

DIOCESE OF LEICESTER

A CALENDAR OF PRAYER

for corporate worship and personal devotion

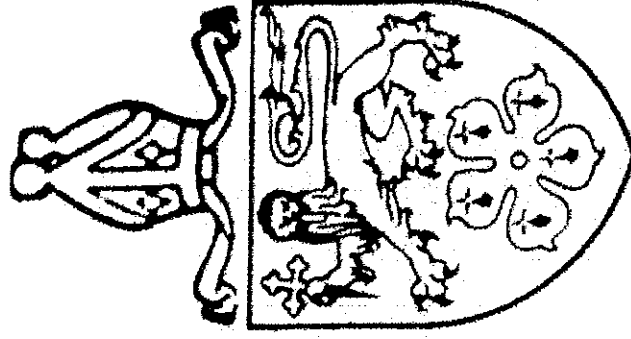
Lord God, Heavenly Father,
We thank you for protecting those who seek you
and for your guiding of those who hope for you.
We pray for your blessing now as we enter our pilgrimage.
Save us from all evil, let no harm come upon us.
Protect our body and our soul.

Help us to wander with an open mind
for what you will reveal to us on our way,
and when we reach our goal, help us to listen to your voice
and be open to your renewal of our faith and our life.

Lord, bless us and keep us.
Lord, let your face shine upon us.
and give us your peace.

Amen.

Sinfonia Oecumenica, Germany



3 January 2010 to 3 April 2010

A GUIDE TO THIS CALENDAR OF PRAYER

Welcome to the Diocesan Calendar of Prayer.

There is a heading for every week that relates to the season and a particular theme of concern. This is prayed for in the Monday petitions, as well as during the week as a whole, and there is a prayer or quotation at the end of the week related to the theme – which can be used throughout the week.

The calendar of Holy Days is from Common Worship. This is sometimes supplemented with the names of local saints and worthies or with reference to a church in the diocese dedicated to the saint.

Every day there is a prayer bidding from the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, uniting us with more than seventy million Anglicans around the world; the Sunday petition announces the Province or theme of the week.

At least four benefices are usually prayed for each week. Church schools and their head teachers are prayed for generally in relation to the parishes in which they are set.

Each week also contains daily prayer biddings for one of each of the following: diocesan officers and chaplaincies, local institutions, social, political and economic concerns, those who suffer, the wider world and international or mission agencies.

Other diocesan prayer biddings relate to the Bishop's diary, diocesan events and meetings (not usually deanery or parish ones), and other organisations.

Any prayer requests for the next quarter (April to June 2010) should be sent or emailed to Rachel.Radford@leccofe.org before the end of March 2010.

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PALM SUNDAY 28 March 2009 to 3 April 2010 Walking the Way of the Cross

Sunday 28

Palm Sunday

Give thanks for: BISHOP OF JERUSALEM BISHOP OF JERUSALEM - (MIDDLE EAST) THE RT REVD SUHEIL DAWANI

Pray for one another that we might have the courage to accompany Christ to his cross.

Monday 29

Monday of Holy Week

THE DIOCESE OF BUTERE - (KENYA) THE RT REVD MICHAEL SANDE

Pray for: Walking the way of the cross

Tuesday 30

Tuesday of Holy Week

THE DIOCESE OF BUYE - (BURUNDI) THE RT REVD SIXBERT MACUMI

THE BENEFICE OF ST CHAD LEICESTER

Martin Court; Clare King

For Churches around Diocese, as we observe Holy Week.

Wednesday 31

Wednesday of Holy Week

THE DIOCESE OF BYUMBA - (RWANDA) THE RT REVD ONESPHORE RWAJE

THE BENEFICE OF ST AIDAN LEICESTER

Simon Lumby

For a deeper knowledge of God's love in Christ crucified

Thursday 1

Maundy Thursday

WHEN JESUS WROTE, THE FALLING TEAR IN MERCY FLOWED BEYOND ALL BOUND; WHEN JESUS GROANED, A TEMBLING FEAR SEIZED ALL THE GUILTY WORLD AROUND

THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST TEAM MINISTRY
Derek Brown

St Barnabas C.E Primary School Leicester

For a greater sense of the service of others in all that we do

For those renewing their commitment to ministry at the Cathedral this morning.

Friday 2

Good Friday

CALABAR - (PROVINCE OF THE NIGER DELTA, NIGERIA) THE RT REVD TUNDE ADELEYE

THE BENEFICE OF ST ANNE LEICESTER

Chris Oxley; Paula Oxley; Carol Lacey;

Margaret Gillespie (R); Barbara Paget (R);

Rosemary Smith (R with PTO)

For courage to bring our own and the world's suffering to the foot of the Cross.

Saturday 3

THE DIOCESE OF CALCUTTA - (NORTH INDIA)

THE RT REVD P S P RAJU

For grace to follow Jesus in the way of the cross, in hope of the resurrection.

Almighty God, as we stand at the foot of the cross of your Son, help us to see and know your love for us. So that in humility, love and joy we may place at his feet all that we have and all that we are; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
21 March to 27 March 2010

The Homeless and those in Housing Need

Sunday 21

Passiontide begins

Give thanks for: THE LITURGICAL CONSULTATION ITS PARTICIPANTS AND SECRETARY, AS THEY RESOURCE, PROMOTES AND STRENGTHEN THE WORSHIPPING LIFE OF THE COMMUNION

Those in our churches working with the homeless at local and national level.

