paying fees for students from each of our four link dioceses to train at St Mark’s Theological College, Dar es Salaam. Pray we may continue to support this important work, and for all currently training for ordination.
This Week	<p>Sunday is the World Day for Safety at Work. Pray for all whose work involves risk and danger, and that in every workplace the highest standards of safety may be maintained. Pray also for those who suffer from workplace injuries.</p> <p>Catherine of Siena, commemorated on Monday, was known for her contemplation and prayer: pray for all who inspire and direct prayer in others, and give thanks for all who regularly pray for others.</p> <p>As May begins, pray for the many communities in which traditional events take place at Maytime, and for those who help keep such traditions alive. Leominster May Fair takes place this week.</p> <p>May 1st is by tradition International Workers’ Day. Pray for trade unions and other workers’ organisations that seek to ensure workers’ rights, fair rates of pay and conditions, and workplace safety.</p> <p>Time for a Cuppa Week begins on Wednesday. This is a fund and awareness raising initiative by Dementia UK. Pray for a greater awareness and understanding of dementia in its various forms, and for all who are living with dementia, their friends and families.</p> <p>Philip and James, apostles commemorated on Wednesday, while remaining in themselves fairly shadowy figures, clearly played a vital role within the early Church. Pray that in our day we may be true to the example of faith, courage and devotion to their Lord presented by the Apostles.</p> <p>Local elections take place in many parts of the country on Thursday (in our area, only Police Commissioners are being elected). Pray for all who are standing as candidates, and for those responsible for administration.</p> <p>Pray for all who experience mental health problems in early motherhood. One in ten or more women may experience mental health problems in pregnancy or after birth - it’s something that can happen to anyone. Depression and anxiety are the most common mental health problems in pregnancy. Pray for research and for care and support.</p> <p>Pray for all who are working to improve the cleanliness of our rivers and streams. Outfalls of sewage and runoffs from agricultural land have had a greater impact after the unusually wet winter and early spring.</p>

Monday 29th April: Catherine of Siena, teacher of the faith	
Anglican	Easton (<i>Province III</i> , TEC) - Rt Revd Santosh Marray.
Hereford	<i>Tenbury Team Ministry</i> - Burford, Clee Hill, Coreley with The Knowle, Greete, Hope Bagot, Little Hereford, Nash & Boraston, Tenbury St Mary's, Tenbury St Michael's & Whitton: Laurence Gittins; Mark Inglis, Sue Foster; Reader - Kevin Bryant.
Tuesday 30th April: <i>Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator</i>	
Anglican	Eau Claire (<i>Province V</i> , TEC) - Rt Revd Matthew Alan Gunter, Bishop provisional.
Hereford	<i>Tenbury Local Ministry Group</i> – clergy, Kathleen Bills, Michael Holmes, Mary Thomas and Ros Plested; Tenbury CE Primary School; Burford CE Primary School; Clee Hill Community Academy; Tenbury High Ormiston Academy; Saint Michael's College; Tenbury District Hospital: Chaplaincy Team.
Wednesday 1st May: Philip and James, apostles	
Anglican	Central Equador (<i>Province IX</i> , TEC) - Rt Revd Juan Carlos Quiñonez.
Hereford	<i>Ludlow</i> (Ludlow St Laurence & Ludlow St John): Kelvin Price, Laurence Gittins, Wayne Davies; Readers - Stephen Ashford, Roger Hall, Caroline Culley; Reader Emeritus - John Robson. Ludlow Community Hospital; Ludlow CE Secondary School, St Laurence CE Primary School, Ludlow Infants School, Ludlow Junior School, Ludlow College.
Today	Safeguarding C2 training.
Thursday 2nd May: Athanasius, bishop & teacher of the faith	
Anglican	Edinburgh (Scottish Episcopal Church) - Rt Revd John Armes.
Hereford	<i>Bromfield Group:</i> Bitterley with Middleton; Stoke St Milborough & The Heath; Clee St Margaret & Cold Weston; Onibury; Bromfield; Stanton Lacy: Justin Parker. Bitterley CE Primary School, Onny CE Primary School.
Friday 3rd May	
Anglican	Edmonton (<i>Rupert's Land</i> , Canada) - Rt Revd Stephen London.
Hereford	<i>Ashfords Group:</i> Ludford, Ashford Carbonell, Ashford Bowdler, Caynham, Knowbury, Richards Castle: Lyn Money; Lay leaders - Rob Downes, Susannah Hall. Bishop Hooper CE Primary School.
Saturday 4th May: English saints and martyrs of the Reformation era	
Anglican	St Edmundsbury & Ipswich (<i>Canterbury</i> , England) - Rt Revd Martin Seeley; Suffragan - Rt Revd Mike Harrison (Dunwich).
Hereford	<i>Support for Ukraine:</i> Wendy Coombey, Project Manager, Lesley Grady, Project Officer, Joanne Gibbon, Mariia Shumylo.
Prayer <i>John Henry Newman</i>	I need thee to teach me day by day, according to each day's opportunity and needs. Give me, O my Lord, that purity of conscience which alone can receive, which alone can improve thy inspirations. Thou alone canst quicken my hearing and purge my sight, and cleanse and renew my heart, Teach me to sit at thy feet, and to hear thy word.

