

Cycle of Prayer

12 May - 07 September 2019



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Chester

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(Reader)
(Pastoral Worker)
(Youth Worker)

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Foreword

There are many things that lend their rhythm to our prayer lives. The span of our life from birth to death and the Christian year from Christmas to Easter to Advent provide the most slowly developing rhythms. Week in and week out the pattern of the church's Sunday worship provides another rhythm. This diary, on the other hand, is prepared to support the daily rhythm of our prayer; the heart-beat of faithful living.



In our daily prayers we hold before our Heavenly Father the closest and most immediate concerns of life. In the Daily Prayer of Chester Cathedral this diary informs our intercessions set amidst the reading and singing of scripture. Here we weave together the cries of our hearts born out of our particular experience of life with the span of salvation history and the Good News of Jesus. We follow these pages, praying around God's church in our diocese and our world-wide communion, as we begin and end every single day. We draw great encouragement in the knowledge that we do so with you.

Tim Stratford, Dean.



Welcome

'Mercifully assist our prayers that we make before thee in all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us...' Those ancient words from the Book of Common Prayer assume that intercession is an everyday and expected activity for every person. Life in the Reformation era was hard and uncertain so the 'adversities' mentioned were no doubt frequent, but it wasn't just the pressures of life's troubles that motivated our forebears to pray. Centuries ago prayer was an unquestioned aspect of living that required no more justification than eating.

Ours is, perhaps, a more cynical as well as a much more secular age. The connections between prayer and living appear to be more tenuous, and yet any spot recognized as holy is often littered with prayer requests. Often those requests will be dominated by 'troubles and adversaries,' but there will be some of thankfulness that simply celebrate life. This small publication aims to traverse the same terrain – to share what 'oppresses' us, as well as celebrating in prayer the whole of our common life.

Whatever ideas and suggestions you have to help this cycle achieve that aim are always welcome. For the next edition, please submit contributions to jane.hood@chester.anglican.org by 8th July at the latest.

Christopher Burkett
Editor and Director of Ministry



12 May - Christian Aid Week

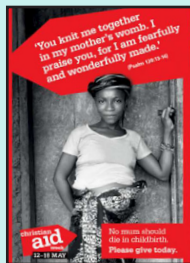
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Christian Aid has more than 70 years' experience of working in partnership to support communities to thrive. We tackle the root causes of poverty so that women, men and children the world over are strengthened against future knocks. And if disasters happen, we get people the help they want straight away.

This year we will be helping some of the world's poorest mums give birth safely by focusing on maternal health in Sierra Leone. This country is the world's most dangerous place to give birth and each day 10 women will die delivering their children and we are not prepared to live with that. That's why we are standing with the mothers of Sierra Leone and helping local partners in the country build better maternity units closer to the local communities where they are needed. Please pray for fruitful fundraising in this Christian Aid Week.

For prayers, donations and information see www.christianaid.or.uk

Archbishop Moses Nagjun Yoo, Korea and Bishop of Daejeon



13 May - Oxton

C: Joe Kennedy, Tina Dixon. LM: Josie Tuplin, Denis Jones, Lisa Kelly, Tracey Williams.

Oxton St Saviour's C of E School.

Bishop Paisible Ndacayisaba, Muyinga (Burundi); Bishop Michael Hafidh, Zanzibar (Tanzania); Bishop Kenneth Ifemene, Ikwo (Nigeria)

14 May - Prenton

St Matthias

C: Matt Graham. LM: Peter Earp, Barbara Tollady, Robert Vague, Carol Vague, Brian McEvoy, Anne Wise.

Please pray for love and unity as we share our lives. For insight and wisdom as we serve the people of Prenton, and boldness and faithfulness as we seek to pass on the gospel.

Bishop Andrew Sa Aung Lin Htin; Bishop Clement San Oo, Myanmar (Myanmar)

Bishop Abiodun Ogunyemi, Zaria (Nigeria)

15 May - Rock Ferry

C: Chris Slater, Peter Chamberlin, LM: Dave Casson, Lucy Slavin.
Give thanks for strong links with two local primary schools, and pray that God's word would take root in 'good soil' as our team teach RE lessons each week. Praise God for providing resources for us to start a CAP job club, and pray that as we share wisdom, and show practical love and kindness, we might also have the opportunity to share Christ.

Bishop John Zau Li, Mytikiyina (Myanmar)

Bishop Jacob Kwashi, Zonkwa (Nigeria)

Bishop Monument Makhanya, Zululand (Southern Africa)

16 May - Tranmere St Catherine

C: James Terry.

Please pray that our morning sermon series on James would encourage us to live out our faith. Pray for the ministry among children and young people and that we would see new families join us on Sunday. Pray for fruit from various evangelistic events over the last few months.

Bishop Paul Dupare, Nagpur (North India)

Bishop Christian Ugwuzor, Aba (Nigeria)

17 May - Tranmere St Paul with St Luke

C: Jane Parry. LM: Trish Thornley.

We ask prayers as we go forward with plans for reorganising the church and its halls that we make the right decisions needed for God's purpose here and the needs of the community and that the finance needed will come.

Bishop Joel Waweru Mwangi, Nairobi (Kenya)

Bishop Nathan Kanu, Aba Ngwa North (Nigeria)

Bishop Chigozirim Onyegbule, Ikwuano (Nigeria)

18 May - Woodchurch

C: Christine Broad. LM: Paul Jackson, Jan Lupton.

Woodchurch C of E School.

Bishop Joseph Muchai, Bishop Musa Kamuren, Nakuru (Kenya)

Bishop Monday Nkwoagu, Abakaliki (Nigeria)

Bishop Fredrick Olugbemi, Ilaje (Nigeria)

19 May - A Season of Intentional Discipleship

Fifth Sunday of Easter

The Anglican Communion worldwide is in the third-year of a nine-year Season of Intentional Discipleship and Disciple-Making (SIDD). Our Setting God's People Free programme echoes many of the SIDD themes, as the website puts it,



'discipleship is about equipping Christians to live their everyday lives as followers of Jesus Christ, following his example and his teaching. It is about putting faith into practice and training other believers to do the same. It is about mentoring and encouraging believers so that their faith has an impact on the world around them.'

SIDD aims include seeing and helping:

- Anglicans become known as disciples who make more disciples
- Intentional discipleship and discipleship-making become imbedded in Anglican churches and culture
- Discipleship become a way to learn from each other across the Communion
- Every Anglican become able to articulate their faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ
- Christians living Jesus Shaped Lives to have a positive impact on their communities, homes and workplaces

Pray for all that makes for intentional discipleship and for a fuller use of the disciple-making opportunities that come our way.

Drawn from

www.anglicancommunion.org/mission/intentional-discipleship
where further information can be found.

*Archbishop George Takeli, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Melanesia
and Bishop of Central Melanesia*

20 May - Woodchurch High School

*Bishop Robert Magina Barasa, Nambale (Kenya)
Bishop Anne Dyer, Aberdeen & Orkney (Scotland)
Bishop Abel Oluyemi Ajibodu, Ile - Oluji (Nigeria)*

21 May - Bowdon Deanery

Bishop Luke Pato, Namibia (Southern Africa)
Archbishop Nicholas Okoh, Abuja (Nigeria)

22 May - Altrincham

C: Edmund Betts, David Law.

Bishop Wilberforce Kityo Luwalira, Namirembe (Uganda)
Bishop Michael Deng K Bol, Abyei (South Sudan)
Bishop Daniel Sylvanus Mensah Torto, Accra (West Africa)

23 May - Ashley

C: Karen Stanton.

