# Cycle of Prayer 01 - 31 May 2024





#### Whitewell

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Veronica Green

Please pray as we work as a benefice to seek God's promise of being Better Together.

**Anglican Communion:** Central Ecuador, The Episcopal Church

02 May 2024

#### **Alderley**

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Nathan Jarvis

Anglican Communion: Edinburgh, The Scottish Episcopal Church

03 May 2024

#### Chelford

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Fiona Robinson

Anglican Communion: Edmonton, The Anglican Church of Canada

04 May 2024

# **Alderley Edge**

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Robin Pye, Revd Amy Stevenson **Lay Workers:** Rachel Roberts, Sue Mills

Please pray for our ministry to families with children, that we would be able to integrate them

well with the rest of the church.

Anglican Communion: Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich, The Church of England

05 May 2024

#### Riches in church

'Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.' Isaiah 55:2

Churches are often places of richness – in form and light, in music and liturgy, a feast for eyes and ears and all of our senses. And they are able to be communities of still greater richness, in love, care and service, and in worship and faithfulness. And this richness comes not from ourselves, but from the God who is himself rich in love and grace. To give much we have to have much, and today's reading and prayer urge us to choose and appreciate the blessings of God.

#### God our redeemer

You have delivered us from the power of darkness
And brought us into the kingdom of your Son;
Grant that as by his death he as recalled us to life,
So by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;
Through Jesus Christ you Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God now and for ever.

#### Amen

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

06 May 2024 **High Legh** 

Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Clare Leal

Lay Workers: Chris Stanisstreet

Please pray for us as we seek to develop our work with children and young people

**Anglican Communion:** Egba, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

07 May 2024

**Knutsford St Cross** 

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Paul Deakin, Revd Steven Benson **Lay Workers:** Hilary Savage, Allison Whiteley

Please pray for a growing engagement with the wider community in partnership with Hope

Central.

**Anglican Communion:** Egba-West, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

08 May 2024

**Knutsford St John the Baptist** 

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Nigel Atkinson, Revd Helen Baker (formerly Eccles), Revd Tom Hollingsbee

Lay Workers: Thain Flowers

**Anglican Communion:** Egbu, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

09 May 2024

Lindow

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Simon Gales

**Anglican Communion:** Egypt, The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

10 May 2024

**Lower Peover** 

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Murray Aldridge-Collins

**Anglican Communion:** Eha-Amufu, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

11 May 2024

Marthall

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Fiona Robinson

**Anglican Communion:** Ekiti, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

12 May 2024

#### A church of all nations

'I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.' Ezekiel 36:24

Christians worship a God who made all people and has a loving purpose for the whole world. It is a glory of the church in general, and of the Anglican church in particular, to be a world-wide body, connecting people from every place and language. When we welcome, appreciate and include people from a variety of backgrounds and cultures, we show the greatness of God and the wonder of the gospel. In our diocese we are seeing this happen more and more, and our church communities are being greatly enriched. Today we pray that we would in this way be strengthened and made more like Jesus Christ.

O God the King of glory,

You have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ

With great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:

We beseech you, leave us not comfortless,

But send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us

And exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,

Who is alive and reigns with you,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

#### Amen

Please pray for our...

**Anglican Communion:** The Anglican Church of Burundi

13 May 2024

# Mobberley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Ian Blay Lay Workers: John Grainger

**Anglican Communion:** Ekiti Kwara, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

14 May 2024

## **Over Peover**

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Murray Aldridge-Collins

**Anglican Communion:** Ekiti Oke, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

15 May 2024

# **Over Tabley**

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Chris Stanisstreet

**Anglican Communion:** Ekiti West, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

16 May 2024

# **Rostherne with Bollington**

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Chris Stanisstreet

Anglican Communion: Eldoret, The Anglican Church of Kenya

17 May 2024

#### Toft

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Nigel Atkinson, Revd Helen Baker (formerly Eccles), Revd Tom Hollingsbee

Lay Workers: Thain Flowers

**Anglican Communion:** Port Elizabeth, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

18 May 2024

#### Wilmslow

Please pray for our...