Monday 22

THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY - (WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA) THE RT REVD WILLIAM DAVID HAIR MCCALL

Pray for: The homeless and those in housing need

Tuesday 23

THE DIOCESE OF BUNGOMA - (KENYA) VACANT

THE BENEFICE OF KIRKBY MUXLOE
 Tom Ringland; Jane Wood; David Lucas (R with PTO); Carolyn Winkless (R); Denise Wright (R); Jackie Howkins (PA)

The homeless, and those in temporary or insecure housing

Wednesday 24

Walter Hilton, mystic, 1396

Oscar Romero, archbishop, martyr, 1980
 THE DIOCESE OF BUNYORO-KITARA - (UGANDA) THE RT REVD NATHAN KYAMANYWA

THE BENEFICE OF MARKFIELD, THORNTON, BAGWORTH AND STANTON UNDER BARDON, AND COPT OAK

Simon Nicholls; John Downs; Philip Hutchinson (R with PTO); Peter Maynard(R); Derek Windybank (R); Rosemary Nicholls (R)

Local authorities & Housing associations in their provision

Thursday 25

Annunciation of Our Lord to the Virgin Mary
 THE RT REVD SOLOMON JONGMO YOON
 PRESIDING BISHOP OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF KOREA & BISHOP OF BUSAN

THE BENEFICE OF BRADGATE TEAM - RATBY cum GROBY WITH NEWTON LINFORD
 Peter Hooper; Louise Corke; Anne Stratton; David Collins (R); Keith Wignall (R)

Voluntary bodies working with the homeless, including Shelter and Crisis

Friday 26

Harriet Moncell, founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883

THE DIOCESE OF BUSOGA - (UGANDA) THE RT REVD MICHAEL KYOMYA

THE DEANERY OF THE CITY OF LEICESTER

Area Dean: Vine Jupp
 Lay Chairs: Les Mitchelmore and Margaret Terry

Those with unsustainable housing debt or facing repossession.

Saturday 27

THE DIOCESE OF BUTARE - (RWANDA) THE RT REVD NATHAN GASATURA

Those who form national housing policy, that they may strive to provide housing for everyone in need.

O God, when in Jesus you walked this earth, you had no place to lay your head. As we stand by the homeless and support those who struggle alongside them, may we stand by you, seeing your face and image there.
 (Barbara Vellacott)

EPIPHANY

3 January to 9 January 2010

For the Role of the United Nations in Keeping Peace.

Sunday 3

Give thanks for: THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF AUSTRALIA THE MOST REVD PHILLIP JOHN ASPINALL ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE & PRIMATE OF AUSTRALIA

For the role of the United Nations in keeping peace.

For Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General

Monday 4

THE DIOCESE OF ABAKALIKI - (PROVINCE OF THE NIGER, NIGERIA) THE RT REVD BENSON C B ONYEIBOR

Pray for: International relations

Tuesday 5

THE DIOCESE OF ABERDEEN & ORKNEY - (SCOTLAND) THE RT REVD ROBERT GILLIES

THE BENEFICE OF LOUGHBOROUGH THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Eric Whitley; Rosemary Whitley; Katherine Schad(R)

Loughborough C.E Primary School

For those building relations between countries to tackle climate change after the Copenhagen summit

Wednesday 6

THE EPIPHANY PSALM: 72: 1-8 1 TIM 1:1-11

O GOD, WHO REVEALED YOUR ONLY SON TO THE GENTILES BY THE LEADING OF A STAR, MERCIFULLY GRANT THAT WE, WHO KNOW YOU NOW BY FAITH, MAY AFTER THIS LIFE ENJOY THE SPLENDOUR OF YOUR GRACIOUS GODHEAD, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN

THE BENEFICE OF MOUNTSORREL CHRIST CHURCH, MOUNTSORREL ST PETER

Kerry Emmett; Patricia Emmett (R); Helen Hodson (R); Edmund Stacey (R with PTO)
 Christ Church & St Peters C.E Primary School Mountsorrel

For those continuing to negotiate for peace, reconciliation and justice across the world.

Thursday 7

THE DIOCESE OF ADELAIDE - (SOUTH AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA) THE MOST REVD JEFFREY WILLIAM DRIVER
 ASSISTANT BISHOP OF ADELAIDE - (SOUTH AUSTRALIA, AUSTRALIA) THE RT REVD DR. STEPHEN PICKARD

THE BENEFICE OF QUORN

David Bowler
 St Bartholomew's C.E Primary School Quorn Rawlins College

For those involved in reconstruction and rebuilding peoples lives after war and civil unrest, especially in Afghanistan and Iraq

Friday 8

THE DIOCESE OF AFIKPO - (PROVINCE OF NIGER, NIGERIA) THE RT REVD PAUL UDOGU

THE BENEFICE OF SHEPESHED AND OAKS IN CHARNWOOD

Cynthia Hebden; Michael Dunk; Chris Taylor; Jackie Beckhelling (R); Rosemary Dunk (R)
 St Botolphs C.E Primary School Shepeshed

For the Church throughout the world in bringing people and nations together across differences.