SUNDAY 5th May: 6th of Easter; may be kept as Rogation Sunday	
Anglican	Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil - Most Revd Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto, Primate.
Hereford	Give thanks for the ecumenical, interfaith and international links that are part of what defines and locates us as a diocese; pray for all that helps develop them.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Southwark, Bishop Christopher Chessun, Bishop Martin Gainsborough, Bishop Rosemarie Mallet, Bishop Karowei Dorgu; <i>Norway:</i> Björgvin, Bishop Ragnhild Jepsen.
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	Both crop farming and livestock keeping are being affected negatively by climate change in Tanzania, including an increased frequency of extreme events, such as drought and flooding. Soil fertility is declining, along with yields. Pray for small farmers whose lack of resources limits their ability to cope with change; this can lead to divided families, as men migrate to urban areas in search of employment.
This Week	<p>The first Sunday in May is always kept as International Dawn Chorus Day. Give thanks for the beauty of birdsong, and pray for all who are working to protect our songbirds and the habitats they need.</p> <p>The Sunday before Ascension Day is also often called Rogation Sunday, a time to reflect on prayer itself but also by tradition to pray for the farmland and its growing crops. Pray we may serve our Creator in our careful use of what he has placed into our hands.</p> <p>By tradition Rogation Days were times for fasting and prayer. Now we have the “Thy Kingdom Come” days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. Perhaps we may use the Rogation Days to draw closer to God ourselves, before from Ascension Day we pray for others to come to know and follow him. Pray for Thy Kingdom Come, within our diocese, nationally and around the world, and that many who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world, will receive it and respond to it.</p> <p>Pray for the Hereford May Fair, beginning on Tuesday, and for all involved in organising traditional spring events in our communities.</p> <p>Tuesday is World Asthma Day. Pray for all who live with asthma, their care and treatment, and the removal of causes of asthma from our environment.</p> <p>Wednesday also commemorates Julian of Norwich. Give thanks for the beauty and inspiration of her writings, and pray for all who continue to use her words today, in reflection and prayer.</p> <p>Pray for the work of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent, in places of need and trouble around the world. This year the theme is “I give with joy, and the joy I give is a reward.”</p> <p>Dying Matters Week, beginning on Wednesday, focuses on that thing we almost never talk about, but sometimes need to.</p> <p>On Ascension Day, we honour Christ as our King, and as the one who is constantly interceding for us at the Father’s right hand; and, like the first Apostles, we wait prayerfully for the gift of his Spirit.</p>

Monday 6th May: Rogation Day	
Anglican	Egba (<i>Lagos Nigeria</i>) - Rt Revd Emmanuel Oludaisi Adekunle.
Hereford	Cleobury Mortimer with Hopton Wafers, Neen Sollars & Milson, Neen Savage with Kinlet; Doddington: Ashley Buck, Sue Barrett, David Eve, Sarah Lupton; Readers - Charles Houston, Paul Kemp; Lacon Childe School; Cleobury Mortimer Primary School; Kinlet CE Primary School; Cleobury Community Hub: Mark & Bev Greaves.
Tuesday 7th May: Rogation Day	
Anglican	Egba West (<i>Lagos Nigeria</i>) - Rt Revd Samuel Oludele Ogundeji.
Hereford	<i>Corvedale Group</i> : Culmington, Diddlebury, Munslow with Broadstone, Holdgate, Tugford, Abdon: John Beesley; Corvedale CE Primary School.
Wednesday 8th May: Julian of Norwich, anchoress & spiritual writer; Rogation Day	
Anglican	Egbu (<i>Owerri Nigeria</i>) - Rt Revd Geoffrey Enyinnaya Okorafor.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Pray for our Safeguarding Team - Carl Steventon, Safeguarding Officer; Lisa Anderson, Assistant Safeguarding Officer; Rachel Arnold-Kent, DBS Administrator/Safeguarding Administrator.
Today	Curates and new Readers church buildings day; Quiet day (Leominster).
Thursday 9th May: ASCENSION DAY 'Thy Kingdom Come' global prayer begins → 19th	
Anglican	Egypt (Alexandria) - Most Revd Samy Fawzy.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Pray for our Communications Team - Sarah Whitelock, Communications Director; and Bishop's Press Officer; Louise Dockstader, Communications Officer; Rachel Arnold-Kent, Digital Communications Officer.
Today	MU Midday Prayers.
Friday 10th May Thy Kingdom Come	
Anglican	Eha-Amufu (<i>Enugu Nigeria</i>) - Rt Revd Daniel Nkemjika Olinya.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Lizzie Hackney (Lead Intergenerational Missioner), and Kathy Bland (Intergenerational Church Enabler & Messy Church Regional Co-ordinator). Pray for all who seek to develop new forms of ministry and new mission opportunities, especially among young people and families.
Saturday 11th May Thy Kingdom Come	
Anglican	Ekiti (<i>Ondo Nigeria</i>) - Rt Revd Andrew Olushola Ajayi.
Hereford	<i>Support for Ministry</i> : Pray for all that is done to help churches to plan and develop projects and realise visions, and to use our buildings more effectively, as accessible and welcoming centres for prayer, worship and community use.
Today	Growing Confidence in Our Christian Faith workshop day (Ross-on-Wye).
Prayer <i>John Milton</i>	<p style="text-align: center;">Come forth out of thy royal chambers, O Prince of all the kings of the earth; put on the visible robes of thy imperial majesty, take up thy unlimited sceptre which thy almighty Father hath bequeathed thee, for now the voice of thy bride calls thee, and all creatures sigh to be renewed.</p>