**Clergy:** Revd Eddie Roberts **Lay Workers:** Ms Flo Knowles

**Anglican Communion:** El-Obeid, Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

## A church of all ages

In these last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young man shall see visions, and your old me shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit: and they shall prophesy. Acts 2: 17 – 18

As well as being diverse in culture and language, the church is made up of people of all ages and circumstances. Many churches long to be more like the communities they serve, with younger people growing alongside older, more established members. We pray that this desire would deepen, and we would grow in wisdom and understanding, so we are better able to welcome, appreciate and include all ages.

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort: through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity fo the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Canada,

20 May 2024

**Birtles** 

Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Robin Pye

Lay Workers: Revd Amy Stevenson

Please pray for our ministry to families with children, that we would be able to integrate them

well with the rest of the church.

**Anglican Communion:** Ely, The Church of England

21 May 2024

# Byley-cum-Lees

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Simon Drew, Revd Alison Boulton, Revd Julie Hassall

Lay Workers: Steve Broadfoot, Duncan Goodwin, Christine Hamill-Stewart, Miss Anne

Latham, Tony Woode

Anglican Communion: Embu, The Anglican Church of Kenya

22 May 2024

**Davenham** 

Please pray for our... **Clergy:** Revd Rob Iveson

Lay Workers: Elizabeth Tabeart Rene

**Anglican Communion:** Enugu, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

#### Delamere

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Angela Askwith

Please pray for us to continue to grow disciples of Jesus reaching out to those who may not know Christ. To give thanks for Rev Diane as she helps lead us in worship. Please pray for

Julie, our pastoral worker in training and for Lyn and David our warde

**Anglican Communion:** Enugu North, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

24 May 2024

### Hartford

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Mike Smith, Revd Dimitri Alldridge, Revd Jon Teasdale, Revd James Doo

**Lay Workers:** Jeremy Hunns, David Charlton

**Anglican Communion:** Esan, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

25 May 2024

#### **Little Budworth**

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Paul Dawson, Revd Margaret Byrne, Revd Jane Millinchip

Lay Workers: Pauline Hayward

Please pray for our Children's Worker Teresa Finney and that we can reach out to more

young families in the parish.

Anglican Communion: Eswatini, The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

26 May 2024

# **Holy and glorious**

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of his glory.'

Isaiah 6: 3

Hebrew writing uses repetition to express superlatives or to indicate totality. This is the only example in Old Testament writing of a three-fold repetition and it communicates a super-abundance, a multiplication of totality, if there can be such a thing. Many have wondered if this threefold repetition is a deliberate allusion to the Trinity, the three-in-Oneness of God, hence its presence in the reading today. Whether or not this is the case, it points our thinking to the whole holiness of God, his burning brightness and entire other-ness. And this holiness is intimately connected to his glory, filling all of creation. As one writer says: Holiness is God's hidden glory; glory is God's all-present holiness.

Almighty and everlasting God,

you have given us your servants grace,

by the confession of a true faith,

to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity:

keep us steadfast in this faith,

that we may evermore be defended from all adversities;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

#### Amen

Please pray for our...

Anglican Communion: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

#### **Lostock Gralam**

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Andrew Ridley

Lay Workers: Graham Sheen, Joyce Kenrick

Please pray for the Launch of Jesus Shaped People course at the start of June, that through it

God would bring encouragement and growth.

**Anglican Communion:** Etche, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

28 May 2024

#### Middlewich

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Simon Drew, Revd Alison Boulton, Revd Julie Hassall

Lay Workers: Steve Broadfoot, Duncan Goodwin, Christine Hamill-Stewart, Sue Ikin, Miss

Anne Latham, Elaine Reynolds, Tony Woode

**Anglican Communion:** Etsako, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

29 May 2024

#### Moulton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Pauline Rowe Lay Workers: Cath Milnes

Anglican Communion: Europe, The Church of England

30 May 2024

#### **Northwich Holy Trinity**

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Carol Seddon Lay Workers: Rob Shepherd

**Anglican Communion:** Europe, The Episcopal Church

31 May 2024

# **Northwich St Luke**

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Deborah Dalby

Lay Workers: Malcolm Evans, Sue Renshaw, Kenneth Smyth

**Anglican Communion:** Evo, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

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