For Martin Hayward, Director of

International Centre for Reconciliation, Coventry

Saturday 9

THE DIOCESE OF AGRA - (NORTH INDIA) THE RT REVD DR SAMUEL R CUTTING

For the role of NATO, the European Union, the African Union, and other bodies in aiding and policing international relations and disputes

'Happy are those who work for peace: God will call them his children.' (Matthew 5.9)

May we disarm our hearts of fear and come to that trusting openness which sees you in every child of God and rejoices to welcome you there.

(from the American Peace Movement)

1ST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
10 January to 16 January 2010

For those with a Limiting Long-term Illness or Disability

Sunday 10

The Baptism of Christ
 Give thanks for: THE CHURCH OF BANGLADESH
 THE RT REV'D PAUL SISHIR SARKAR MODERATOR,
 CHURCH OF BANGLADESH & BISHOP OF KUSHIYA
 LOROS chaplains Delia O'Halloran and
 Helen Newman.

Monday 11

Mary Slessor, missionary 1915
 THE DIOCESE OF AGUATA - (PROVINCE OF THE
 NIGER, NIGERIA) THE RT REV'D CHRISTIAN
 OGOCHUKWU EFONI
 Pray for: For those with a limiting long-term
 illness or disability.
 For those in our diocese whose ministry is
 with those with a long term illness of
 disability, especially those in the hospice
 movement.

Tuesday 12

Aelred, abbot, 1167
 Benedict Biscop, scholar, 689
 THE DIOCESE OF AHOADA - (PROVINCE OF NIGER
 DELTA, NIGERIA) THE RT REV'D CLEMENT EKPEYE
 THE BENEFICE OF WOODHOUSE, WOODHOUSE
 EAVES, AND SWITHLAND
 Anne Horton; Stephen Delaforce; Terry Casey
 (R); David Clarke (PE); Garry Lee (R); Jean
 Curd (PA); William Leeson (PA); Ruth Page (RA)
 St Paul's C.E Primary School Woodhouse
 Eaves
 St Leonards C.E Primary School Swithland
 For the Church's commitment to being an
 open & inclusive community.

Wednesday 13

Hilary, bishop, teacher of the faith, 367
 Kentigern (Mungo), missionary bishop, 603
 George Fox, founder of the Society of Friends
 (Quakers), 1691
 THE DIOCESE OF AJAYI - CROWTHER - (IBADAN,
 NIGERIA) THE RT REV'D OLUKEMI ODUNTAN
 THE BENEFICE OF THORPE ACRE WITH DISHLEY
 Keith Elliott; Terri Skinner; Paul Chung (R);
 Isabel Smith (PA)
 For the promotion and integration of those
 living with a disability in society.

Thursday 14

THE DIOCESE OF AKOKO - (PROVINCE OF ONDO,
 NIGERIA) THE RT REV'D GABRIEL AKINBOLARIN
 AKINBIYI
 THE BENEFICE OF WYMESWOLD AND
 PRESTWOLD WITH HOTON
 John Whittaker, Mary Samuel; Nicky McGinty
 Wymeswold C.E Primary School

For those with mental health needs or
 learning disabilities that they might have
 access to the services they need, and not
 suffer discrimination.

Friday 15

THE DIOCESE OF AKOKO EDO - (PROVINCE OF
 BENDEL, NIGERIA) THE RT REV'D JOLLY
 OYEKPE

THE DEANERY OF NORTH WEST
 LEICESTERSHIRE
 Area Dean: Brian Robertson
 Lay Chair: Alan Phillips

For people who work, paid and unpaid, as
 carers of those with a long term illness or
 disability.

Saturday 16

THE DIOCESE OF AKURE - (PROVINCE OF ONDO,
 NIGERIA) THE RT REV'D MICHAEL IPINMOYE

For recognizing Christ in all people,
 especially amongst those different from
 ourselves.

O God, the Father of all, we pray for
 disabled people and all who suffer from
 limiting long-term illness.
 Give them fresh courage to face each day,
 and the comfort of the knowledge that you
 love and care for them.
 Open our eyes and touch our hearts, that
 we may be sensitive to their needs and be
 open to receive from them; for Jesus
 Christ's sake. Amen.
 (Mothers Union, adapted)

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
14 March to 20 March 2009
Prisoners & Prison Chaplaincy

Sunday 14

Give thanks for: THE CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE
 OF THE INDIAN OCEAN THE MOST REV'D GERALD
 JAMES (IAN) ERNEST ARCHBISHOP, PROVINCE OF
 THE INDIAN OCEAN & BISHOP OF MAURITIUS

Prison Chaplains: HIMP Leicester; Helen
 Dearnley; Gartree: Ian Johnson; Glen
 Parva: Alison Adams

Monday 15

THE DIOCESE OF BRECHIN - (SCOTLAND) THE
 REV'D DR. JOHN MANTLE

Pray for: Prisoners & prison chaplaincy

Tuesday 16

THE DIOCESE OF BRISTOL - (CANTERBURY,
 ENGLAND) THE RT REV'D MICHAEL ARTHUR HILL
 BRISTOL - SWINDON - (CANTERBURY, ENGLAND)
 THE RT REV'D LEE STEPHEN RAYFIELD

THE BENEFICE OF ANSTEY AND THURCASTON
 WITH CROSTON
 Denis Malone (R); John Patrick (R)
 Richard Hill C.E Primary School Thurcaston

For all prisoners. For rehabilitation of
 prisoners, prison staff and all who care for
 and support them.

