

Cycle of Prayer

01 - 30 April 2022

01 April 2022

Timperley

Pray for all connected with the parish of Timperley.

Anglican Communion: Kondo, The Anglican Church of Tanzania

02 April 2022

Warburton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Canon Michael Burgess

We pray for the church family at St Werburgh's and for the refurbishment work to be carried out at the Parish Rooms.

Anglican Communion: Kongor, The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

03 April 2022

Hospice of the Good Shepherd

Backford, Chester.

The Hospice is a highly-skilled unit for end of life care, which has 12 inpatient beds, a living well centre, and café. Our aim is to provide a high quality of care to all who come through our door. We live in a society that often seems to find death unacceptable. How do we prepare for a good death? God loves each of us and offers his unconditional love to all who turn to him. It is a privilege to come alongside others who are facing the end of their earthly life and to bring respect comfort and assurance to them.

Prayer points

- 1) The PATIENTS, who are often fearful to come to the Hospice.
- 2) The Families and friends caring for them.
- 3) The fundraising team their ongoing challenge to fund the Hospice.
- 4) The nursing staff and Doctors working long hours
- 5) The Spiritual care team, and the interviews going ahead for a Chaplain.

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

04 April 2022

Ashton Hayes

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Dr Phillip Weston

Lay Workers: Alan Downen; Philip Goodall; Margaret Papworth

Please pray for our ministry amongst families and children, as we seek to draw younger generations into the life of the church.

Anglican Communion: Kontagora, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

05 April 2022

Barrow

Please pray for our...

Lay Workers: June Willis

Pray for all connected with the parish of Barrow.

Anglican Communion: Kootenay, The Anglican Church of Canada

06 April 2022

Chester St John the Baptist

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd David Chesters

Lay Workers: Keith Alan

Pray for all connected with the parish of Chester St John the Baptist

Anglican Communion: Eastern Kowloon, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

07 April 2022

Chester Holy Trinity Without-the-Walls (Blacon)

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Tina Upton; Revd Canon Dr Christopher Burkett

Lay Workers: Sarah Dutton; Lindsay Tanner

Pray for us as we discern what the "new thing" is that God is doing among us, as we seek to further develop our outreach to the community, after the pandemic.

Anglican Communion: Western Kowloon, Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

08 April 2022

Chester St Mary Without-the-Walls (Handbridge)

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Dr Ric Whaite

Lay Workers:

Pray for the broadening of the work and witness of the St Mary's Handbridge Centre.

Anglican Communion: Krishna-Godavari, The (united) Church of South India

09 April 2022

Chester St Paul with St Luke

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Chris Blunt

Lay Workers: Jenny Gilbertson; John Somerville; Keith Taggart; Marian Watts

Community things seem to thrive in our parish (e.g. our cafe, drop-in and baby/ toddler groups)... but new ventures with Christian content are slower to gather momentum. Please pray particularly for our "Kids Alive" afternoon service.

Anglican Communion: Kubwa, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

10 April 2022

Transforming Lives Together

Transforming Lives Together (TLT) works in partnership with Chester Cathedral and is one of several core members of a national 'Together Network' linked with the Church Urban Fund. TLT works to stimulate and support church social action, encouraging church engagement with people living in their local communities. We focus on responding to the issues of poverty, inequality, social isolation and loneliness. We roughly work in the area covered by the Diocese of Chester. We work with churches of different denominations and also partner with the voluntary and statutory sectors. The people who benefit from the work of our churches are from all faiths or none.

TLT has developed two initiatives which respond to food poverty and social isolation and loneliness. These are 'Filling the Gap', a network of churches delivering food and activities during the school holidays aimed specifically at families in receipt of free school meals but open to anyone. We have 21 Filling the Gap churches at present. The second initiative is 'Places of Welcome'. These are churches, libraries, community centres etc. which provide a weekly welcome to people from all backgrounds and ages to come together in a safe place to meet, have refreshments and make friends. There are currently 32 Places of Welcome across the Diocese.

We have had a busy start to the year, continuing to support churches with funding to provide food and activities to families; responding to the results of a survey we sent out at the end of last year; recruiting a new member of staff and organising training opportunities with WCVA.