SUNDAY 12th May: 7th of Easter; may be kept as Ascension Sunday; Thy Kingdom Come	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Burundi - Most Revd Sixbert Macumi.
Hereford	<i>Pontesbury Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Greg Smith; Lay Co-Chair – Susan Lockwood; Secretary - Ann Jones; Treasurer - Richard Jones; Subwarden of Readers - Julia Francis.
Local Ministry	<i>In the Pontesbury Deanery:</i> LWL: Keith Locke, Mary Worrall, Val Butterworth, Allen Marsden, Susan Roberts; LLM: Kay Yeates.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Gloucester, Bishop Rachel Treweek, Bishop Robert Springett; <i>Sweden:</i> Västerås, Bishop Mikael Mogren.
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	Forms of modern slavery, including forced labour and forced marriage, are found in every part of our world. In Tanzania, it is estimated that some 170,000 people are victims of modern slavery, which is seen as a priority for government action. Pray for progress in criminalising the exploitation of children, increasing the legal age of marriage, and providing support for all victims of modern slavery, whatever their age, gender, etc.
This Week	<p>With people around the world continue to pray for those you have named, to come to know Jesus and to have faith in him, as Thy Kingdom Come continues through this week.</p> <p>Chosen to replace Judas Iscariot, Matthias, remembered on Tuesday, can stand for the continuity of apostleship. In our day we continue to claim and to declare the message of the first Apostles.</p> <p>This is ME Awareness Week. The number of people diagnosed with ME is growing substantially, and some 1.7 million people in the UK continue to have symptoms of Long Covid, which in many resembles ME. Pray that the ME Association may meet the challenge of offering support to all who need it.</p> <p>Friday is World Hypertension Day, and promotes better awareness of high blood pressure and its health impact. Pray for awareness campaigns and blood pressure screening, and for those at risk to make the lifestyle and dietary changes that can help reduce the risk of strokes, cardiovascular disease, kidney disease etc.</p> <p>Saturday is HIV Vaccine Awareness Day. Around 40 million people globally are living with HIV. Most receive vaccine treatment to control the virus, but as yet there is no vaccine to prevent someone acquiring the disease. The day celebrates achievements and supports ongoing research. Pray for all who need it to receive regular vaccine treatment, and for continued research.</p> <p>Saturday is also International Museums Day: give thanks for museums as places of learning and discovery. Pray for small local museums, often under threat as grant sources dry up and local authorities are hard pressed.</p> <p>Pray for all that encourages a love of gardens and gardening among children and young people. Pray for school gardens, community gardens, allotment associations, etc.</p> <p>Pray for young people in our schools and colleges as the season of GCSE and A Level Exams gets under way.</p>

Monday 13th May <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>	
Anglican	Ekiti Kwara (<i>Kwara Nigeria</i>) - <i>vacant</i> .
Hereford	<i>The Chirbury Hills Group</i> : Chirbury, Marton-in-Chirbury, Trelystan with Leighton, Middleton-in-Chirbury with Corndon Marsh: William Rowell; LLM - Kay Yeates; Chirbury VC School (within the Shropshire Hills Federation); Leighton CP School.
Tuesday 14th May: Matthias, apostle; <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>	
Anglican	Ekiti Oke (<i>Ondo Nigeria</i>) - Rt Revd Isaac Olatunde Olubowale.
Hereford	Ford; Alberbury with Cardeston & Wattlesborough; Great Wollaston, including Middletown: <i>vacant</i> ; PTO - Maxine Neal; Reader – Susan Gaulton; Local Ministry Development Group - Clergy, Susan Gaulton, Jane Weston, Sue Roberts, Alison Lewis, Elvire Mortimer. Trinity CE Primary School, Ford; Brynhafren CP School, Crew Green.
Today	Bishop's Staff; Spiritual Question Time (Kingsland).
Wednesday 15th May <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>	
Anglican	Ekiti West (<i>Ondo Nigeria</i>) - Rt Revd Rufus Victor Ajileye Adepoju.
Hereford	Great Hanwood, Longden & Annscroft with Pulverbatch: Graham Phillips, Freddie Strong; PTO - Emma Phillips; Retired Clergy: Graham Earney, Colin Hurford; Readers Emeritus - Paul Charlesworth, Liba Taconis.
Thursday 16th May: <i>Caroline Chisholm, social reformer;</i> <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>	
Anglican	Eldoret (Kenya) - Rt Revd Christopher Ruto.
Hereford	<i>Messy Church</i> in Pulverbatch and also in Hanwood. Longden CE School, St Thomas and St Anne's CE School, Hanwood.
Today	MDR facilitators & reviewers; DBE meeting.
Friday 17th May <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>	
Anglican	Port Elizabeth <i>South Africa</i> (Southern Africa) - Rt Revd Eddie Daniels.
Hereford	<i>Stiperstones Group</i> : Minsterley & Snailbeach, Habberley & Hope and Shelve: Greg Smith, Richard Lonsdale, Fran Brealey; PTO Clergy – Stuart Carter; Long Mountain School, Minsterley School, Stiperstones School (within the Shropshire Hills Federation). Pray for these parishes in plurality with Pontesbury, and for Fran Brealey's ministry as Diocesan Advisor for Women's Ministry.
Saturday 18th May <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>	
Anglican	El-Obeid (Sudan) - Rt Revd Ismail Gabriel Abudigin.
Hereford	Pontesbury: Greg Smith, Richard Lonsdale, Fran Brealey; PTO Clergy – Stuart Carter; Pontesbury CE Primary School, Mary Webb School & Science College. Pray for this parish in plurality with the parishes of the Stiperstones Group, and for the Rea Valley Foodbank.
Prayer <i>Søren Kierkegaard</i>	Lord Jesus Christ, no matter where we are, far away or near at hand, off involved in the hurly-burly of life, immersed in human cares or joys, light-hearted or down in the dumps, draw us to yourself, draw us so that we become totally yours.