Bless us, O God, we who live close to the land. Help us to be aware of the quiet beauty of the night, the fresh green growth on trees and plants and the songs of birds. We give thanks for all of these. May we always show respect for all of creation. Bless each of us and help us grow in love and unity with you and with each other.

Bishop Eggoni Pushpalalitha, Nandyal (South India)
Archbishop Geoffrey Martyn Smith; Bishop Tim Harris; Bishop Christopher McLeod; Adelaide (Australia)

24 May - Ashton upon Mersey St Martin

C: Shaun Conlon.

Bishop Pradip Kamble, Nasik (North India); Bishop Paul Udogu, Afikpo (Nigeria); Bishop Samuel Olubayu Sowale, Ilesa (Nigeria); Bishop Samuel Egbeunmi, Ilesa South West (Nigeria)

25 May - Ashton upon Mersey St Mary Magdalene

C: Steve Rankin, Jane Beaumont. LM: Outi Rankin, Brian Macfaden, Lynne Raphael, Stewart Darlow, Gillian Hart, Mags Holt, Ann McBurney, Jonny Davies.

Sale St Mary's C of E School.

Bishop Simon Lual Bang Jal, Nasir (South Sudan)
Bishop Prem Prakash Habil, Agra (North India)
Bishop Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows; Bishop Catherine Waynick, Indianapolis, (The Episcopal Church, USA)

26 May - Thy Kingdom Come

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost (30th May to 9th June this year) for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. What started out as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.



The expectations of the movement are simple: that people will commit to pray with God's world-wide family – as a church, individually or as a family; that churches will hold prayer events, such as 24-7 prayer, prayer stations and prayer walks, across the UK and in other parts of the world; and that people will be empowered through prayer by the Holy Spirit, and find new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ. Please see the Diocesan Website for events and activities, or to include your local initiative in the listing.

Pray that every aspect of our lives may be the stuff of prayer.

*Pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world
For the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Revd Justin Welby, and all
primates and bishops. For members of the Anglican Consultative Council.
For the Secretary General, the Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Feron, for the staff
at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva
and New York.*

27 May - Bowdon

C: Ian Rumsey, Jessica Piper, Phillip Potter. LM: John Fenton, Alan Marriott, Kirsten Wood.

Pray for us as we engage with the 'Thy Kingdom Come' prayer initiative, develop our strategy for mission among young people, review our pastoral care ministry and embark on discussions about the re-ordering of St Mary's.

Bowdon C of E School.

*Bishop Dino Gabriel; Bishop Tsetse Edward Seleokane; Vacant; Natal
(Southern Africa)*

Archbishop Christian Efobi, Aguata (Nigeria)

28 May - Broadheath

C: Daud Gill, Lisa Redfern. LM: Peter Johnson.

Bishop Mark Lawrence MacDonald, National Indigenous Bishop (Canada)

Bishop Clement Ekpeye, Ahoada (Nigeria)

29 May - Dunham Massey St Margaret

C: Jerry Sutton.

Bishop David Bailey, Navajoland Area Mission (The Episcopal Church, USA)

Bishop Nathan Ingen, Aipo Rongo (Papua New Guinea)

Bishop Olugbenga Oduntan, Ajayi Crowther (Nigeria)

30 May - Dunham Massey St Mark

Ascension Day

C: Jerry Sutton.

Bishop David Obiosa, Ndokwa (Nigeria)

Bishop John Jock Chol, Akobo (South Sudan)

31 May - Hale

The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

C: Karen Stanton. LM: Julie Withers, John Moss, Matt Buckley.

Bishop Alphonse Watho-kudi, Nebbi (Uganda)

Archbishop Gabriel Akinbiyi, Akoko (Nigeria)

Bishop Jolly Oyekpen, Akoko Edo (Nigeria)

Bishop Alan Scarfe, Iowa (The Episcopal Church, USA)

1 June - Oughtrington

C: Michael Burgess. LM: Giselle Rusted, Roy Bond, Ray Hepworth.

Bless and guide all who minister to the young, families and the elderly in our church and parish.

Bishop Scott Barker, Nebraska (The Episcopal Church, USA)

Bishop Isaac Dhiu Ater, Akot (South Sudan)

Bishop Felix Akinbuluma, Irele - Eseodo (Nigeria)

2 June - The Lausanne Global Workplace Forum

Seventh Sunday of Easter

The 2019 Lausanne Global Workplace Forum (GWF) will meet in Manila, Philippines between 22nd-27th June with the aim of mobilizing the whole church—'in every corner of the global workplace—as bearers of the gospel.' The movement's website describes the challenge in these words:

The Bible affirms that work itself is a legitimate calling of God,

bringing all occupations—and the whole of our working lives—within the sphere of ministry and mission. Yet one of the greatest scandals of our times is the flawed 'sacred-secular divide' that has 'permeated the Church's thinking and action', telling us that 'religious activity belongs to God, whereas other activity does not' (from The Lausanne Movement Cape Town Commitment).

We must reclaim the biblical truth that all legitimate work—not just professional ministry—is intrinsically valuable and integral to the missional work of God's kingdom. [From <https://www.lausanne.org/gwf>, where further resources can be found]

Pray for all who will participate in GWF, and for all efforts to bridge the faith/workplace divide.

Archbishop Francisco Moreno, Presiding Bishop of La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico & Bishop of Northern Mexico



3 June - Partington & Carrington

C: Andrew Knight.

We give thanks to God for a congregation growing in many ways and we pray that this year's focus on 'Setting God's People Free' continues to increase our confidence and joy in following Jesus in all aspects of our lives, Monday to Saturday as well as Sunday.

Bishop Victor Richard Ellena, Nelson (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia)

Bishop Simeon Borokini, Akure (Nigeria)

Bishop Isaac Nwaobia, Isial-Ngwa South (Nigeria)

4 June - Hale Barns with Ringway

C: Clair Jaquiss. LM: Mary Babbage, Vivienne Plummer.

Give thanks for the ministry of Fr Gordon Herron (Associate Priest), Rebecca Mooney (Children and Families Worker) and Debbie Buckley (Pastoral Care Co-ordinator). Pray for a deepening of faith for all and the building of friendship and respect with people of all faiths and none.

Bishop Dan Edwards, Nevada (The Episcopal Church, USA)

Bishop John McKee Sloan, Alabama (The Episcopal Church, USA)

5 June - Sale St Anne

C: Alison Cox. LM: Paul Edwards, Alan Ward.

Sale St Anne's C of E School.

Bishop Israel Amoo, New Busa (Nigeria); Bishop Mark Lattime, Alaska;

Bishop William Love, Albany (The Episcopal Church, USA)

6 June - Sale St Paul

C: Barbara Sharp. LM: Michael Riley, Ann Morris, Yvonne Kerridge, Karen Salisbury.

Please pray for all those who pass by our church that they might one day walk in and feel so welcome and included that they want to stay and by staying may hear the Good News and turn to Christ.

Vacant, The New Guinea Islands (Papua New Guinea)

7 June - Timperley

C: Jim Bridgman, Jenny Bridgman, Suzanne Eddleston.

Please pray that we will continue to discern how we are able to live as disciples in our day to day lives - both in how we serve our churches, and in what we do beyond church life.

Bishop Robert Hirschfeld, New Hampshire (The Episcopal Church, USA);

Bishop David Mutisya; Bishop Cleti Ogeto, All Saints Cathedral Diocese (Kenya); Bishop Manasses Chijiokem Okere, Isikwuato (Nigeria)

8 June - Warburton

C: Michael Burgess. LM: Giselle Rusted.

Bless and guide all farmers and those who work on the land in our rural parish. May we all rejoice in the good gifts of God's creation.

