

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

March 2019 – May 2019



Renewing *HOPE*

Pray • Serve • Grow

*God our Father,
renew our hope.*

*By the Holy Spirit's power
strengthen us to pray readily,
serve joyfully
and grow abundantly
rejoicing in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

1 March

Lilliput

Clergy: Louise Ellis, Carolyn Couzens, Peter Huxham.

We thank God for the many encouragements and good things that have been happening. Please pray for our new pattern of Sunday services that we are trialling, that we would have a clear and united vision about the way ahead.

Poole Lilliput CE VC Infant School

2 March

Creekmoor

Clergy: Janice Audibert, Marcus Mak, Jean Audibert.

Please pray for us as we enter a crucial stage of securing the funds to begin the work to extend the building and create a community hub for Creekmoor. Also as we continue to grow disciples and support those currently training for ministry.

3 March – Sunday next before Lent

Kinson & West Howe

Clergy: Lee Shirvill, Christine Brooks, Darren Dalton.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile, The Most Revd Héctor (Tito) Zavala Muñoz - Bishop of Santiago & Primate.

4 March

Longfleet

Clergy: Andy Perry, Mark Hay.

We'd value prayer for the guests on both our morning and evening Alpha courses. And for all those impacted by upcoming Local Government Reorganisation.

Poole Longfleet CE VC Primary School

5 March

Parkstone St Luke

Clergy: Chris Strain. LLM: John Pattison. LLMs with PtO: Ruth Greig, Roy Stacey.

We give thanks for eight LWLs, three LPAs and a LLM soon to be authorised. May God's Spirit be at work in those being confirmed in March and bring some younger active men to us! We ask God's blessing on our Church weekend away in May. Pray for us to be "a community of whole-life disciples committed to worship, growth, fellowship and mission."

6 March – Ash Wednesday

Parkstone St Peter & St Osmund with Branksea St Mary

Clergy: Michael Camp, Jonny Scott, Sally Bedborough, Pat Southgate.

Please pray for the parish as it prepares for the retirement of the Rector; for the Churchwardens and PCC members as they reflect on the needs of the Parish; for those who will have care for the Parish during the vacancy and for the appointment of the new Parish Priest.

Poole Baden Powell and St Peter's CE VC Junior School

Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan: For the Rt Revd Fraser Yugu Elias, Assistant Bishop of Juba.

7 March

Poole St James with St Paul

Clergy: Lucy Holt, Lewis Pearson.

Please pray for us as we continue to explore being an 'open door' church. Open doors that provide a space of sanctuary within our parish as people come in, whilst also allowing us a church community to go out and to serve in new ways.

8 March

Talbot Village

Clergy: Rupert Higgins.

Please pray for our Easter Experience for local schools. 300 children will be involved in interactive activities surrounding the events of Easter. We have a monthly Breakfast Service. Please pray it continues to connect with families. Please pray for Rupert Higgins (Vicar), Diana Newman (Assistant Priest), Marion Marks and Terry Hall (Wardens), Mandy Williams (Parish Secretary), Alex Morris (Youth and Children's Minister).

Talbot Village St Mark's CE VA Primary School

9 March

Lytchetts and Upton

Clergy: Jean de Garis, Stephen Partridge, Howard Page-Clark, Jean Alexander, Hilary Bond. LLM: Dave Parker.

Heavenly Father, may all who are seeking you this day, discover your unfailing love and grace. We pray especially for those on our Alpha Course to encounter you. Please give wisdom and energy to the benefice leadership team preparing for the Team Rector's departure at Easter. May the vacancy be a time of life and growth.

10 March – First Sunday of Lent

Poole Missional Communities

Clergy: Paul Bradbury

We give thanks for a sense of new beginnings and new developments, a new pioneer for the housing development in lower Hamworthy and a new Bishop's Mission Order which enables us to explore new mission initiatives across Poole Deanery in partnership with parish and other churches.

Please pray for the resources of leadership and team to come together where opportunities exist to start new missional communities.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo, The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda - Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu.

11 March

Canford Heath

Clergy: Matt Williams.

Give thanks for the thirteen people currently attending the Christianity Explored Course. Pray that they will come to, and grow in, faith. Pray that our efforts to love the people of Canford Heath in word and deed will bear fruit. Pray for our Easter Holiday Club (for primary school children), including its preparation.