SUNDAY 19th May: PENTECOST (or Whit Sunday) <i>Thy Kingdom Come</i>	
Anglican	The Anglican Church of Canada - Most Revd Linda Nicholls.
Hereford	Pray for the communications team in our diocese in their work and in the support they provide to the local church. Pray we may share the good news of our faith within our local area and beyond in a professional and persuasive way. Give thanks for the ways in which the changes forced upon us in the Covid years have enhanced our ability to use a wider range of media in our outreach and communication, and in worship.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Guildford, Bishop Andrew Watson, Bishop Paul Davies; <i>Denmark:</i> Viborg, Bishop Henrik Stubkjær.
The Wider View <i>Nürnberg</i>	We pray for those who teach and learn foreign languages, especially as language studies are being cut in many schools. Learning a language is also to engage with a culture and tradition other than our own, and to expand both awareness and opportunity.
This Week	<p>Give thanks at Pentecost that the Church is born in the fire of the Spirit, and pray that we, like the first Apostles, may live out and share our faith in Christ with a fervour and joy that is infectious.</p> <p>Sunday is also National Children's Day: pray for all that ensures children have a healthy and safe childhood, and that their rights and freedoms are protected.</p> <p>Born and educated in York, Alcuin, commemorated on Monday, was active as an adviser and also as a liturgist at the court of Charlemagne. His day prompts prayer for those who develop liturgical resources within today's Church, to enable and encourage worship that is the best we can offer.</p> <p>Helena's day, on Tuesday, prompts prayer for all places of pilgrimage and devotion, and for all who lead pilgrimages, retreats and quiet days.</p> <p>Tuesday is also the World Day for Cultural Diversity. It celebrates both the richness of the world's cultures and the importance of intercultural dialogue in the cause of peace and sustainable development. Give thanks for the variety of faith and culture within the human family, and pray we may not allow differences to become barriers.</p> <p>World Turtle Day on Friday prompts prayer for all who are working to reduce the pollution of our oceans. Turtles are particularly vulnerable to plastic pollution, as well as to climate change, rising sea levels, and human activity on nesting beaches.</p> <p>Friday also commemorates John and Charles Wesley. Give thanks for their stories of faith, and pray for the work and witness of Methodism both locally and as part of the world Church.</p> <p>Saturday remembers the Venerable Bede, monk, scholar and historian. Give thanks for all who research and record our history.</p> <p>Pray for the work of skin clinics and specialists, and in particular for their work with skin cancers. Pray for all who experience melanomas, basal cell carcinomas, and other forms of skin cancer.</p>

Monday 20th May: Alcuin, deacon, abbot, liturgist; <i>Ordinary Time resumes</i>	
Anglican	Ely (<i>Canterbury</i> England) - <i>vacant</i> ; Suffragan - Rt Revd Dagmar Winter (Huntingdon).
Hereford	Westbury, Worthen & Yockleton: David Moss, Ruth Leigh; Readers - Christine Jones, Ian Williams, Claire Williams; Lay Leaders of Worship – Ann Jones, Vicky Jones, Rosemary Williams, Dave Stone, Keith Locke; Long Mountain School, Worthen; Trinity School, Ford; Westbury School.
Tuesday 21st May: <i>Helena, protector of the holy places</i>	
Anglican	Embu (Kenya) - Rt Revd David Muriithi Ileri.
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Stephen Herbert, Finance Director; Lorraine Aitken, Trust and Income Officer; Sallyann Hales, Management Accountant; Amanda Flett, Finance Assistant; Charles Brotherton, Finance Accountant.
Today	Finance Committee.
Wednesday 22nd May	
Anglican	Enugu (<i>Enugu</i> Nigeria) - Most Revd Emmanuel Chukwuma.
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Pray that parishes may respond to the challenges of our time, by generous giving and provision for ministry. Pray for our giving advisers, Mark Simmons and Rosa Speyer.
Today	C2 Safeguarding training; Servants & Stewards (LMC); Vocations Evening (LMC).
Thursday 23rd May	
Anglican	Enugu North (<i>Enugu</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Sosthenes Eze.
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Pray for all members of the Diocesan Board of Finance, its Executive and advisory bodies, for careful and prudent administration of our finances and for a secure funding base for ministry and mission.
Today	DAC (Hereford).
Friday 24th May: John & Charles Wesley, evangelists and hymn writers	
Anglican	Esan (<i>Bendel</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Gabriel Elabor.
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Give thanks for the opportunities provided by the Parish Giving Scheme, and pray for its continued development and take up.
Saturday 25th May: The Venerable Bede, scholar & historian; <i>Aldhelm, bishop</i>	
Anglican	Eswatini <i>formerly Swaziland</i> (Southern Africa) - Rt Revd Dalcy Dlamini.
Hereford	<i>Finance and Giving:</i> Pray for churches to maintain their commitment to home and world mission through this time, in both regular giving and response to immediate concerns and emergencies.
Prayer <i>Lancelot Andrewes</i>	O Lord Jesus Christ, who on the first day of the week didst rise again, raise up our souls to serve the living God; and as thou didst also on this day send down on thy apostles thy most Holy Spirit, so take not the same Spirit from us, but grant that we may be daily renewed and plentifully enriched by his power, for thine own mercy's sake.