Bishop William Stokes, New Jersey (The Episcopal Church, USA)

Bishop Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto, Amazon (Brazil)

9 June - A Missionary People

Pentecost (Whit Sunday)

'I am convinced that, at least in Europe, missionary work of the past – in which a pastor or evangelist told an audience that they were sinners and needed conversion – is over. They know that they are sinners. What they do not know is the power of prayer and the beauty of life that is not dominated by money and prestige. People must be immersed in a story that lets them experience in their bones the biblical promise. ... The life testimony of ordinary Christians can turn our churches into convincing missionary congregations.'

Walter J. Hollenweger, *My Pilgrimage in Mission*, IBMR, vol 29, no 2.



Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water. John 7.38
Pray for the Spirit's movement in the lives and witness of us all.

Archbishop Prem Chand Singh, Jabalpur (North India)

10 June - Altrincham C of E School

Archbishop Melissa Skelton, New Westminster (Canada)

Bishop Ephraim Ikeakor, Amichi (Nigeria)

Bishop Daniel Selvaratnam Thiagarajah, Jaffna (South India)

11 June - Chester Deanery

St Barnabas

Bishop Andrew Dietsche; Bishop Allen Shin; Bishop Mary Glasspool, New York (The Episcopal Church, USA)

Archbishop Pradeep Samantaroy, Amritsar (North India)

12 June - Ashton Hayes

C: Phillip Weston. LM: Alan Downen, Philip Goodall.

Pray for the spiritual and numerical growth of our congregation, including more families, as well as for progress on our building re-ordering project.

Bishop Oscar Mnung'a, Newala (Tanzania)
Bishop Christopher Paul, Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands (North India)
Bishop Andre Soares, Angola (Missionary Diocese) (Southern Africa)

13 June - Barrow

C: Andy Stinson. LM: Judith Smith, Martin Welch.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that the light of your love shines in Barrow. Illuminate our lives and grow them to bear fruit for your kingdom; deepen our discipleship, grow our compassion and prompt us to invite those we know to join us as we worship you.

Bishop Carlye J Hughes, Newark (The Episcopal Church, USA)
Bishop Sheldon Frederick Mwesigwa, Ankole (Uganda)

14 June - Chester St John the Baptist

C: David Chesters. LM: Keith Allen.

Bishop Peter Stuart; Bishop Charlie Murry; Bishop Sonia Roulston, Newcastle (Australia)

Bishop Christine Hardman; Bishop Mark Tanner, Newcastle (England)

15 June - Chester Holy Trinity Without-the-Walls (Blacon)

C: Tina Upton, Christopher Burkett. LM: Sarah Dutton.

Give thanks for the work of the Holy Spirit among us, and join with us in praying for more workers for the harvest field, for we have a plentiful harvest and very few workers.

Bishop Christian Ebisike, Ngbo (Nigeria)
Bishop Samoela Jaona Ranarivelo, Antananarivo (Indian Ocean)
Bishop Foreman Nedison, Jalingo (Nigeria)

16 June - Ordained Priests

Trinity Sunday

Yesterday in the cathedral the following were ordained priest by Bishop Peter:

Kirsty Allan (Wilmslow, St Bartholomew), Angela Askwith (Frodsham, St Laurence), Richard Avery (Wallasey, St Hilary), Alison Boulton (Middlewich, St Michael and All Angels with Byley-cum-Lees, St



John the Evangelist), Josh Carlson (Heswall, St Peter), Catherine Cleghorn (Crewe, St Andrew with St John the Baptist, and Crewe, All Saints and St Paul), Tina Dixon (Oxton, St Saviour), Will Drain (Romiley, St Chad), Simon Gowler (Knutsford, St Cross), Al Metcalfe (Bebington, St Andrew), Helen Molesworth (Malpas, St Oswald and Threapwood, St John and Bickerton, Holy Trinity), Anne-Marie Naylor (Siddington, All Saints with Capesthorpe, Holy Trinity and Eaton, Christ Church with Hulme Walfield, St Michael and Marton, St James and St Paul), Paul Pritchard (Barnton, Christ Church), Aled Seago (Poynton, St George), Peter Selby (Cheadle Hulme, St Andrew), Joe Smith (Over, St Chad), Stephanie Warrell (Upton, St Mary (Overchurch)), Ailsa Whorton (Newton West Kirby, St Michael and All Angels).

Pray for the ministry given into their hands and for the communities in which they minister

Archbishop Nicholas Okoh, Metropolitan & Primate of all Nigeria & Bishop of Abuja

17 June - Chester St Mary Without-the-Walls (Handbridge)

C: Vacant, Laura Rhodes. LM: Robert Croft, Linda Manning.

Please pray for the team working through a period of vacancy and the appointment of a new incumbent to share in the next stage of the development of our community outreach and to further the work of our new parish centre.

*Bishop Susan Jennifer Anne Bell, Niagara (Canada)
Bishop Theophile Botomazava, Antsiranana (Indian Ocean)
Bishop Howard Gregory; Bishop Leon Paul Golding; Bishop Robert Thompson; Vacant, Jamaica & The Cayman Islands (West Indies)*

18 June - Chester St Paul with St Luke

C: Chris Blunt. LM: Richard Price, Jennifer Gilbertson, John Somerville, Keith Taggart, Ray Walley, Sylvia Walley, Marian Watts.

Thank God for new initiatives that have brought the church and the local community closer together. Pray for kingdom fruit from that.

Bishop Vicente Msossa; Bishop Manuel Ernesto, Niassa (Southern Africa)

19 June - Christleton

C: Stefan Collier.

Father, we kneel at your feet, submit to your washing, and ask that your love becomes the love we offer. A love which gives birth to new expressions of worship and the development of our church buildings as beacons of your hope and light.

Bishop Sturdie Downs, Nicaragua (Central America)

Archbishop Gregory James Venables, Argentina (South America)

Bishop Kevin Pearson, Argyll & The Isles (Scotland)

20 June - Dodleston

Day of Thanksgiving for Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)

C: Hazel Clarke.

Dodleston C of E School.

Archbishop Ignatius Kattey, Niger Delta North (Nigeria); Bishop Emmanuel Oko-Jaja, Niger Delta West (Nigeria); Bishop Ralph Ebirien, The Niger Delta

(Nigeria); Bishop Johnson Ekwe, Niger West (Nigeria)

21 June - Eccleston & Pulford

C: Roger Clarke. LM: Robert Hughes.

We give thanks for growth and blessing in our Messy Church community and in our All Age worship; we pray for those finding their way into faith, for the deepening of faith and prayer, and renewal of our stewardship.

Bishop Evans Jonathan Ibeagha, Nike (Nigeria); Bishop Kirk Smith, Arizona (The Episcopal Church, USA); Bishop Timothy Adewole, Jebba (Nigeria)

22 June - Guilden Sutton

C: Heather Carty. LM: Pauline Holgate, Denise Campbell, Libby Owen.
Guilden Sutton C of E School.

Bishop Gabriel Angok Arok, Nimule Area (South Sudan)

Bishop Larry Benfield, Arkansas (The Episcopal Church, USA)

23 June - Clergy Conference

First Sunday after Trinity

This week Bishop Peter will gather clergy at the Hayes Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire, for the triennial Clergy Conference. Entitled 'Lord's Song: Strange Land' the four-day event will include addresses, workshops, Bible study, and worship.