12 March

Oakdale St George

Clergy: Penny Draper, Tom Lock, John Graves. LLMs: Michelle Cobley, Ann Johnson. LLM PtO: Pam Clark.

Please pray for our housegroups and Lent Study groups, for our PCC meeting tonight, for our growing relationships with those who use our premises during the week

13 March

Poole Hospital NHS Trust and Forest Holme Hospice

Jane LLoyd (Anglican P/T), Declan McConville (R/C F/T Head of Chaplaincy), Fraser Smith (Methodist F/T)

Please pray for the patients, staff and volunteers of the 3 Dorset Acute Hospital Trusts as clinical services are reconfigured and moved to new locations; give thanks for all who work in healthcare locally; remember Chaplaincy Teams as they try to provide pastoral, spiritual and religious care through the changes.

Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan: For the Rt. Revd John Jok Chol, Bishop of Akobo.

14 March

Poole St Edwards RC-CE VA School

Headteacher: Michael Antram

15 March

Religious and Lay communities in the diocese - Society of St Francis at Hilfield, Pilsdon Community, St Benedict's Priory, Salisbury and Othona Community

16 March

The Archdeacon of Sarum

The Ven Alan Jeans

On this Ember Day, please pray for God's call on all our lives, and our response in service to the community and the Church. We pray especially for the licenced lay ministries, lay pastoral assistants and lay worship leaders, and those exploring lay pioneer ministries. For ordained clergy and Church Wardens.

17 March – Second Sunday of Lent

Salisbury Deanery

Kelvin Inglis (Rural Dean), Richard Chitty (Lay Chair).

Please give thanks with the laity and clergy of the deanery as we celebrate the diversity of our practice and the unity of our faith. Pray for us as we work together towards a plan for pastoral ministry and outreach across this beautiful and resilient city.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church of England, The Most Revd & Rt Hon Justin Welby - Archbishop of Canterbury.

18 March

Bemerton

Clergy: Vacant. LLM: Gillian Newton.

Please be with Bemerton parish during this time of vacancy. Guide the person you are calling to be their new Rector to apply for the post as it is advertised this month and may Your hand be over all involved in the appointment process. Please also pray for Neil Robinson, as he finds his way forward in his new role.

Sarum St Peter's CE Primary Academy

Bemerton St John CE VA Primary School

**19 March – Joseph of Nazareth
Fisherton Anger**

Clergy: Craig Ryalls, Alastair Etheridge.

Pray for St Paul's in Salisbury as we unite to explore the theme of holiness in a Lent Course we have written called 'The Bread of Life', which begins with a simple meal of soup and freshly baked bread. Give thanks and pray for the staff and pupils of Sarum St Paul's CofE (VA) Primary School as it prepares for an imminent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist School).

Sarum St Paul's CE VA Primary School

20 March

Harnham St George and All Saints

Clergy: Becky Roberts, Julian Poppleton, Heather Leppard.

Harnham CE VC Junior School

Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan: For the Rt Revd Abraham YelNhial, Bishop of Aweil.

21 March

Salisbury Cathedral

As Spring approaches we give thanks for all who will visit our Cathedral that they may something of God's peace, comfort and inspiration and pray for our travels together through a thoughtful Lent and Holy Week to a joyful Easter.

We pray for the ministry of our new Precentor as the Cathedral clergy team gets back to full strength and for all our staff and volunteers.

22 March

Salisbury St Francis and St Lawrence Stratford sub Castle

Clergy: Matt Levinsohn, Sarah Wood-Roe.

Please give thanks for all that has been accomplished in God's name through the vacancy. Please pray for the Hope Community at Old Sarum, and for Canon Jean de Garis and his family as they prepare for the move to the Vicarage.

Stratford-sub-Castle CE VC Primary School

23 March

Salisbury St Martin

Clergy: David Fisher.

That through the sacramental life of the Church we may grow ever closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ, and show in our lives the mighty works of salvation.

Sarum St Martin's CE VA Primary School

24 March – Third Sunday of Lent

Salisbury St Thomas and St Edmund

Clergy: Kelvin Inglis, Wendy Cooper.

Please pray for our ministry to the people of the city centre and its many visitors, and our developing vision of what we can be through God's grace. Pray for our congregation as we face all the disruption of works to the fabric of St Thomas's.