SUNDAY 26th May: TRINITY SUNDAY	
Anglican	Church of the Province of Central Africa - Most Revd Albert Chama.
Hereford	<i>Ross and Archenfield Deanery</i> : Rural Dean – Sheila Anthony; Lay Co-Chair – vacant; Sub-Warden of Readers – Freda Davies.
Local Ministry	<i>In the Ross & Archenfield Deanery</i> : LWL: Sue Morris, Andrew Chalmers, Janet Cooper, Paul Connell, Patricia Hall, Ruth Davis, Matthew Hall, Jenny Bibby, Hillary Lewthwaite; LPV: Susan Ryan, Susan Jones, Margaret Bickerton, Helen Setchfield, Ann Stirrup, Vivienne Price; Local Missioner: Anne Morris; LWL & LPV: Paul Cummings, Melanie Mellor; LLM: Helen Foy, Sue Evans, Wendy Price.
Porvoo	<i>England</i> : Exeter, vacant, Bishop Jackie Searle, Bishop James Grier; <i>Norway</i> : Nord-Hålogaland, Bishop Olav Øygard.
The Wider View	Pray for all in our world whose lives and livelihoods have been impacted by disaster, both natural and of human origin. Severe weather events and other impacts of global warming continue to strike poor and marginal communities, as do the effects of war and civil disorder, political unrest and corruption. Pray for all involved in ensuring that both emergency relief and longer term help get to those most in need of it.
This Week	<p>Unlike other festivals in the church's liturgical calendar, Trinity Sunday centres on a doctrine of the church, rather than an event. On this day we celebrate the unfathomable mystery of God's being, which we speak of as Trinity. May this be a day of adoration and praise of the God who is from eternity to eternity, beyond our sight and comprehension, and who yet come to us, and reveals himself to us.</p> <p>Tuesday is World Hunger Day, drawing attention to the immense numbers of people in our world who lack proper nutrition, and proposing sustainable ways of tackling the issue. Pray for all who lack the food they need, and especially for young families and nursing mothers.</p> <p>Wednesday commemorates United Nations Peacekeepers. Pray for all those in peacekeeping roles in our world today. The UN force is contributed to by 125 countries, and currently serves in fourteen countries, protecting civilians, disarming ex-combatants, and ensuring ceasefires are kept. They also work to protect human rights and the rule of law, and work tirelessly to make sure women's voices are heard and growing in civilian, military and political life.</p> <p>Wednesday is also Oak Apple Day, remembering the restoration of the Stuart monarchy. Pray for the monarchy and the institutions of our nation today.</p> <p>Thursday is Corpus Christi. Give thanks for the institution of Holy Communion, in which our Lord promises to be present among us as we meet in his name, and break the bread he blesses.</p> <p>Friday is the Visitation, and it is as Mary visits her kinswoman Elizabeth that she speaks the words we call the Magnificat. May we praise the God who raises up the meek and lowly, and casts down from their thrones those that are mighty, who by his Son challenges the order of the world.</p>

Monday 27th May	
Anglican	Etche (<i>Niger Delta</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Precious Nwala.
Hereford	Ross with Walford and Brampton Abbots: <i>vacant</i> ; Tiffany Jackson, Curate, Caroline Pascoe, John Davies, David Thomas; Colin Leggate, Associate Priest and Chaplain to Commerce, Industry and Business; Canon Freda Davies, Prof Derek Glover, Readers. Brampton Abbots CE School; Ashfield Park Primary School; St Joseph's RC Primary School; Walford Primary School; John Kyrle High School; Ross Community Hospital.
Today	Bridge-building Network: Churches Supporting Schools.
Tuesday 28th May: Lanfranc, monk, archbishop & scholar	
Anglican	Etsako (<i>Bendel</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Felix Unuokhe Olorunfemi.
Hereford	<i>StowCaple Benefice</i> - Sellack, Kings Caple, Bridstow, Peterstow, Foy, How Caple, Sollershope: <i>vacant</i> ; Bridstow CE Primary School, Kings Caple Primary School. Pray for discernment as a new appointment is sought.
Wednesday 29th May	
Anglican	Europe (<i>Canterbury</i> England) - Rt Revd Robert Innes.
Hereford	<i>Ariconium Benefice</i> – Aston Ingham, Hope Mansel, Linton, The Lea, Upton Bishop & Weston-under-Penyard: David Howell; Reader – Tony Morgan; Weston-under-Penyard CE Primary School; The Lea CE Primary School.
Thursday 30th May: Corpus Christi Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion	
Anglican	Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe (TEC) - Rt Revd Mark Edington.
Hereford	<i>Wye Reaches Group</i> - Dixton & Wyesham, Whitchurch & Ganarew, Bishopswood: Tim Starling; Associate Priest - Penny Powdrill, Assistant Priest - Jill Stephens; Whitchurch CE Primary School; Kymin View Primary School, Wyesham.
Friday 31st May: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth	
Anglican	Evo (<i>Niger Delta</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Innocent Uchechukwu Ordu.
Hereford	<i>Wye Brooks Benefice</i> - Goodrich w Welsh Bicknor, Marstow, Llangarron, Llangrove, Welsh Newton w Llanrothal: Ben Bentham; Assistant Curates - Penny Powdrill and Jill Stephens; Goodrich CE Primary School; Llangrove CE Primary School; and the Benefice LMDG.
Saturday 1st June: Justin, martyr	
Anglican	Exeter (<i>Canterbury</i> England) - <i>vacant</i> ; Suffragans - Rt Revd Jackie Searle (Crediton, acting Diocesan Bishop), Rt Revd James Grier (Plymouth).
Hereford <i>Prayer requests from Ross & Archenfield Deanery</i>	Pray for the Deanery at a time of change and for Sean Semple on his move from Ross to become Bishop of Cyprus & The Gulf (he was consecrated and enthroned in Bahrain on 24th May; his enthronement in St Paul's Cathedral, Nicosia will take place on 22nd June).
Prayer <i>Richard Rolle</i>	Almighty God in Trinity, from all my heart be thanks to thee for thy good deed, that thou me wrought and with thy precious blood me bought, and for all good thou lends to me, O Lord God, blessed may thou be! All honour, joy and all loving be to thy Name without ending.