The topic 'How shall we sing the Lord's song ...?' (Psalm 137.4) will be addressed by the speakers Grace Davie, Professor emeritus of Sociology at the University of Exeter; Jolyon Mitchell, Professor of Communications, Arts and Religion and Director of the Centre for Theology and Public Issues, University of Edinburgh; and Michael Banner, Dean, Fellow and Director of Studies in Theology and Religious Studies at Trinity College, Cambridge. The Bible Studies on Saint Paul will be led by Professor John Barclay, from the University of Durham. Kate Bruce RAF Chaplain, Homiletician, and stand-up comic will provide the entertainment on the first evening, and on the Tuesday evening the Secretary General of the Archbishops' Council, William Nye, will speak and take questions on the Renewal and Reform programme which the Archbishop of Canterbury has initiated.

Pray for all participants, and for inspiring and positive outcomes. Also offers thanks for volunteers covering local church work during the conference.

Archbishop Prem Chand Singh, Moderator of CNI & Bishop of Jabalpur

24 June - Hoole

The Birth of John the Baptist

C: John Kirkland. LM: Jeff Turnbull, Vicki Bulgin, Ron Davies, Bill Holt, Missy Johnson, Peri Nightingale, Tabitha Heathcote, Helen Ellis.

Pray for All Saints on the Groves, a new church plant in part of our parish in which we have made little impact in the past, led by Sam and Katy Durdant-Hollamby.

Bishop Godwin Izundu Nmezina Okpala, Nnewi (Nigeria)

Bishop Stephen Mosimanegape Moreo, Johannesburg (Southern Africa)

25 June - Kelsall

C: Vacant. LM: Lis Wye, John Diggle.

Pray for God's guidance during our vacancy, for links with local Methodists, and for our united witness to the love of God in Kelsall.

Bishop Muhindo Isesomo, Nord Kivu (Congo)

Bishop Richard Lewers, Armidale (Australia)

26 June - Lache cum Saltney

C: Hennie Johnston, Simon Chesters. LM: Pippa Douglas, Nikki Smith.

Pray for unity of vision as we seek to go deeper with God in our discipleship, thereby equipping us to go further out into our community with the love of Jesus.

Bishop Stephen Namanya, North Ankole (Uganda); Bishop Johnson Onuoha,

Arochukwu/Ohafia (Nigeria); Bishop Georges Titre Ande, Aru (Congo); Bishop

Ngarahu Katene, Aru (Congo)

27 June - Plemstall

C: Heather Carty. LM: Pauline Holgate.

Bishop Samuel Rodman; Bishop Anne Hodges-Copple; Bishop F. Clayton

Matthews, North Carolina (The Episcopal Church, USA)

Bishop Justus Mogekwu, Asaba (Nigeria)

28 June - Tarvin

C: Adam Friend, Barbara King. LM: Colin Haworth, Mary Burgess, Ron Fuller, Jo Richards.

Duddon St Peter's C of E School.

Archbishop Joel Atiwag Pachao; Bishop Nestor D Poltic, North Central

Philippines (Philippines); Bishop Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith, Asante-Mampong

(West Africa); Archbishop Benjamin Kwashi, Jos (Nigeria)

29 June - Upton-by-Chester

Ss Peter and Paul

C: Paul Newman, David O'Brien. LM: Barbara Capstick.

Upton Heath C of E School.

Biishop Michael Smith, North Dakota (The Episcopal Church, USA)

Bishop Fraser Lawton, Athabasca (Canada)

Vacant; Bishop Fraser Yugu Elias, Juba (South Sudan)

30 June - Ordination of Deacons

Second Sunday after Trinity

The following people (detailed with the places where they will serve) will be ordained deacon by Bishop Peter in Chester Cathedral today:

Karen Andrews (Kelsall), Louise Annison (Blacon), Janine Arnott (Stockport, St George), Jeremy Beatty (Marple), Callum Boothroyd (Hyde), Lucy Brewster (Partington and Carrington), Ian Chidlow (Cheadle, St Mary), Debbie Dalby (Lostock Gralam and Northwich, St Helen), Peter Dooley (Cheadle, St Mary), Robert Icke (Latchford, St James), Sister Heather Kemball (Alsager, Christ Church), Jenny McKay (Great Budworth), Steph Morris (Sutton, Bosley, Wildboarclough and Wincle), Steve Murphy (Prestbury), Paul North (Wistaston), Julian Osborne (Tarpорley), Giselle Rusted (Dunham Massey, St Margaret and Dunham Massey, St Mark), Anina Thomas (Lache cum Saltney), Josie Tuplin (Woodchurch), Paul Wheeler (Nantwich), Elaine White (Liscard, The Resurrection), Dorothy Woods (Burleydam, Baddiley and Wrenbury).



Pray for those made deacon today, for their families, their friends, and those among whom they will serve.

Archbishop Humphrey Peters, Bishop of Peshawar & Moderator of the Church of Pakistan

1 July - Plas Newton

C: Pete Rugen. LM: Julie Ellison, Alan Lowe, Alison Linfield, Trevor Park, Christine Blackmore, David Blackmore.

Bishop Michael Herenz, North East India, (India)

2 July - Chester Christ Church

C: Graham Shaw, Ralph Kemp, Glyn Jones. LM: Veronica Johnston.

Bishop L Errol Brooks, North Eastern Carribean and Aruba (West Indies)

Bishop Robert Wright, Atlanta (The Episcopal Church, USA)

Bishop Andudu Adam Elnail, Kadugli and the Nuba Mountains (Sudan)

3 July - Chester St Oswald & St Thomas of Canterbury

St Thomas

C: Stephen Sheridan. LM: Keith Allen, Hugh Jones.

Eternal God, In whom past, present and future are assured, give us grace to follow he who makes all things new each day, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

Chester Blue Coat C of E School.

Bishop James Nasak, North Karamoja (Uganda)

Bishop Ross Bay, Auckland (Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)

Bishop Timothy Yahaya, Kaduna (Nigeria)

4 July - Chester St Peter

C: Jon Phillips, Gareth Thomas.

Lord we cry out to You for our city centre. We cry out for unity in the body. We cry out for blessing on every shop, institution, body and individual. Father, may Your Kingdom come in Chester as in heaven.

Bishop Benon Magezi, North Kigezi (Uganda)

Bishop Abraham Yel Nhial, Aweil (South Sudan)

Bishop Timothy Yahaya, Kaduna (Nigeria)

5 July - The Bishops' Blue Coat C of E High School

Bishop Marcus Dogo, Kafanchan, (Nigeria)

Bishop David Akau Kuol Mayom, Awerial (South Sudan)

6 July - University Church Free School

Bishop Keith Ronald Joseph, North Queensland (Australia)

Bishop Emmaunuel Ugwu, Awgu/Aninri (Nigeria)

Bishop Gadiel Katanga Lenini, Kajiado (Kenya)

7 July - Children's Mental Health

Third Sunday after Trinity

11.2% of children aged 5-15 years have mental ill health, which equates to approximately 812,300 5-15-year-olds in England. That is one of the startling facts revealed in the NHS' study, Mental Health of Children and Young People in England, 2017, the first such study since 2004. Other figures indicate that: 1 in 8 children aged 5 to 19 had a mental health condition in 2017.



That's four children in a class of 32; 338,000 children were referred to community Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS). One third of them received treatment, one third spent last New Year's Eve on the waiting list and the final third were turned away because their problems weren't serious enough to meet the NHS' thresholds.

The Children's Society commented that overall the NHS is only treating a very small percentage of the population of young people with mental health problems. The Children's Commissioner has found that we spend 15 times more money on adults than on children.

Statistics and comments drawn from <https://files.digital.nhs.uk> and www.childrenssociety.org

Pray for youngsters with mental ill health, for NHS planning and implementation in this vital area, and for all working for the wellbeing of children.

Bishop Gary Nelson, North West Australia (Australia)

Bishop Alexander Ibezim, Awka (Nigeria)

Bishop Emmanuel Murye Modi, Kajo Keji (South Sudan)

8 July - Chadkirk Deanery

Please pray for the churches in Chadkirk Deanery to see where God's Spirit is moving and working among us and our communities and for us to encourage one another as we join in with His Spirit.