Sarum St. Edmund's Girls' School Salisbury

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, The Most Revd Paul Kwong - Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island.

25 March – Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Salisbury St Mark and Laverstock St Andrew

Clergy: Andy Bousfield.

Sarum St Mark's CE VC Junior School

Laverstock St Andrew's CE VA Primary School

26 March

Salisbury & District Hospital & Hospice, Fountain Way Hospital and New Hall Hospital

27 March

St Nicholas Hospital

Master: Paul Mellor.

Please pray with us for the Trustees, Master, Clerk and all members of the Community at St Nicholas Hospital. Pray for God's guidance and wisdom in the ordering of the life of the Community.

Pray that any who are in need of accommodation in a community such as ours may find their way to us and apply to join us.

With us give thanks for our founders, benefactors and past members and our long history of prayer and worship and community life at the heart of Salisbury and for the daily offering of worship here.

Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan: For the Rt Revd Elijah Matueny, Bishop of Cueibet.

28 March

Sarum Bishop Wordsworth's School

Headteacher: Stuart Smallwood.

Wyvern College

Headteacher: Nicola Bull.

29 March

Sarum College

Principal: James Woodward.

Please pray that those who come to Sarum College find welcome, fellowship and inspiration. Hold in your prayers all those who seek truth and courage through learning with an open mind.

30 March

Alderbury Deanery

David Bacon (Rural Dean), Debbie McIsaac, (Lay Chair).

Please pray for the deanery leadership as we try to serve the various parishes and congregations, enabling and encouraging them to Pray, Serve and Grow

31 March – Fourth Sunday of Lent / Mothering Sunday

Bourne Valley

Clergy: Peter Ostli-East, Phil Osler, David Coates, Wendy Pugh, Stephen Robbins, Philip Seddon, Martin Webster. LLMs: Anthea Davies, Simon Dawson, Henry Head, Christopher Watts.

On this Mothering Sunday, give thanks to God for all who nurture and sustain others, and particularly for the nurturing care God offers us through his Holy Spirit and in our Lord Jesus Christ. May all our churches be communities of welcome, sanctuary and refreshment - for spirit, mind and body.

Winterbourne Earls CE VC Primary School

Porton St Nicholas CE VA Primary School

Newton Tony CE VC Primary School

Gomeldon Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean, The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song - Archbishop, Province of Indian Ocean & Bishop of the Seychelles.

1 April

Clarendon

Clergy: Beth Hutton, Jane Dunlop, David Perry, Cynthia Buttimer, Debbie McIsaac, Michael Barratt.

Please pray for Simon Chambers as he prepares to join us as Team Rector after Easter, and for us as a team as we welcome him and his family; for our six Confirmation candidates; and for our Lent sermon series on themes relating to prayer.

Winterslow CE VA Primary School

Whiteparish All Saints CE VA Primary School

Pitton CE VA Primary School

Alderbury & West Grimstead CE VA Primary School

Prayer requests for this week:

- *Year 6 pupils preparing for their SATs*
- *The Bridge delivering a "Why is Friday Good?" workshop this week*
- *Key Stage 2 taking part in "Primary Live"*
- *Year 4 pupils taking part in the Government Pilot Multiplication Test*
- *All children, families and staff to have a good Easter holiday (starting Sat 6 April)*

2 April

Forest & Avon

Clergy: Frank Gimson, David Bacon, Bill Rogers, Veronica Batchelor, Pauline Whitmarsh, Ron Hart, Len Lunn, Anthony Hawley. LLMs: Philip Jones, Stephen Ings, Mick Avery.

Please pray for vocations to serve the Church in positions of lay leadership and as Church officers, to enable our churches to grow in mission and ministry.

Morgan's Vale and Woodfalls Academy

Downton CE VA Primary School

The New Forest CE VA Primary School at Landford Nomansland & Hamptworth

Please pray for our School community as we seek to serve the children and families of our villages.

3 April

Property Department and Commercial Building Projects Team - Simon Ferris, Tracy Bowes, Ollie Coomber, Duygu Riley, Karen Beaver, Shawn Donneky. Re-use of Closed Churches Group.

Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan: For the Rt Revd Thomas Tut Gany, Suffragan Bishop of Ayod Area in the diocese of Duk.