Wednesday 17

Patrick, bishop, missionary,
 Patron of Ireland, c.460
 THE DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA - (BRITISH
 COLUMBIA & THE YUKON, CANADA) THE RT REV'D
 JAMES A J COWAN

THE BENEFICE OF ST CRISPIN BRAUNSTONE
 TOWN
 Arthur Deegan

For the ministry of our prison chaplaincies.
 For healing in lives of those under their
 care

Thursday 18

Cyrl, bishop, teacher of the faith, 386

THE DIOCESE OF BUJUMBURA - (BURUNDI) THE
 RT REV'D PIE NTUKAMAZINA

THE BENEFICE OF DESFORD AND PECKLETON
 WITH TOOLEY
 Richard Sharpe; Tony Stokes (R)

For penal policy, the Courts and
 sentencing; for the right balance between
 custodial sentencing and restorative
 justice.

Friday 19

Joseph of Nazareth

THE DIOCESE OF BUKAVU - (CONGO) THE RT
 REV'D SYLVESTRE BALI-BUSANE BAHATI

THE BENEFICE OF GLENFIELD
 John Sharpe; Karen Thomas; Brian Hughes
 (R); Reg Smith (R with PTO); Enid Wilson (R
 with PTO); Pat Darey (R with PTO)

For the Governors and prison officers at
 our prisons.

Saturday 20

Cuthbert, bishop, missionary, 687

THE DIOCESE OF BUKEDI - (UGANDA) THE RT
 REV'D NICODEMUS ENGWALAS-OKILLE

For developments in community
 chaplaincy, and the reintroduction
 of offenders into the community on release
 from prison.

Lord, open our eyes to the suffering of our
 imprisoned brothers and sisters so that,
 by our understanding and love, we may
 bring them your peace and joy. You came
 to set us free. May your light shine on the
 captives, relieve their suffering, and
 enable us to grow toward true freedom in
 justice and harmony.
 (Fax Christ)

2nd SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
17 January to 23 January 2010

Christian Unity

Sunday 17

Give thanks for: IGREJA EPISCOPAL ANGLICANA DO BRASIL THE MOST REVD MAURICIO JOSE ARAUJO DE ANDRADE PRIMATE OF BRAZIL & BISHOP OF BRASILIA

Vic Allsop, County Ecumenical Officer

Monday 18

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January

THE DIOCESE OF ALABAMA - (PROVINCE IV, USA)
 THE RT REVD HENRY NUTT PARSLEY
 SUFFRAGAN BISHOP OF ALABAMA - (PROVINCE IV, USA) THE RT REVD JOHN MCKEE SLOAN

Pray for: Christian Unity

Tuesday 19

THE DIOCESE OF ALASKA - (PROVINCE VIII, USA)
 VACANT

THE BENEFICE OF BROOM LEYS

John Stevenson; Janice Orchard (R)

For unity within the Anglican Communion, and for the leadership of Archbishop Rowan.

Wednesday 20

Richard Rolle, spiritual writer, 1349

BISHOP OF ALBANY - (PROVINCE II, USA) THE RT REVD WILLIAM LOVE
 SUFFRAGAN BISHOP OF ALBANY - (PROVINCE II, USA) VACANT

THE BENEFICE OF COALVILLE WITH BARDON HILL
 Martin Joss; Vic Goodman; Russell Smith (R); Peter Smith (R)

All Saints C.E Primary School Coalville

For the work of Churches Together in Leicestershire and for those taking part in local ecumenical activities this week.
 For the leaders of Church denominations in the East Midlands.

Thursday 21

Agnes, child martyr, 304

THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA - (ONTARIO, CANADA)
 THE RT REVD STEPHEN ANDREWS

THE BENEFICE OF ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH AND BREEDON-ON-THE-HILL

Brian Robertson; John Dawson; Tim Phillips; Philip Hughes; Trevor Parkinson; Sue Brown (R); Stephen Clowes(R); Carol Eyley(R); Judith Lewis (R); David Watson (R) with PTO); Jeanie Underwood (R)
 Ashby-de-la-Zouch C.E Primary School

For local ecumenical church groups and projects, especially as part of the Anglican-Methodist covenant

Friday 22

Vincent of Saragossa, deacon, martyr, 304
 THE DIOCESE OF THE AMAZON - (BRAZIL) THE RT REVD SAULO MAURICIO DE BARROS

THE BENEFICE HUGGLESCOTE WITH

DONNINGTON, ELLISTOWN AND SNIBSTON
 Olwyn Woolcock; Christine Hall (R); Trevelyn Hodson (R)

For our leaders across denominations who work to bring churches together in dialogue and communion.