Bishop Barry Beisner, Northern California (The Episcopal Church, USA)

Bishop J Akin Atere, Awori (Nigeria)

Archbishop Stanley Ntagali; Bishop Hannington Mutebi, Kampala (Uganda)

9 July - Bredbury St Barnabas

C: Sue Shrine. LM: Daryl Beaumont.

Please pray for us as we reach out into the community, that we may listen and respond to the needs in our parish, and that we continue to grow to be Jesus shaped people.

Bishop Douglas Sparks, Northern Indiana (The Episcopal Church, USA)

Bishop Thomas Tut Gany, Ayod (South Sudan)

Bishop Zakka Nyam, Kano (Nigeria)

10 July - Bredbury St Mark

C: Andy Bull, Jayne Coxall. LM: Ruth Bull.

Bredbury St Mark's C of E School.

Bishop Victor Agberam, Northern Izon (Nigeria)

Bishop Joseph Adeyemi, Badagary (Nigeria)

11 July - Romiley

C: Richard Pennystan, Will Drain. LM: Alan Murch, Audrey Murch, Alan Bancroft, Molly Dow, Elle Bird.

Bishop Hilary Ayban Pasikan, Northern Luzon (Philippines)

Bishop Jwan Zhumbes, Bukuru (Nigeria)

Bishop Cathleen Bascom, Kansas (The Episcopal Church, USA)

12 July - Disley

C: Stuart Cornes. LM: Rob Stoba, Jack Fuller, Jenny Kidd, Mike Hobart, Wendy Luxon, Sarah Baker.

Pray for the worshipping communities of St Mary's and St John's as they serve in Disley, Newtown and Furness Vale; pray that the Spirit may make us as 'wise as serpents and as innocent as doves' and enable us to show in word and deed the good news we carry.

Bishop Fanuel Emmanuel Magangani, Northern Malawi (Central Africa)

Bishop Garry Weatherill, Ballarat (Australia)

Vacant, Kanyakumari (South India)

13 July - High Lane

C: Janet Parker. LM: Tony Berry, Jackie Jonas, John Wilson.

Bishop Francisco Moreno, Northern Mexico (Mexico)

Bishop Andrew John, Bangor (Wales)

Bishop Sadiq Daniel, Karachi (Pakistan)

14 July - Disability Awareness Day

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

We in the Diocese of Chester want to be an enabling, rather than a disabling Church and I believe it is the responsibility of the Church to show leadership in the inclusion of all members of society. Increasingly, I am asking the question, how can we enable those with different abilities to be at the heart of our communities, explore their vocations and realise their gifts?



The Chester Diocesan Disability Forum meets regularly to consider how we can support parishes to become more inclusive of those with different abilities. We ask that today especially you attempt to address the needs of everyone in order to overcome the barriers, which might prevent those with disabilities from worshipping and celebrating differences together.

I invite you to consider the changes you need to make in your own lives, in your churches and communities to challenge injustice and discrimination. And finally, I pray that you will feel encouraged, excited and committed to becoming more inclusive of those with different abilities, so that we can all rightly feel we are One in Christ.

Vanessa Layfield, Engagement and Inclusion Officer

Pray that we may be an inclusive and enabling church.

Bishop Rayford Ray, Northern Michigan (The Episcopal Church, USA)

Bishop Alfred Patterson Worek, Banks and Torres (Vanuatu)

Bishop Joseph Abura, Karamoja (Uganda)

15 July - Low Marple

C: Ed McKenna. LM: Geoff Brammall, Tony Doust.

Bishop Brent Alawas, Northern Philippines (Philippines)

Bishop Michael Maxwell, Barbados (West Indies)

Bishop Reuben Mark, Karimnagar (South India)

16 July - Marple

C: Daniel Currie, Lesley Currie, Phil Harris, Jeremy Beatty. LM: Keith Frost, Martin Palmer, Dennis Watson.
Marple All Saints' C of E School.

Bishop Greg Anderson, The Northern Territory (Australia)

Bishop Idris Zubairu, Bari (Nigeria)

Bishop Prasana Kumar Samuel, Karnataka (Central); Bishop Bishop Ravikumar J. Niranjana, Karnataka (North); Bishop Mohan Manoraj Karnataka (North) (South India)

17 July - Compstall (or Werneth)

C: Lynn Boyle, Wendy Atkinson. LM: Mick Boyle, Pamela Etherington-Smith.

Bishop Johnson Gakumba, Northern Uganda (Uganda)

Bishop Peter Hancock, Bishop Ruth Worsley, Bath & Wells (England)

Bishop John Okude Omuse, Katakwa (Kenya)

18 July - Whaley Bridge

C: Margaret Jones, Richard West. LM: Beryl Axcell, Michael Connell, Sue Mellor.

May the parish of Whaley Bridge continue to develop ways to work with and for the local community as it strives to build the Kingdom of God in this place.

Kettlethulme St James' C of E School.

Bishop Ian Palmer, Bathurst (Australia)

Bishop Lawrence Elisha Tendwa, Katanga (Congo)

19 July - Mellor

C: Tracy Ward. LM: Peter Harrison.

Bishop Scott Mayer, North West Texas (The Episcopal Church, USA)

Bishop Musa Tula, Bauchi (Nigeria)

Bishop Jonathan Bamaiyi, Katsina (Nigeria)

20 July - Frodsham Deanery

Bishop Sean Rowe, Northwestern Pennsylvania (The Episcopal Church, USA)

Bishop Philip Wright, Belize (West Indies)

Archbishop Edmund Akanya, Kebbi (Nigeria)

21 July - 50 years since the first Moon Landing

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Yesterday was the anniversary of the first moon-landing.

I was a 16-year-old and in my pyjamas watching one of the most wonderful moments in history on our black and white television. In fact, half-a-billion people on earth were watching. It was 2.56am in the morning of 20th July 1969 when Commander Neil Armstrong stepped out onto the Moon's surface in the Sea of Tranquillity, nearly 20 minutes after the opening of the hatch on the Eagle landing craft. This was the first time a human being had set foot on another world. His first words famously were, 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.'

This moment is arguably humanity's greatest ever feat of exploration. For two hours Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin explored the lunar surface on foot while Michael Collins piloted the Apollo 11 orbiter around the Moon.

The huge Saturn V rocket blasted off at the Kennedy Space Centre on 16th July and propelled Apollo 11 into orbit around the earth and then set off for its 3-day journey to the Moon. A day after, Armstrong and Aldrin climbed into the Eagle lunar module and began the descent to the surface of the Moon. This was a very hazardous part of the mission, the surface is littered with boulders, the simple computer sounded alarms and Armstrong had to manually pilot the ship to a safe place, there was only 30 seconds of fuel remaining.

Pray for the safe and peaceful utilization of space exploration.

Graham Green

Bishop Jonathan Meyrick, Bishop Alan Peter Winton, Norwich (England)

Bishop Matt Brain, Bendigo (Australia)

Bishop Terry White, Kentucky (The Episcopal Church, USA)



22 July - Alvanley and Manley

St Mary Magdalene

C: Vacant.

*Archbishop Ronald Wayne Cutler, Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island
(Canada)*

Bishop Peter Imasuen, Benin (Nigeria)

Bishop Ernest Kiprotich Ng'eno, Kericho (Kenya)

23 July - Dunham-on-the-Hill

C: Graham Green.