SUNDAY 2nd June: 1st after Trinity - Proper 4	
Anglican	Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America - Most Revd Juan David Alvarado Melgar.
Hereford	Pray for all that ensures and enables the protection and safe care of all who attend our churches and work within them, for children and vulnerable adults, and for best practice in selection and appointment. Pray for Carl Steventon, Safeguarding Officer, and her colleagues, for safeguarding officers in our local benefices and churches, and that we may continue to respond with care and sensitivity to every situation of hurt or need that may arise.
Porvoo	<i>England:</i> Hereford, Bishop Richard Jackson; <i>Lusitanian Church (Portugal):</i> Bishop José Jorge Pina Cabral; <i>The Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad:</i> Archbishop Lauma Zušēvica.
The Wider View Nürnberg	We pray for our linked parishes, especially Madley and their friends in Hilpoltstein who are planning a pilgrimage in the Golden Valley this summer; and also for the link between All Saints' Hereford and the Old Catholic congregation in Nuremberg, and their new priest Sebastian Watzeck.
This Week	<p>Sunday is Cancer Survivors Day; while more people are living beyond cancer than ever before, pray for cancer survivors experiencing challenges such as fear of recurrence, or ongoing side-effects from their treatment. Pray too for continued research and development, so that survival rates continue to improve.</p> <p>This is Child Safety Week, the Child Accident Prevention Trust's annual community education campaign, acting as a catalyst for thousands of safety conversations and activities UK-wide. Pray for the safety of children at home and elsewhere, and for parents and carers.</p> <p>Tuesday remembers the child victims of aggression in our world: pray for families and children caught up in war zones and civil unrest, for their safety and for those working to provide help and refuge.</p> <p>Wednesday is World Environment Day. A UN initiative hosted this year by Saudi Arabia, it will focus on land restoration, desertification, and drought resilience. Pray for the many people in the world struggling against the degradation of their land due to climate change and loss of fertility.</p> <p>Friday is Tourette's Awareness Day: most people have heard of Tourette's Syndrome (TS), but often assume it to be comedic and rare, and that shouting out obscenities is its main feature. All of this is untrue, and TS remains one of the least known neurodiverse conditions, while sufferers from this condition are often stigmatised. Pray for education and better awareness, to eradicate misconceptions, and to improve support for those who have this condition.</p> <p>Thomas Ken, remembered on Saturday, is regarded as one of the fathers of modern English hymnody, one of his best-known hymns being "Awake my soul, and with the sun". Give thanks for the composers of hymns.</p> <p>World Oceans Day on Saturday highlights the urgent need for healthy oceans, and for stronger action from both governments and corporate leaders.</p>

Monday 3rd June: Martyrs of Uganda	
Anglican	Ezo (<i>Western Equatoria</i> South Sudan) - Rt Revd Isaac Ephraim.
Hereford	<i>St Weonards Benefice</i> : St Weonards, Orcop, Garway, Tretire w Michaelchurch & Pencoyd, Hoarwithy & Hentland: <i>vacant</i> ; St Weonards Primary School; Garway Primary School. Pray for Angie Kateley as she prepares to begin her first incumbency from the beginning of next month.
Today	Hereford Deanery Readers Quiet Evening at St Michael's, Breinton.
Tuesday 4th June: Petroc, abbot	
Anglican	Faisalabad (Pakistan) - Rt Revd John Samuel.
Hereford	<i>Wormelow Hundred Benefice and South Wye Rural benefice</i> : Much Birch, Little Birch, Much Dewchurch, Llanwarne, Llandinabo, Dewsall with Callow, and Ballingham, Dinedor, Holme Lacy & Little Dewchurch: Mark Johnson; Much Birch CE Primary School; Hereford Steiner Academy, Much Dewchurch.
Wednesday 5th June: Boniface (Wynfrith), bishop & martyr	
Anglican	False Bay <i>South Africa</i> (Southern Africa) - Rt Revd Stafford Moses.
Hereford	<i>Care of Churches</i> : Pray for the Property Team - Stephen Challenger, Property Secretary; Sophie Mead, Housing and DAC Officer; Lorna Theophilus, Church Buildings Support Officer; Mike Williams, Diocesan Surveyor; Isobel Weare, Historic Environment Advice Assistant.
Today	C2 Safeguarding training.
Thursday 6th June: Ini Kopuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood	
Anglican	Fianarantsoa <i>Madagascar</i> (Indian Ocean) - Rt Revd Gilbert Rakotondravelo.
Hereford	<i>Church governance</i> : Pray for all members of Diocesan Synod and Bishop's Council, and of Deanery Synods, for Rural Deans, Lay Co-Chairs, and Deanery Leadership Teams and Pastoral Committees.
Friday 7th June	
Anglican	Florida (<i>Province IV</i> TEC) - <i>vacant</i> ; Rt Revd Scott Benhase, assisting bishop.
Hereford	<i>Church governance</i> : Pray for Archdeacons Derek Chedzey and Fiona Gibson; and for Sarah Girling, Pastoral Secretary; James Adedeji, Governance & Office Administrator.
Saturday 8th June: Thomas Ken, bishop & hymn writer	
Anglican	Central Florida (<i>Province IV</i> TEC) - Rt Revd Justin Holcomb.
Hereford	<i>Diocesan Office</i> : Kerry Preedy, HR & Office Manager; Sarah Hedley, Secretary & Receptionist.
Prayer <i>Thomas Ken</i>	Giver of all good things, we thank thee: for health and vigour, fro the air that gives the breath of life, the sun that warms us, and the good food that makes us strong; for happy homes and for the friends we love; for all that makes it good to live. Make us thankful and eager to repay, by cheerfulness and kindness, and by a readiness to help others. Freely we have received; let us freely give, in the name of him who gave his life for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