Saturday 23

THE DIOCESE OF AMICHI - (NIGERIA) THE RT REVD EPHRAIM IKEAKOR

For the World Council of Churches

Porvoo and Rheilly agreements between Anglicans, Lutherans and Reformed Churches

"May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." John 17. 21-23

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT
7 March to 13 March 2010

For the Campaign to Lift the Burden of Debt from the World's Poor

Thursday 11

THE DIOCESE OF BOTSWANA - (CENTRAL AFRICA) THE RT REVD TREVOR SELWYN MWAMBA

THE BENEFICE OF FENN LANES GROUP

Linda Blay; Carolyn Patullo (R); Jan Harding (R)
 Higham on the Hill C.E Primary School
 St Margaret's Primary School Stoke Golding
 Witherley C.E Primary School

For those who work through Governments and NGO's to deliver access to good quality healthcare.

Friday 12

THE DIOCESE OF BRADFORD - (YORK, ENGLAND)
 THE RT REVD DAVID CHARLES JAMES

THE DEANERY OF SPARKENHOE EAST

Area Dean: John Sharp
 Lay Chair: Janet Carpenter

For Church sponsored aid agencies delivering much needed aid throughout the world.

Saturday 13

THE DIOCESE OF BRANDON - (RUPERT'S LAND, CANADA) THE RT REVD JAMES NIEGOVAN

That which God has started will be completed

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord. Amen

Sunday 7

Give thanks for: HONG KONG SHENG KUNG HUI HONG KONG ISLAND - (HONG KONG) THE MOST REVD PAUL KWONG

For the Micah Challenge campaign to halve poverty by 2015

Monday 8

Edward King, bishop 1910
Felix, bishop, 647
Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, priest, poet, 1929
 THE DIOCESE OF BOLIVIA - (SOUTH AMERICA)
 THE RT REVD FRANK LYONS

Pray for: For the campaign to lift the burden of debt from the world's poor

THE BENEFICE OF NAILSTONE AND CARLTON WITH SHACKERSTONE

John Plant; Amanda Pike

Tuesday 9

THE DIOCESE OF BONDO - (KENYA) THE RT REVD JOHANNES OTIENO ANGELA

THE BENEFICE OF NEWBOLD DE VERDUN AND KIRKBY MALLORY with BARLESTONE

Tom Meyrick; Alyn De Casembrook(R); Roger Dunster(R); Dorothy Fox (R with PTO); Brian Geoghan (R)
 Barlestone C.E Primary School

For the campaign to lift the burden of debt from the world's poor

Wednesday 10

THE DIOCESE OF BOR - (SUDAN) THE RT REVD NATHANIEL GARANG ANGIETH
 ASSISTANT BISHOP OF BOR - (SUDAN) THE RT REVD EZEKIEL DIING MALAANGDIT

THE BENEFICE OF SAPCOTE AND SHARNFORD cum WIGSTON PARVA

Mick Norman; Gwynne Jones (R); Jill Matthews (PA)

All Saints C.E Primary School
 Sharnford C.E Primary School

For the campaign to lift the burden of debt from the world's poor

3RD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
24 January to 30 January 2010
 The Ministry of Women in the Church

Sunday 24

Give thanks for: THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF BURUNDI THE MOST REVD BERNARD NTAHOTURI ARCHBISHOP OF THE PROVINCE OF BURUNDI & BISHOP OF MATANA

Jane Curtis, Bishop's Adviser for Women's Ministry

Monday 25

Conversion of Paul

THE DIOCESE OF AMRITSAR - (NORTH INDIA) THE RT REVD PRADEEP KUMAR SAMANTAROY

Pray for: For the ministry of women in the Church

Tuesday 26

Timothy and Titus, companions of Paul

THE DIOCESE OF ANDAMAN & CAR NICOBAR ISLANDS - (NORTH INDIA) THE RT REVD CHRISTOPHER PAUL

THE BENEFICE OF IBSTOCK WITH HEATHER Richard White

St Denys CE Infant School Ibstock

Give thanks for the ordained ministry of women in the Diocese and the wider Church.

Wednesday 27

ANGLICAN PARISHES OF THE CENTRAL INTERIOR (FORMERLY CARIBOO) - (BRITISH COLUMBIA & THE YUKON, CANADA) VACANT

THE BENEFICE OF BLACKFORDBY AND WOODVILLE

Tom Vale; Peter Hillyar-Russ (R); Blossom Thompson (PA)

Blackfordby C.E Primary School Woodville C.E Primary School

For the ministry of women at all levels of local parish & Diocesan life.

Thursday 28

Thomas Aquinas, priest, philosopher, teacher of the faith, 1274

ANGOLA (MISSIONARY DIOCESE) - (SOUTH AFRICA) THE RT REVD ANDRE SOARES THE BENEFICE OF SWANNINGTON WITH THRINGSTONE AND WHITWICK

Alan Burgess; John Seaman; John Bird; Martin Joss; Vic Goodman; Carol Albrighton (R); Barry Albrighton (R); Jo Beniston (R with PTO); Margaret Duerden (R with PTO); Margaret Avery (PA); Jill Shreeve-Williams

(PA); St John the Baptist C.E Primary School
 For women who find themselves in situations where they feel unable to fulfil their calling.