Bishop Aloysius Agbo, Nsukka (Nigeria)
Bishop John Gattek, Malakal - Bentiu Area (South Sudan)
Bishop Emmanuel Ntazinda, Kibingo (Rwanda)

24 July - Frodsham

C: Michael Mills, Angela Askwith. LM: Gail Fulbrook, Gill Newcombe, Andrew Rudd, Mavis Thompson.

For the children of schools who end term today. For the appointment of a new vicar as Michael retired this week.

Bishop Stephen Kabora, Nyhururu (Kenya); Bishop Michael Maxwell, Bermuda (West Indies); Bishop Louis Muvunyi, Kigale (Rwanda)

25 July - Grange

St James

C: Emma Speake.

Loving God, give us your vision for our future so we can be the people you want us to be. Help us to build community, to strengthen our bonds as a church family and to take your message of love, welcome and reconciliation to each person in our community.

Bishop Paul Tokmach Lual, Nyang (South Sudan); Bishop Kevin Nichols, Bethlehem (The Episcopal Church, USA); Bishop George Bagamuhunda, Kigezi (Uganda)

26 July - Hallwood Ecumenical Parish

C: Lisa MacInnes. LM: Ann-Marie Jones, Penny Hennessey, Alan Bentham, Christine Greeve.

Pray for people coming to our holiday lunches and the volunteers who make the food and give their time.

Bishop Samuel Peni Enosa, Nzara (South Sudan); Vacant, Bhopal (North India); Bishop Assiel Musabyimana, Kigeme (Rwanda)

27 July - Halton

C: Tony Mitchell.

St Mary's Halton C of E School.

Bishop Akintunde A Popoola, Offa (Nigeria); Bishop Jonah Kolo, Bida (Nigeria); Bishop George Bagamuhunda, Kigezi (Uganda)

28 July - Skills for Care

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Some 1.47 million people work in social care in England. They support individuals in all aspects of day to day living from social and physical activities to mobility assistance, personal care and meal times. Care workers can work in care homes, in an individual's own home, or in the community. Associated roles include support workers providing advice, emotional support, and learning life-skills like cooking or budgeting; shared lives carers who stay with vulnerable people in their own homes or the carer's home and offer respite care or night or day support on a long or short-term basis; and personal assistants who are often employed directly by an individual who decides just what they need help with – be that going to work, to university, to medical appointments or social activities.



The organisation Skills for Care estimates that 8.0% of the roles in adult social care are vacant, equal to approximately 110,000 vacancies at any time.

For more statistics and information visit www.skillsforcare.org.uk/workforceintelligence – from where this entry was sourced.

Pray for care workers, and for more people to be encouraged into the sector as a career.

Bishop Samuel Ezeofor, Ogbaru (Nigeria)

Bishop David Andrew Urquhart, Anne Elizabeth Hollinghurst, Birmingham (England); Bishop Ferran Glenfield, Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh (Ireland)

29 July - Helsby

C: Graham Green.

Bishop James Oruwori, Ogbia (Nigeria)

Bishop Julian Tudor Henderson; Bishop Philip North; Bishop Jill Duff, Blackburn (England)

Bishop Oswald Swartz, Kimberley and Kuruman (Southern Africa)

30 July - Kingsley

C: Vacant, Hilary Merrington. LM: Audrey Griffiths.

Pray for the gifts of vision and compassion as we plan to re-order our church building for the benefit of our wider community.

Kingsley St John's C of E School.

Bishop Matthew Osunade, Ogbomoso (Nigeria)
Bishop Mugenyi William Bahemuka, Bogo (Congo)

31 July - Norley

C: Vacant, Hilary Merrington. LM: Rob Kophamel.

Pray for our young families, and for the Spirit to inspire our discerning of God's will for our future flourishing together.

Norley C of E School.

Bishop Solomon Gberegbara, Ogoni (Nigeria); Bishop Raphael Samuel, Bolivia (South America); Bishop Dan Zoreka, Kinkiizi (Uganda)

1 August - Norton

C: Stephen Torr.

Father God, we thank you for your love and faithfulness to us, kindle a passion for you and your kingdom in our hearts, gift us with eyes to see you in the faces of others, and nurture a desire to serve you in all that we do.

Norton St Berteline's C of E School.

Bishop Chidi Collins Oparaojiaku, Ohaji /Egbema (Nigeria); Bishop Ruben Akurdid Ngong, Bor (South Sudan); Bishop Joseph Kibichwa, Kirinyaga (Kenya)

2 August - Runcorn All Saints

C: Derek Guest. LM: Emma Jones.

Runcorn All Saints' C of E School.

Bishop Mark Hollingsworth, Ohio (The Episcopal Church, USA)
Bishop Metlhayotlhe Rawlings Beleme, Botswana (Central Africa)
Bishop Lambert Funga Botolome, Kisangani (Congo)

3 August - Runcorn Holy Trinity

C: Derek Guest.

Bishop Amos Amankechinelu Madu, Oji River (Nigeria); Bishop William Cliff, Brandon (Canada); Bishop Zerubbabel Katsuichi Hirota, Kita Kanto (Japan)

4 August - Christians in Politics

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Christians in Politics (CiPOL) is an all-party, non-denominational organisation which seeks to encourage and inspire Christians to get involved in politics and public life. Emphasis is placed on our membership of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, as opposed to the earthly allegiances which may separate us. Christians in Politics is constituted by the Conservative Christian Fellowship, the Liberal Democrat Christian Forum and Christians on the Left.



CiPOL's mission is to make the biblical case for participating in party politics at high-quality events; to connect Christians and churches to people or organisations that can help them engage politically; to provide resources to equip Christians in their engagement with politics through the Christian organisations affiliated to the mainstream political parties. Entry taken from www.christiansinpolitics.org.uk

'Christians need to be involved in political life and be ready to contend - but we must also cast a better vision of hope - we should not just oppose things.' Dr Dave Landrum, Director of Advocacy, Evangelical Alliance at New Wine 2017

Pray for positive and tolerant engagement in politics by people of faith.

Bishop Cornelius Adagbada, Oke-Ogun (Nigeria)

Bishop Maurício Jose Araujo De Andrade, Brasilia (Brazil)

Bishop Stephen Kewasis, Kitale (Kenya)

5 August - Runcorn Weston St John

C: Vivien Gisby. LM: Terry Hawes.

Heavenly Father, we ask that you encourage and strengthen all those at St John's who strive to uphold the name of Jesus Christ in a tough place.

Bishop Abraham Akinlalu, Oke-Osun (Nigeria)

Bishop Andrew Swift, Brechin (Scotland)

Bishop Isaiah Chambala, Kiteto (Tanzania)

6 August - Runcorn St Michael and All Angels

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

C: Vicki Schofield, Helen Browne. LM: Bob Browne, Stanley Sefton.

Bishop Emmanuel Onsachi, Okene (Nigeria)

Bishop Vivienne Faull, Bristol; Bishop Lee Stephen Rayfield - Swindon; Bristol (England); Bishop Wilson Kitara, Kitgum (Uganda)

7 August - Thornton-le-Moors with Ince & Elton

C: Ruth Ackroyd. LM: Jen Pilling.

We give thanks for: the strengthening leadership of our Anglican – Methodist Partnership with a Methodist Circuit minister, two Methodist local preachers, our Reader and our two Readers in training.

Bishop Edward Osuegbu, Okigwee; Bishop Godson Udochukwu Ukanwa,

Okigwee North; Bishop David Onuoha, Okigwee South (Nigeria)

Bishop Logan McMenamie, British Columbia (Canada)

Bishop Josephat Mule, Kitui (Kenya)

8 August - Crowton

C: Vacant, Hilary Merrington. LM: Anne Davidson Lund.

Please give thanks for our faithful church family, and pray for the Spirit to continue to move among us as we seek to reflect the light of Christ.