Prayer points:

- Fuel Poverty – we are in discussions with CAB about how best to work with churches to support people who will struggle to pay rising fuel costs. Please pray for us to develop a response which will most effectively help as many people as possible
- New staff member, staff and Board – we are interviewing for a new staff member on Monday 28th March. Pray for discernment in our decision making. Also, it has been a tiring couple of years for staff and Board members, please pray for God's grace, enthusiasm and joy as we continue our work
- FtG churches – Our Filling the Gap churches will be delivering again during the Easter holidays and other school holidays throughout the year. Please pray that staff and volunteers would have the time and energy to provide a great time for visitors and that families would have fun, make friends and feel less stressed/alone.
- Growing Good – pray that we would successfully raise awareness of this initiative and that more churches would engage with the Growing Good Toolkit, a free six session course helping churches explore the connection between social action, discipleship and growth. Also that this will result in more churches joining with our initiatives
- Please pray that we will continue to make God central to all our work and that we will be guided by Him as we make plans for the next 3 years. This is a time of opportunity for us and we want to make the right choices

Anglican Communion: The Church of North India (United)

11 April 2022

Christleton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Dr Stefan Collier; Revd Rob Croft, Revd Tina Lightfoot

Lay Workers:

Development of church building, discipleship, and life of prayer. A growing sharing of life with our schools, care homes, other churches, Save the Family, and other public institutions.

Anglican Communion: Kuching, The Church of the Province of South East Asia

12 April 2022

Dodleston

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Hazel Clarke

Lay Workers:

Anglican Communion: Kumasi, The Church of the Province of West Africa

13 April 2022

Eccleston & Pulford

Please pray for our...

Lay Workers: Jeanette Howe (Reader)

For our wardens and our members, so that we will be able to work together to worship God, care for each other and reach out into the community. Also, for the appointment of a priest to lead and guide us.

Anglican Communion: Kumi, The Church of the Province of Uganda

14 April 2022

Guilden Sutton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Heather Carty

Lay Workers: Mrs Denise Campbell; Mrs Libby Owen

Anglican Communion: Kurunegala, Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury

15 April 2022

Hoole

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Craig Gaudion; Revd Sam Durdant-Hollamby

Lay Workers: Ms Emma Smith; Ms Vicki Bulgin; Mrs Tina Trevett; Canon Dr Jeff Turnbull; Mr Bill Holt

Anglican Communion: Kushtia, The (united) Church of Bangladesh

16 April 2022

Kelsall

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Susan Banks

Lay Workers: Mr John Diggle

Pray for the midweek cafe in church that it may be a place of welcome in our community as people gather to share fellowship and friendship.

Anglican Communion: Kutigi, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

17 April 2022

Update on ABC LINK

ARU

Bishop Ande of Aru, became Archbishop of Congo in January. Consistent with usual practice, he remains in Aru. Normal activities are continuing in spite of Covid.

The diocese has just adopted a new Development Plan focussing on three key areas: mission and evangelism, institutional development, and socio-economic development. Mission Partner Peter Wyard is promoting a discipleship course, Rooted in Jesus, which seems to be growing well; meanwhile, his wife, Patricia, is involved in palliative care. Former CMS Congo mission partners Judy and Tim Rous have recently returned to help the diocese. Churches in the south of the diocese are experiencing huge difficulties following the terrible atrocities caused by the activities of armed groups and militias. Schools are shut, crops destroyed, and camps for the many internally displaced people attacked.

BOGA

The security situation in Boga is far worse than in Aru. More than three million have been displaced, many of them to Bunia, the main town. The area is currently under martial law. Bishop William says people appear to have lost hope of any lasting peace. The Church is involved in mobilising support to victims; bringing pastoral, spiritual and psychological care by making very dangerous visits to meet victims and perpetrators; and getting involved with stakeholders in the difficult search for peace. Bishop William has joined the Provincial Task Force, which has been set up by the government to promote disarmament, demobilisation, community integration and stability. The diocesan secretary, Ven Jean Bagada, has established a project to improve the health, economic situation and employment opportunities of young women who have been sexually abused. It was hoping to enlist 150, but has had to restrict to 40 due to funding difficulties.