Friday 29

THE DIOCESE OF ANTANANARIVO - (INDIAN OCEAN) THE RT REVD SAMOELA JAONA RANARIVELO BISHOP OF

THE BENEFICE OF THE WOODFIELD TEAM (TM) Vivien Elphick; Karen Thomas; Stella Polashek; Lesley Birtwistle; Hazel White; Debbie Kent (R); Glennys Kerr (R with PTO); David Harrison (R); Frank Muggleston (R with PTO); Tina Sherriff (R); Derek Tomlin (R);

Judy Selby (PA); Joan Smith (PA) Measham C.E Primary School
 Packington C.E Primary School
 Sir John Moore C.E Primary School Appleby Magna

Snarstone C.E Primary School
 For those who cannot accept in conscience the ordained ministry of women as priests or bishops.

Saturday 30

Charles, king and Martyr 1649

THE DIOCESE OF ANTIRANANA - (INDIAN OCEAN) THE RT REVD ROGER CHUNG PO CHUJEN

For those drafting legislation to ordain women as Bishops, especially the Bishop of Manchester who chairs the group and Viv Faulk a member of the group. We give thanks for the priesthood of women in this Diocese. We pray that we may arrive at an equal richness of life for men and women in church and society. Where differences divide us, may we find unity in Christ. (Diocese of London)

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT
28 February to 6 March 2010
 Forgiveness & Reconciliation

Sunday 28

Give thanks for: THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND THE MOST REVD ROWAN DOUGLAS WILLIAMS ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

For our own hopes as we enter a new church year

Monday 1

David, bishop, Patron of Wales, c. 601
 THE DIOCESE OF BELIZE - (WEST INDIES) THE RT REVD PHILIP WRIGHT

Pray for: Forgiveness & Reconciliation
 THE BENEFICE OF EARL SHILTON CU ELMESTHORPE

Graham Gittings; Kaye Wingham (R) Towlands C.E Primary School
 Weavers Close C.E Primary School

Tuesday 2 (World Aids Day)

Chad, bishop, missionary, 672

THE DIOCESE OF BENDIGO - (VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA) THE RT REVD ANDREW WILLIAM CURNOW THE BENEFICE OF

THE BENEFICE OF HINCKLEY ST MARY

Brian Davis; Jane Gibbs; Syd Henderson (LLW); Neil Bullen (R); John Martin-Jones (R); Jackie Bullen (PA); Debborah Dixon (PA) St Mary's C.E Primary School Hinckley
 For renewal in prayer, stillness, receptiveness to Holy Spirit.

Wednesday 3

THE DIOCESE OF BENIN - (PROVINCE OF BENDEL, NIGERIA) THE RT REVD PETER J IMASUEN

THE BENEFICE OF HINCKLEY WEST: HOLY TRINITY

Tim Ward; Andrew Winter; Christopher Beckett (R); Diane McCartney (R); Philip Thompson (R); Susan Beckett (PA); Anne Fretter (R); Susan Hicklin (PA)

For renewal in worship, teaching, study & nurture in faith.

Thursday 4

THE DIOCESE OF BERMUDA - (BERMUDA) THE RT REVD PATRICK WHITE

THE BENEFICE OF HINCKLEY WEST: ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Gary Weston; Andrew Cain;

For renewal in recovering a spiritual perspective & working out its implications.

Friday 5

THE DIOCESE OF BETHLEHEM - (PROVINCE III, USA) THE RT REVD DR PAUL VICTOR MARSHALL

THE BENEFICE BOSWORTH AND SHEEPY GROUP with NAILSTONE, CARLTON AND SHACKERSTONE

John Plant; Amanda Pike; Adrian Holdstock; Alison Thorp; Pat Lockwood (R); Diana Morgan (R); Marion Thomas (PA)

St Peter's C.E Primary School Market Bosworth

Sheepy Magna C.E Primary School

For Spiritual Directors and prayer companions.

Saturday 6

THE DIOCESE OF BHOPAL - (NORTH INDIA) THE RT REVD LAXMAN L MAIDA

For grace to live out holiness in everyday life – the Spirit in society.

Lord, we pray for your help, your forgiveness and your reconciling power in our lives.

(Pax Christi)

4TH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
31 January to 6 February 2010
 The Cloud of Witnesses

Sunday 31
 Give thanks for: THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND & POLYNESIA
 AOTEAROA - (NEW ZEALAND) THE MOST REVD WILLIAM BROWN TUREI

Vivienne Faulstich, The Dean

Monday 1
 Brigid, abbess, c.525

THE DIOCESE OF ARGYLL & THE ISLES - (SCOTLAND) THE RT REVD MARTIN SHAW

Pray for: The ministry of the Cathedral

Tuesday 2
 Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
 THE DIOCESE OF ARIZONA - (PROVINCE VIII, USA) THE RT REVD KIRK STEVAN SMITH

THE PARISH OF RAVENSTONE
 Alan Burgess; Martin Joss; John Bird; Vic Goodman

Worshipping life of the Cathedral; Stephen Foster, Precentor; Jonathan Gregory, Director of Music.