Crowton Christ Church C of E School.

Bishop David Eisho Uehara, Okinawa (Japan); Bishop Eraste Bigirimana,

Bujumbura (Burundi); Bishop Augustin Ahimana, Kivu (Rwanda)

9 August - Runcorn St Chad's RC / C of E High School

Bishop Edward Konieczny, Oklahoma (The Episcopal Church, USA)

Bishop Sylvestre Bahati, Bukavu (Congo)

Bishop Augustine Naaaki Kobayashi, Kobe (Japan)

10 August - Cheadle Deanery

Pray for wisdom to address the mission needs of significant house-building proposed for the deanery. Pray for links to local schools, including two new ones being built, as there are no Church schools in the deanery.

Bishop Tubokosemie Atere, Okrika (Nigeria); Bishop Samuel Egesa, Bukedi

(Uganda); Bishop Felix Odei Annancy, Koforidua (West Africa)

11 August - Rising Sea Levels

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

In the Solomon Islands sea levels are reported as having risen by up to 12 millimetres per year over the last twenty-five years. According to the Royal Society, this shows a stark contrast with the best whole global estimate of just 3.2 millimetres over a similar period.

Rising sea levels in the Pacific are exacerbated by the natural trade wind cycle. Studies of the coastlines of reef islands in the Solomons indicate that five islands have disappeared entirely since 1947. Although these were tiny islands (the largest no more than 5 hectares), their fate is a worrying portent of what may happen on the bigger islands. The salt water threat to fresh water supplies and agricultural productivity is very real.

The bleak outlook across so many South Pacific nations is encouraging some local people to seek a life elsewhere – to become in effect climate refugees. Others determinedly seek to implement ameliorating structures locally and urge larger nations to support the effort to reduce or stem global warming. The current plight of the South Pacific indicates the developing threat to the whole globe.

Pray for island nations threatened by rising sea levels.

Bishop John Usiwoma Aruakpor, Oleh (Nigeria)
Bishop Ian Coutts, Bunbury (Australia)
Bishop Sandeep Suresh Vibhute, Kolhapur (North India)



12 August - Bramhall

C: Calum Piper. LM: John Baker, Andrea Millington, Marina Bennett.
Pray that God might continue to share his vision for our community life with us and that we might faithfully share his message of hope and encouragement with others.

Bishop Tandema Obede, Olo (South Sudan)
Bishop George Mechumo, Bungoma (Kenya)
Bishop Given Gaula, Kondoa (Tanzania)

13 August - Cheadle All Hallows

C: Paul Cumming. LM: Barbara Forrest, Liz Harrison, Heidi Theophanous, Terry Thorpe, Tony Mason.

Pray for our holiday club in two weeks' time; for the team, for the preparations and for the children.

Bishop Gregory Rickel, Olympia (The Episcopal Church, USA)

Bishop Samuel Kahuma, Bunyoro-Kitara (Uganda)

Bishop Gabriel Thuch Agot, Kongor (South Sudan)

14 August - Cheadle St Mary

C: Rob Munro, Mike Newman, Stanley Tomalin, Ian Chidlow, Peter Dooley. LM: Philip Wells, Malcolm Winton, Peter Dooley, Mel MacLeod, Philip Newsome, Catherine Johnson, Winsome Richbell-Brown, Ruth Ormiston, Liz Duxbury, Luke Blakeley.

Praise God for fruitful growing relationships with our local schools and community. Pray for our re-visioning process this year as we look for God's priorities for the future.

Bishop Philip Adeyemo, Omu-Aran (Nigeria); Bishop Onesimus Dongsin Park, Busan (Korea); Bishop Jonah Ibrahim, Kontagora (Nigeria)

15 August - Cheadle Hulme All Saints

The Blessed Virgin Mary

C: Janet Bacon. LM: Michael Aiers, Pat Yates.

Bishop Stephen Oni, Ondo (Nigeria); Bishop Paul Moses Samson Naimanhye, Busoga (Uganda); Bishop John Elswood Privett, Kootenay (Canada)

16 August - Cheadle Hulme St Andrew

C: Christopher Hobbs, Anthony Barnshaw, Peter Selby. LM: Peter Budd, Jennie Prince, Ken Hill, Mike Yates, Carron Hopwood.

Bishop Michael Oulton, Ontario (Canada)

Bishop Nathan Gasatura, Butare (Rwanda)

Bishop George Cornelious Tanteputi, Krishna-Godavari (South India)

17 August - Gatley

C: Matthew Carlisle. LM: Margaret Sidebotham, Belinda Priestley.

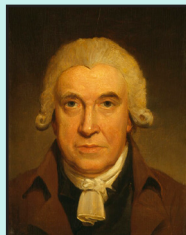
Pray for our ministry to children and young families.

Bishop Michael Hanley, Oregon (The Episcopal Church, USA); Bishop Timothy Wambunya, Butere (Kenya); Bishop Duke Akamisoko, Kubwa (Nigeria)

18 August - James Watt Bicentenary

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

The Scottish inventor James Watt died on 19th August 1819 at his Handsworth home in Birmingham, at the age of 84. This year is also the 250th anniversary of his patenting of his condensing chamber improvement to the Newcomen steam engine. In subsequent years he improved the efficiency of the engine further, enabling it to become the power source that drove the industrial revolution. Such was the success of the engine that Watt became a very wealthy man. He retired in 1800 and devoted the rest of his life to research. The unit of measurement of electrical and mechanical power – the watt – is named in his honour. Watt's undoubted genius was a key driver of the industrial revolution – something he achieved as a young man. But that success was built on his readiness to co-operate with others; his partner, Matthew Boulton, oversaw the manufacture and marketing of the engine; and Dr Erasmus Darwin offered him support through the bouts of depression he regularly suffered.



Pray for the legacy of Watt, for inventors and technologists in all areas of life.

*Bishop Bennett Okoro, Orlu (Nigeria); Bishop Sixbert Macumi, Buye (Burundi)
Bishop Danald Jute, Kuching (South East Asia)*

19 August - Handforth

C: Steve Burmester. LM: Ian Pettigrew, Jim Lethbridge.

We are looking to recruit a youth and families worker this year so prayer would be appreciated for seeking the right candidate.

Bishop Geoffrey Chukwunenye, Oru (Nigeria); Bishop Emmanuel Ngendahayo, Byumba (Rwanda); Bishop Daniel Sarfo, Kumasi (Ghana)

20 August - Heald Green

C: Jacob Davadason.

Pray for our mission and ministry. Our new initiatives: Cafe Church, All Age Worship, Lent Study Group, Messy Church and our local outreach.

Bishop Andrew Haruhisa Iso, Osaka (Japan); Bishop Tunde Adeleye, Calabar (Nigeria); Bishop Daniel Sarfo, Kumi (Uganda)

21 August - Poynton

C: Rob McLaren, Andy Livingston, Christine Buckley, Aled Seago. LM: David Alcraft, Les Hutchinson, David Coleman, David Capener, Joe Hadfield.

Bishop James Afolabi Popoola, Osun; Vacant, Osun North East (Nigeria)
Bishop David Tj Lehmann, Caledonia (Canada)
Bishop Keerthisiri Fernando, Kurunegala (Ceylon (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury))

22 August - Woodford

C: David Russell. LM: Richard Cussons, Malcolm Evans, Joanne Rodman. Pray as we work towards reaching out with the Good News of the Lord Jesus to those moving into our ever-growing community.

Bishop John Holland Chapman, Ottawa (Canada); Bishop Nigel Shaw (Anglican Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces) (Canada)

23 August - Great Budworth Deanery

Please pray for all the parishes, schools and institutions, including Thorn Cross Prison, within the Deanery, and for the wonderful contribution to our Deanery made by retired clergy, Readers, Youth and Pastoral Workers.