SUNDAY 9th June: 2nd after Trinity - Proper 5	
Anglican	Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo - Most Revd Georges Titre Ande.
Hereford	<i>Telford Severn Gorge Deanery:</i> Rural Dean – Dawn Taffinder; Lay Co-Chair – Anne Koe.
Local Ministry	<i>In the Telford Severn Gorge Deanery:</i> LWL: Sue Hodgetts.
Porvoo	<i>Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland:</i> Bishop Agnes Sigurdardottir, Bishop Kristjan Björnsson, Bishop Gisli Gunnarsson; <i>The Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church:</i> Bishop Carlos Lopez Lozano.
The Wider View <i>Tanzania</i>	In mainland Tanzania, there are more than four million clinical and confirmed cases annually of malaria, and 93% of people live in areas where malaria is endemic. Malaria remains a major cause of mortality in new born and young children; the number of deaths attributed to malaria has fallen over recent years, but seems not to be falling further. Pray for the expansion of malaria control interventions, and increased support for vulnerable populations.
This Week	<p>Carers' Week this week takes the theme of 'Putting Carers on the Map,' and will highlight all that carers contribute, ensuring their voices are heard more clearly by politicians, employers etc, so the challenges they face are recognised, and the support they need and deserve is provided. Pray for all who are caring for family members, neighbours or friends in our communities.</p> <p>This is also Bike Week, helping to improve health, efficiency and family life by getting people cycling. Pray for the safety of all who cycle on our roads, for cycle clubs and for safe places for families to go biking together.</p> <p>Barnabas, whose day is Tuesday, is hailed as the “Son of Encouragement,” and clearly exercised a ministry that brought the best out of those around him. In this Year of Faith, pray that the faith we profess and follow may always be for the encouragement and wellbeing of those around us.</p> <p>Pray for all who are living with diabetes, for good advice to help them assess symptoms, establish discipline and keep safe, and for the work of Diabetes UK, and their vision of a world in which diabetes can do no harm.</p> <p>Pray for churches and communities planning summer events, and particularly for the people who give time and effort in taking the lead as organisers.</p> <p>As the exam season in our schools continues, pray for all who are finding the process gruelling, or are worrying about how they've done.</p> <p>Pray for our farmers at what is a busy time for arable farming, as silaging continues and haymaking begins, and other growing crops are attended to.</p> <p>Give thanks for blood donors, and pray for those who provide blood donor clinics within our communities.</p> <p>Saturday is National Beer Day, and an occasion to pray for craft breweries within our area, and for the pubs that serve our communities.</p> <p>Saturday is also World Refill Day, a global campaign to counter plastic pollution and to help us live less wastefully: what changes could we make? Air pollution continues to be a major source of illness and also death in the UK.</p> <p>National Clean Air Day (Saturday) campaigns for improved air quality for all.</p>

Monday 10th June	
Anglican	Southeast Florida (<i>Province IV</i> TEC) - Rt Revd Peter Eaton.
Hereford	Broseley with Benthall, Jackfield, Linley with Willey & Barrow: Lynda Lilley, David Shinton, Justin Bailey; Reader – Rebecca Wood; Local Worship Leader: Sue Hodgetts; Local Ministry Development Group: Ann Wall, Sheila Whittles, Mary Kendal, Rebecca Wood, Brian Allaway; Barrow 1618 Free School; Broseley CE Primary School; John Wilkinson Primary School.
Tuesday 11th June: Barnabas, apostle	
Anglican	Southwest Florida (<i>Province IV</i> TEC) - Rt Rev Douglas Scharf.
Hereford	Coalbrookdale, Ironbridge & Little Wenlock: Ernest Okeke; Reader – Carilyn Simkin; Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge CE Primary School.
Today	Hereford Mission & Pastoral Sub-Ctee; DHET directors; Spiritual Question Time (St Peter's, Hereford).
Wednesday 12th June	
Anglican	Fond du Lac (<i>Province V</i> TEC) - Rt Revd Matthew Alan Gunter.
Hereford	<i>Madeley</i> : St Michael's Madeley – <i>vacant</i> , Rosemary Freeman; Reader – Jan Holt. John Fletcher of Madeley Primary School; John Randall Primary School; Haughton Special Primary School; St Mary's RC Primary School; Madeley Academy. Pray for all who lead us through the vacancy process and for the person God is calling to the parish as vicar.
Today	Bishop's Staff
Thursday 13th June	
Anglican	Fredericton (<i>Canada Canada</i>) - Most Revd David Edwards.
Hereford	Sutton Hill and Woodside – Dawn Taffinder. Intergenerational Missioner - Beckie Dotson. Sir Alexander Fleming Primary School; Woodlands Primary School; William Reynolds Primary School; Abraham Darby Academy.
Today	MU Midday Prayers; Ludlow Mission & Pastoral Sub-Ctee.
Friday 14th June: Richard Baxter, puritan divine	
Anglican	Free State South Africa (Southern Africa) - Rt Revd Dintoe Letloenyane.
Hereford	<i>Mission & Ministry</i> : Elizabeth Wild, Director; Mark Melluish, Mission Enabler; Mary Oxley, Team Administrator; Stephen Hollinghurst, Mission Enabler Environment; Joe Simons, Mission Enabler Church and Society.
Saturday 15th June: Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer	
Anglican	Freetown Sierra Leone (West Africa) - Rt Revd Thomas Arnold Wilson.
Hereford	<i>Parish Giving</i> : Mark Simmons, Lead Parish Giving Adviser; Rosa Speyer, Parish Giving Adviser (Communicating Generosity).
Prayer <i>Richard Baxter</i>	Keep me, O Lord, while I tarry on this earth, in a daily serious seeking after thee and in a believing affectionate walking with thee; that when thou comest I may not be found hiding my talent, nor yet asleep with my lamp unfurnished, but waiting and longing for my Lord, my glorious God.