Wednesday 3
 Anskar, archbishop, missionary, 865
 THE DIOCESE OF KIMBERLEY & KURUMAN - (SOUTH AFRICA) THE RT REVD OSWALD PETER PATRICK SWARTZ

THE DEANERY OF GUTHLAXTON
 Area Dean: Ken Baker
 Lay Chair: David Beeson

Canon; David Monteith, Canon Chancellor

Thursday 4
 Gilbert, founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189
 THE DIOCESE OF ARMIDALE - (NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA) THE RT REVD PETER ROBERT BRAIN

THE BENEFICE OF THE HEXAGON GROUP (ARNESBY WITH SHEARSBY AND BRUNTINGTHORPE, HUSBANDS BOSWORTH, MOWSLEY WITH KNAPTOFT, THEDDINGWORTH)
 Alison Hampton, Andy Rhoades, Roy Oldham (R)

Arnesby C.E Primary School

Oversight of the Cathedral: the Chapter, Council (Andrew Granger, Chair), and College of Canons.

Friday 5
 THE DIOCESE OF AROCHUKWUJOHAFIA - (PROVINCE OF NIGER DELTA, NIGERIA) THE RT REVD JOHNSON ONUOHA

THE BENEFICE OF BLABY
 Grenville Gibbins
 Blaby Stokes C.E Primary School

For the Cathedral Square project: for the work soon to be started on St Martin's House; for the plans for a new Square; for the plans to reorder the Cathedral.

Saturday 6
 Martyrs of Japan 1597
 Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952
 THE DIOCESE OF ARU - (CONGO) THE RT REVD DR. GEORGE TITRE ANDE

The vergers and administration team of the Cathedral, including Peter Collett head verger and Francis Brown, Administrator
 Lord our God

*You breathe new life into your people
 Inspire us as we develop Cathedral Square
 So that it may be full of new life
 Help us to make it a place of welcome,
 A place where all people can flourish
 wonder,
 A place which gives glory to you
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
 (The Cathedral Square prayer)*

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT
21 February to 27 February 2010
 Renewal of our Spirituality

Sunday 21 (Christ the King)
 Give thanks for: PROVINCE L'EGLISE ANGLICANE DU CONGO THE MOST REVD HENRY KAHWA ISINGOMIA ARCHBISHOP OF THE CONGO & BISHOP OF BOGA

For the nurture of spirituality at Launde Abbey

Monday 22
 THE DIOCESE OF BARBADOS - (WEST INDIES) THE RT REVD DR JOHN WALDER DUNLOP HOLDER

Pray for: Renewal of our Spirituality

Tuesday 23
 Polycarp, bishop, martyr, c.155
 THE DIOCESE OF BARI - (PROVINCE OF KADUNA, NIGERIA) THE RT REVD IDRIS ZUBAIRU

THE BENEFICE OF WILLOUGHBY WATERLEYS cum PEATLING MAGNA

For renewal in prayer, stillness, receptiveness to Holy Spirit.

Wednesday 24
 Ember Day
 THE DIOCESE OF BARRACKPORE - (NORTH INDIA) THE RT REVD BROJEN MALAKAR

THE DEANERY OF SPARKENHOE WEST
 Area Dean: Tom Meyrick
 Lay Chair: Peter Smith

For renewal in worship, teaching, study & nurture in faith.

Thursday 25
 THE DIOCESE OF BATH & WELLS - (CANTERBURY, ENGLAND) THE RT REVD PETER BRYAN PRICE
 BATH & WELLS - TAUNTON - (CANTERBURY, ENGLAND) THE RT REVD PETER DAVID MAURICE

THE BENEFICE OF BARWELL, cum STAPLETON AND POTTERS MARSTON
 Michael Cleaver (R with PTO); Lynda Plumpton
 Barwell C.E Primary School

For renewal in recovering a spiritual perspective & working out its implications.

Friday 26
 THE DIOCESE OF BATHURST - (NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA) THE RT REVD RICHARD HURFORD
 ASSISTANT BISHOP OF BATHURST - (NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA) THE RT REVD PETER DANAHAR

THE BENEFICE OF BURBAGE WITH ASTON FLAMVILLE
 David Jennings; Robert Stephen; Carol Pittaway(R); Penny Stephen (R); Don Peacock (PA)
 Burbage C.E Infant School

For Spiritual Directors and prayer companions

Saturday 27
 George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633
 Ember Day
 THE DIOCESE OF BAUCHI - (PROVINCE OF JOS, NIGERIA) THE RT REVD MUSA TULA

For grace to live out holiness in everyday life – the Spirit in society.

*Unless the eye catch fire
 God will not be seen.
 Unless the ear catch fire
 God will not be heard.
 Unless the tongue catch fire
 God will not be named.
 Unless the heart catch fire
 God will not be loved.
 Unless the mind catch fire
 God will not be known.
 (William Blake)*

2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
7 February to 13 February 2010
 The Needs of Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Sunday 7

Give thanks for: PRAY FOR THE CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF CENTRAL AFRICA

Peter Yates, Director of Social Responsibility

Monday 8

THE DIOCESE OF ASABA - (PROVINCE OF BENDEL, NIGERIA) THE MOST RT REVD NICHOLAS DIKERIEHI OKOH

Pray for: The needs of refugees and asylum seekers

Tuesday 9

Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome 461

THE DIOCESE OF ATHABASCA - (RUPERT'S LAND, CANADA) THE MOST REVD JOHN R CLARKE

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, WITH CROFT, AND STONEY STANTON

David Shaw; Ian Burns(R); Lester Halling (R); Mair Shaw(R); Stephen Southorn(R); Elizabeth Vernon(R); Peter Yates (R)
 Orchard C.E Primary School Broughton Astley Manorfield C.E Primary School Stoney Stanton

The needs of refugees and asylum seekers in our midst; those escaping persecution.