Bishop David Bello, Otukpo (Nigeria)
Bishop Marc Andrus, California (The Episcopal Church, USA)
Bishop Keerthisiri Fernando, Kurunegala (Ceylon (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury))

24 August - Antrobus

St Bartholomew

C: Alec Brown, Christina Westwell. LM: Chris Taylor.

Pray for the continuing ecumenical links between St Mark's and Antrobus Methodist Church; and for St Mark's School, for the development of the partnership between Antrobus and Great Budworth CofE (Aided) Schools.

Antrobus St Mark's C of E School.

Bishop Cyril Chukwunonyerem Okorocho, Owerri (Nigeria)
Bishop Dibo Thomas-Babyngton Elango, Cameroon (West Africa)
Bishop Samuel Sunil Mankhin, Kushtia (Bangladesh)

25 August - Spiritual Accompaniment

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

If you are in any kind of ministry, it can be tremendously helpful to meet with someone on a regular basis who will travel with you on your journey of faith. Someone who will encourage you to pay attention to God. Someone who will challenge you to listen to what God might be saying and doing in your life and situation. Someone who will help you learn to pray. 'Spiritual Direction' as it



is sometimes called, has a long history and is still vitally important for many today. It's a costly commitment on both sides of the conversation but can be an extremely significant foundation for growth.

In our diocese, we have a list of over 50 people who make themselves available for Spiritual Accompaniment. They see themselves as travelling companions – recognising it is God who is the 'director'. Pray for them as they meet with people and as they seek to develop their ministry. Pray too for the Diocesan Spirituality Group which is currently working on a new kind of training course, due to begin in January 2020. Pray for those who will lead the course and act as mentors and for those who will use it for training

Bishop Stephen Ayodeji Fagbemi, Owo (Nigeria)

Vacant; Bishop Trevor Edwards; Bishop Stephen Pickard; Canberra & Goulburn (Australia)

Bishop Jeremiah Kolo, Kutigi (Nigeria)

26 August - Appleton Thorn

C: Alan Jewell, Ruth Mock. LM: Linda Buckley, Alan Hibbert.

Bishop Steven Croft, Oxford; Bishop Alan Thomas Lawrence Wilson, Oxford

- Buckingham; Bishop Colin William Fletcher, Oxford - Dorchester; Bishop

Andrew Proud, Oxford - Reading (England)

Bishop Olusegun Adeyemi, Kwara (Nigeria)

27 August - Barnton

C: Dave Mock, Paul Pritchard.

Bishop Williams Oluwarotimi Aladekugbe, Oyo (Nigeria)

Bishop Victor Atta-Baffoe, Cape Coast (West Africa)

Bishop Paul Zamani, Kwoi (Nigeria)

28 August - Daresbury

C: David Felix, Gill Younger. LM: Linda Mills, James Baird, Gavin Hall, Jocelyn Squires.

Bishop Joseph Maker Atot, Pacong (South Sudan)

Bishop James Scobie Newcome, Carlisle; Bishop Emma Ineson, Carlisle - Penrith (England)

Bishop Stephen Takashi Kochi, Kyoto (Japan)

29 August - Grappenhall

C: Jane Proudfoot. LM: John Prytherch, Christine Hunter.

Grappenhall St Wilfrid's C of E School.

Bishop Peter John Henry Bartlett, Paraguay (South America)

Bishop Victor Scantlebury, Central Ecuador (The Episcopal Church, USA)

30 August - Great Budworth

C: Alec Brown, Christina Westwell, Jenny McKay. LM: Janet Rees.

Please pray for Jenny McKay, newly ordained MSE Curate, and Christina Westwell, third year SSM Curate, for their work in both the parish and their respective workplaces; and for the different schools and their communities within the parish.

Great Budworth C of E School.

Bishop Philip Marandih, Patna (North India)

Bishop Gregory Brewer, Central Florida (The Episcopal Church, USA)

31 August - Latchford Christ Church

C: John Goode. LM: Ian Burton-Baddeley, Garry Hammond.

Bishop Renato Da Cruz Raatz, Pelotas (Brazil) Bishop Russell Kendrick, Central Gulf Coast (The Episcopal Church, USA)

1 September - Beginning of World War II

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

On 1st September 1939 German forces invaded Poland. At 11.15 on the morning of 3rd September British Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain, broadcast a statement to the nation. He began, "This morning the British Ambassador in Berlin handed the German Government a final note stating that, unless we heard from them by 11 o'clock that they were prepared at once to



withdraw their troops from Poland, a state of war would exist between us. I have to tell you now that no such undertaking has been received, and that consequently this country is at war with Germany. ...'

Chamberlain's words were matter-of-fact, almost pedestrian, which made them even more troubling in their very plainness. He concluded, 'The Government have made plans under which it will be possible to carry on the work of the nation in the days of stress and strain that may be ahead. But these plans need your help. You may be taking your part in the fighting services or as a volunteer in one of the branches of Civil Defence. If so you will report for duty in accordance with the instructions you have received. You may be engaged in work essential to the prosecution of war for the maintenance of the life of the people - in factories, in transport, in public utility concerns, or in the supply of other necessities of life. If so, it is of vital importance that you should carry on with your jobs.'

The war would be the nearest to 'total warfare' the world has ever known, and more than 60 million people were killed.

Pray for a peaceful resolution of disputes that still remain as legacies of WWII.

Bishop Daniel Gutierrez, Pennsylvania (The Episcopal Church, USA)

2 September - Latchford St James

C: Michael Ridley, Robert Icke. LM: Frances Ireland, Victoria Palfreyman. Pray for our new relationship with Stockton Heath - that we may all grow together in faith and love.

Latchford St James' C of E School.

Bishop Jorge Luis Aguilar, Peru (South America)

Bishop John Watton, Central Newfoundland (Canada)

3 September - Lymm

C: Beverley Jameson. LM: Derek Buckthorpe, Bill Garrett, Heulwen Smith, Ian Bundy, Carole Riley.

Please pray for all those who live work and take their leisure in Lymm. Please pray that we at St Mary's can truly be Christ's hands and voice in the wider community.

Bishop Humphrey Peters, Peshawar (Pakistan)

Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe, Central New York (The Episcopal Church, USA)

4 September - Stockton Heath

C: Michael Ridley. LM: Christine Chapman, Joanna Woodward, Olu Olojugba, Claire Hutt, Adam Post.

Give thanks for our work with young people: for Adam, our Youth, Children & Family Worker and for our developing relationship with local primary schools and High School. Stockton Heath St Thomas' C of E School.

Bishop Donald Spargo Allister, Peterborough; John Holbrook, Peterborough - Brixworth (England)

Bishop Audrey Scanlan, Central Pennsylvania (The Episcopal Church, USA)

5 September - Stretton

C: Alan Jewell, Ruth Mock. LM: Linda Buckley, Alan Hibbert, Sheila Goulston, Jane Taylor.

Stretton St Matthew's C of E School.

Bishop Bijay Nayak, Phulbani (North India)

Bishop Dixie Copanut Taclobao; Rex Resurreccion B. Reyes, Central Philippines (Philippines)

6 September - Thelwall

C: Douglas Black. LM: Pip Horne, Colin Horrabin, R Lester.

Bishop Dorsey W M McConnell, Pittsburgh (The Episcopal Church, USA)

Bishop Ben Seka, Central Solomons (Melanesia)

7 September - Chester Cathedral

C: Tim Stratford, Jane Brooke, Jeremy Dussek, Denise Williams.

LM: Chris Jones.





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