SUNDAY 16th June: 3rd after Trinity - proper 6	
Anglican	Iglesia Anglicana de Chile - Most Revd Hector Zavala.
Hereford	Pray that all the ministry we offer may affirm the rights, abilities and value of every person, whatever their age, gender, ethnicity or background, and that this may be reflected as a mission priority within our planning, decision making and selection and appointment processes.
Porvoo	<i>Scotland:</i> Argyll and the Isles, vacant; <i>Ireland:</i> Connor, Bishop George Davison; <i>Denmark:</i> Lolland-Falster, Bishop Marianne Gaarden.
The Wider View	Increased numbers of intercontinental travellers, changes in climate and rapid urbanisation all contribute to the spread of emerging infectious diseases. Our world is ever more closely connected, which means the impact of infectious disease is globally shared. Much of the reporting on the various Covid 19 enquiries taking place has seemed to concentrate on “who to blame”, rather than on how to make sure the world is better prepared next time. Pray that the need may be recognised and accepted for a collaborative worldwide framework for infectious disease research and control.
This Week	<p>This is Refugee Week, connecting with World Refugee Day which is Thursday. The week celebrates the contributions of people seeking sanctuary, and challenges negative stereotypes, so as to create a space where refugees can be seen and heard beyond their experience of displacement. It affirms that all have a contribution to make, and rejects the idea that people seeking safety should have to ‘prove their worth’ more than others in society.</p> <p>Sunday is the last day of this year’s Loneliness Awareness Week. Pray we may create communities in which loneliness is noticed and responded to, as we recognise loneliness as a natural human emotion and give support and welcome to those who perhaps find it hard to build social connections.</p> <p>The work of Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, remembered on Monday, is a reminder that much we take for granted in terms of social care was the result of many years of campaigning work by those who, like Henrietta Barnett, refused to let the status quo go unchallenged. Pray that in our day we may value and defend the fruits of their labours.</p> <p>As visitations take place, give thanks for the work of churchwardens, and pray for those newly taking on this office for the year ahead.</p> <p>Pray for the work of the Historic Churches Trusts, and for those who give support by opening gardens and organising other summer events.</p> <p>The Summer Solstice falls on Friday: give thanks for the rhythm of the seasons, and the way in which the natural world can speak to us of the wonder and majesty of its Creator.</p> <p>Friday is also World Music Day: give thanks for the diverse and vibrant world of music, for all who write and compose, and especially for all who help children and young people to develop skills or just to enjoy different forms of music.</p> <p>World MND Day is marked on Friday. Pray for all who live with Motor Neurone Disease and for their support, and for continued research.</p>

Monday 17th June: Samuel & Henrietta Barnett, social reformers	
Anglican	Gahini (Rwanda) - Rt Revd Alexis Bilindabagabo.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for our outreach to those “on the fringe” of our churches, and within the wider community.
Today	Visitation, Ludlow Archdeaconry (Pontesbury).
Tuesday 18th June: Bernard Mizeki, martyr	
Anglican	Gambella <i>Ethiopia</i> (Alexandria) - Rt Revd Kuan Kim Seng.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for our support for the World Church via mission and aid associations and through our local contacts and links, giving thanks for all we can discover and receive from such friendships.
Today	DAC (Cawley Hall, Eye); Visitation, Hereford Archdeaconry (Whitchurch).
Wednesday 19th June: Sundar Singh, sadhu, evangelist & teacher of the faith	
Anglican	Gambia <i>Gambia, Senegal & Cape Verde</i> (West Africa) - Rt Revd St Obed Arist Kojo Baiden.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for all newly coming to faith, and for their welcome and nurture. Pray for all that encourages and resources us in discipleship, and helps build the confidence to speak of and share our faith with those around us.
Today	Servants & Stewards (LMC); C2 Safeguarding; Visitation, Hereford (Tupsley).
Thursday 20th June	
Anglican	Garissa (Kenya) - Rt Revd David Mutisya.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> As work and discussion continues, pray that the Diocesan Strategy for the next six years may enable our resources to be used more effectively and in a more connected-up way, and may encourage and enable new vocation and a stronger spirit of active mission and service across the variety of churches and communities in which we serve.
Today	Bishop’s Council.
Friday 21st June	
Anglican	Gasabo (Rwanda) - Most Revd Laurent Mbanda.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray we may see care for God’s world as a vital component of our call to mission; and pray for churches looking to lighten their carbon footprint and to be more environment-friendly, and parishes taking part in the Eco Church scheme sponsored by La Rocha.
Saturday 22nd June: Alban, first martyr of Britain	
Anglican	Gboko (<i>Abuja</i> Nigeria) - Rt Revd Emmanuel Nyitsse.
Hereford	<i>Outreach and mission:</i> Pray for our cathedral and the other “great churches” of our Diocese, and those, many of them volunteers, who help ensure a welcome and pastoral provision for all who come and visit.
Today	Environment Day (Hereford Cathedral).
Prayer <i>Clement of Rome</i>	God our Father, by the gift of your Spirit establish and ground us in your truth. Reveal to us what we do not know; perfect in us what is lacking; strengthen in us what we know; and keep us in your service without fault; through thy Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Curates in Training:

David Andrews (Year 3 - Church Stretton)
Luke Aylen (Year 3 - Ss Peter & James, Hereford)
Lauren Bell (Year 3 - St Martin, Hereford)
Lois Beynon (Year 3 - West Hereford Team)
Erin Butler (Year 3 - Holmer with Huntington)
(Joe) Stanley Chipper (Year 3 - Tupsley etc)
Wayne Davies (Year 3 - Ludlow)
Angie Kateley (Year 3 - Abbeydore)
Natalie Jennings (Year 3 - Maund Group)
Ruth Leigh (Year 3 - Westbury, Worthen & Yockleton)
Richard Lonsdale (Year 2 - Pontesbury etc)
Linde Melhuish (Year 2 - Hop Churches)
Jonathan Roberts (Year 2 - Leominster)
Andrew Falconer, (Year 1 - Colwall etc)
Fi Honeysett, (Year 1 - Leominster East Parishes)
Sarah Lupton, (Year 1 - Cleobury Mortimer)
Owen Pembery, (Year 1 - Fownhope etc)
Rosie Roberts (Year 1 - Kingsland w. Eardisland etc)
Freddie Strong (Year 1 - Gt Hanwood, Longden etc)

Ordinands in Training:

Michael Aylmer (Cuddesdon)
Tracy Jones (CGH)
William Talbot-Ponsonby (CGH)
Alex Herbert (CGH)
Kate Edwards (CGH)
Vicky Dunlop (CGH)
Geoff Holder (CGH)
Philippa Wright (CGH)
Ewan Gillings (St Stephen's House)
Alex Day (Cuddesdon)
Joanna Day (Cuddesdon)
Christine Cattanach (CGH)
Susannah Peppiatt (CGH)

Warden and Sub-Wardens of Readers:

Warden: Elizabeth Wild

Sub-Wardens:

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

Pray for our **Reader in Training:**

Suanna Rosier

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