Wednesday 10

Scolastica, abbess, c.543
 THE DIOCESE OF ATLANTA - (PROVINCE IV, USA)
 THE RT REVD JOHN NEIL ALEXANDER

THE BENEFICE OF UPPER SOAR
 Carol Brennan; Julia Hargreaves; Mairi Mowbray (R); Ann Ling (R);
 David Mountford (R with PTO)

Uilesthorpe C.E Primary
 Leicester's multi-agency forum & the local strategic partnerships of the city and county in seeking to welcome new arrivals.

Thursday 11

THE DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND - (NEW ZEALAND)
 THE RT REVD JOHN CAMPBELL PATERSON

THE BENEFICE OF COSBY AND WHETSTONE
 Patty Bailey; Linda Cox(R); Eric Leese(R);
 Martin Stevenson(R)

For openness to the 'stranger' in our midst & embracing cultural diversity; for those who are victims of racial discrimination.

Friday 12

THE DIOCESE OF AWGU/ANINRI - (PROVINCE OF NIGER, NIGERIA) THE RT REVD EMMANUEL UGWU

THE BENEFICE OF COUNTSTHORPE WITH FOSTON

David Hebblewhite; Michael Gillespie; Alison Booker; John Frakes (R); Robert Jelves (R)

For the Home Office and other policy makers, and the media; for a fair and compassionate approach to asylum.

Saturday 13

THE DIOCESE OF AWKA - (PROVINCE OF THE NIGER, NIGERIA) THE MOST REVD MAXWELL SAMUEL CHIJE ANIKWENNA

Asylum work in our churches.

SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT
14 February to 20 February 2010
 The Cathedral Square project

Sunday 14

Give thanks for: IGLESIA ANGLICANA DE LA REGION CENTRAL DE AMERICA THE MOST REVD MARTIN DE JESUS BARAHONA PRIMATE OF IARCA & BISHOP OF EL SALVADOR

Bishop Christopher, Assistant Bishop of Leicester.

Monday 15

Sigrd, bishop, 1045
Thomas Bray, priest, founder of SPCK and SPG, 1730

Pray for: Our pilgrimage of faith
 THE DIOCESE OF AWORI - (NIGERIA) THE RT REVD JOHNSON AKINWAMIDE ATERE

Tuesday 16

THE DIOCESE OF BADAGARY - (PROVINCE OF LAGOS, NIGERIA) THE RT REVD JOSEPH ADEYEMI

THE BENEFICE OF ENDERBY WITH LUBBESTHORPE AND THURLASTON

Andrea Day (R); John Lane(R with PTO); Cynthia Webb (PA)
 Thurlaston C.E Primary School
 Brockington Secondary School Enderby

For grace that we might commit ourselves to a holy Lent, to be renewed in Christ, and by fasting, overcome temptation.

Wednesday 17

THE DIOCESE OF BAKURU - (NIGERIA) THE RT REVD JWAN ZHUMBES

THE BENEFICE OF GILMORTON, PEATLING PARA, KIMCOTE cum WALTON, NORTH KILWORTH, SOUTH KILWORTH, MISTERTON SWINFORD, CATHORPE, SHAWELL AND STANFORD (THE AVON SWIFT TEAM MINISTRY)

Ken Baker; Jane Kennedy; John Baden-Fuller (R with PTO) Gilmorton-Chandler C.E Primary School; Swinford C.E Primary School;

St Andrews C.E Primary School North Kilworth South Kilworth C.E Primary School

For our own pilgrimage of faith following the footsteps of Jesus this Lent.

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts.

Thursday 18

THE DIOCESE OF BALLARAT - (VICTORIA, AUSTRALIA) THE RT REVD MICHAEL GEORGE HOUGH

THE BENEFICE OF LUTTERWORTH WITH COTESBACH AND BITTESWELL

Mervyn Coussens; Tony Johnson; Scott Cooper (R); Dawn Pope(R); Lesley Turner (R); Paul Williams(R); Margaret Jackson (PA)
 Bitteswell C.E Primary School
 Sherrier C.E Primary School Lutterworth

Lutterworth Grammar School

For Lenten pilgrimages in our parishes and the Cathedral, including study & prayer groups

Friday 19

THE DIOCESE OF BANGOR - (WALES) THE RT REVD ANDREW THOMAS GRIFFITH JOHN

THE BENEFICE OF NARBOROUGH WITH HUNCOTE

Nicholas Burton; Trevor Matthews (R with PTO)

That we might identify with those who journey through the wilderness of doubt or suffering.

Saturday 20

THE DIOCESE OF BANKS & TORRES - (MELANESIA) THE RT REVD NATHAN TOME
 For discernment of the mind of Christ on local and public issues of our time.

St Paul wrote: 'Always be joyful. Pray constantly. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.'

(1 Thessalonians 5.17)

Lord, on our Lent pilgrimage

Deliver us from the desire to be in control, Bring us to places of vulnerability;

Deliver us from the desire to be noticed; Bring us to places of humble obedience;

Deliver us from fear

Bring us to new life

In the hope of the Resurrection Of your Son. Amen