PRAYER POINTERS

- For peace and security in the area and those trying to achieve it
- For food, medical supplies, and psychological and spiritual help for those in the camps
- That the project for abused women may grow and that funding may increase

- Thanking God that the situation in most of Aru is peaceful and praying that the Development Plan will be successful
- That Rooted in Jesus may become established and lead to strong Christian discipleship in the whole of Aru Diocese

Anglican Communion: The Church of Pakistan (United),

18 April 2022

Lache cum Saltney

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Hennie Johnston; Revd Simon Chesters; Revd Hana Helvadjian; Revd Anina Thomas

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

19 April 2022

Plemstall

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Heather Carty

Anglican Communion: Kwoi, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

20 April 2022

Tarvin

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Adam Friend; Revd Barbara King

Lay Workers: Mrs Mary Burgess; Mr Ron Fuller; Mr Colin Haworth; Mrs Jo Richards

Anglican Communion: Kyoto, The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

21 April 2022

Upton-by-Chester

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Paul Newman; Revd Capt David O'Brien

Lay Workers: Mrs Barbara Capstick

Anglican Communion: Kyushu, The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

22 April 2022

Plas Newton

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Pete Rugen; Revd Chris Jones

Lay Workers: Mrs Julie Ellison; Mrs Alison Linfield; Mr Alan Lowe; Mr Trevor Park; Mrs Christine Blackmore; Canon Dr David Blackmore

Anglican Communion: Lafia, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

23 April 2022

Chester Christ Church

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Glyn Jones; Revd Ralph Kemp; Revd Anna Leyden

Lay Workers: Mrs Veronica Johnston

Anglican Communion: Lagos, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

24 April 2022

Warrington Hospital and Halton Hospital

Warrington Hospital and Halton Hospital, like all others, is trying to play catch up and deal with the backlog of elective surgery and other procedures that got halted during the Covid pandemic. Staff are still feeling under pressure but this time due to playing catch up. We are

trying to do this against a backdrop of still having a significant number of people under treatment in hospital with Covid, today there are 67 people in hospital with Covid. Although restrictions have been lifted in general for the public, they still apply in hospital with staff wearing masks and all the other PPE and being regularly tested, while visitors are still not allowed in. This is where Chaplaincy comes into its own with chaplains being there to support both patients and staff practically and spiritually.

We have recently been recruiting to fill staffing gaps and as two senior chaplains are nearing retirement more recruiting will take place in the near future. It is important that we get the right candidates who can work effectively as a team and take chaplaincy forward to meet whatever challenges it will face in the future. Another challenge is to rebuild the pool of volunteers we had before Covid, many have felt unable to continue due to their own health issues. On a brighter note the emergency centre £6.3 million pound extension is underway and due to open in June. This will bring much needed increased capacity as our old A&E was designed for 150 people per day but was receiving sometimes more than double that. Staff remain committed, they remain compassionate and wonderful, and we thank God for that.

Prayer points:

- Recruitment of the right people as Chaplains to build on what has been achieved in Chaplaincy so far.
- Adequately resourcing the chaplaincy department with the correct number of Chaplains and Volunteers, good training, and opportunities develop ministries.
- For all staff to remain strong, to continue to be valued, and for vacancies to be filled in medical areas to help bring down the backlog quicker.
- For funding to implement plans for the renewal of both hospitals, now showing signs of age.

Anglican Communion: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea,

25 April 2022 **Chester St Oswald & St Thomas of Canterbury**

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Stephen Sheridan

Lay Workers:

Anglican Communion: Lagos Mainland, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

26 April 2022

Chester St Peter

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Jon Phillips; Revd Canon Dr Michael Leyden; Revd Gareth Thomas

Lay Workers:

Anglican Communion: Lagos West, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

27 April 2022

Bredbury St Barnabas

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Sue Shrine

Lay Workers: Mrs Daryl Beaumont

Anglican Communion: Lahore, The (united) Church of Pakistan

28 April 2022

Bredbury St Mark

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Andy Bull; Revd Martin Makin

Lay Workers: Mrs Ruth Bull

Anglican Communion: Lainya, The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

29 April 2022

Romiley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Richard Pennystan; Revd Will Drain

Lay Workers: Mr Alan Bancroft; Mrs Audrey Murch; Mrs Molly Dow; Mr Alan Murch

Anglican Communion: Lake, The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

30 April 2022

Disley

Please pray for our...

Clergy: Revd Stuart Cornes

Lay Workers: Mr Rob Stoba; Mr Jack Fuller; Dr Mike Hobart; Mrs Jenny Kidd; Mrs Wendy Luxon

Anglican Communion: Lango, The Church of the Province of Uganda