4 April

DAC - Sue Cannings (Sec), Vergers & all who care for Church Buildings

5 April

Stonehenge Deanery

Eleanor Rance (Rural Dean), Sarah Gooch (Lay Chair).

During the past 12 months we've experienced significant vacancies, which are now beginning to be filled. We pray for a renewed sense of hope and of purpose across the community. We give thanks for strengthening of relationships with our colleagues in the Royal Army Chaplains Department, and those involved in community engagement across the Salisbury Plain Training Area. We pray for wisdom and discernment as we seek to serve our deanery, especially with the 1000s of military personnel families returning from Germany during 2019.

6 April

Amesbury

Clergy: Darren A'Court, Heather Brearey, Alan Gill, Wenda Rioch, Pat Powell, Ian Chisholm.

Please pray for the people of the Abbey Church at this time as we face some significant financial challenges and work to the church roof. We give thanks for those who are newly connecting with the life of the Church in this place. Pray also for Amesbury CE VC Primary School, its pupils, staff, and governors at a time of change and development. We give thanks for the strengthening Christian ethos of the school community.

Amesbury CE VC Primary School

7 April – Passion Sunday

Woodford Valley with Archers Gate

Clergy: Mike Perry

Woodford Valley CE Primary Academy

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Church of Ireland, The Most Revd Richard Lionel Clarke - Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

8 April

Wylve and Till Valley

As we come to terms with life in a new structure, we ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we might be refreshed and invigorated in our ministry. We pray for those discerning God's will for our parishes, and especially for the appointment of our new team of clergy.

Great Wishford CE VA Primary School

9 April

Avon River Team

Clergy: Philip Bromiley, Gale Hunt, Susan Drewett. LLM: Chrysogon Bamber.

Heavenly Father, we ask for your blessing upon those who minister in the Avon River Team. We pray for ordained and lay as they seek to serve their wider communities in its seven parishes and proclaim the Kingdom afresh from week to week. Sustain them in body, provide for them materially and spiritually, excite them with answered prayers, and give them grace to be faithful to their calling. In the precious name of Jesus.

Netheravon All Saints Academy Trust

Larkhill St Michael's CE Primary School

Durrington CE VC Junior School

Durrington All Saints CE Infant School

Bulford St Leonard's CE Primary School

10 April

Salisbury Plain

Clergy: Eleanor Rance, Stephane Javelle.

For our single parish as we journey together towards Easter, using our shared Lent Course as an opportunity for fellowship and deepening relationships.

Tilshead St Thomas a Becket CE VA Primary School

We pray for our small, but perfectly formed school community, and seek ways to reach out to new families especially during the final months of re-basing into the Salisbury Plain Training Area.

Shrewton CE VC Primary School

Give thanks for our strong partnerships across the community, the enthusiasm and dedication of our staff and the opportunities all around us for enhanced learning.

Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan: For the Rt Revd Wilson Kamani, Bishop of Ibba.

11 April

Ludgershall and Tidworth

Clergy: Timothy Laundon, Jimmy Holden.

Please pray for the new Rector who arrived in January, and for the newly merged benefice as it finds a new way of working as one.

12 April

Pastoral Organisation - Those concerned with pastoral organisation and appointments. Patrons of our Livings, Jill Hockham.

13 April

Deepening Discipleship: the Learning for Discipleship teamlet at Church House – Helier Exon and Jean Boulton-Reynolds (Spiritual Direction Advisers) Adrian Smale, Jane Murrell (administration), Jennifer Totney (LLM Training Officer), and Debbie Orriss (Discipleship Coordinator)

14 April – Palm Sunday

Chalke Deanery

Graham Southgate (Rural Dean), Sara Willan (Lay Chair)

Please pray for the implementation of our new Deanery Plan: provision of musical resources for our congregations, the possibilities for a Deanery Pilgrimage, our link to the South Sudanese Diocese of Cueibet, opportunities for training, and more effective Deanery communication.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East, The Most Revd Suheil Dawani - Archbishop, Jerusalem & the Middle East & Archbishop in Jerusalem.

15 April

Wilton with Netherhampton and Fugglestone

Clergy: Mark Wood, Caroline Titley.

Please pray for our LPAs and the success of our developing patterns of Pastoral Ministry, especially among the elderly and residents of the new housing in Wilton.

Also for our musicians and our development plans for this year.

Wilton and Barford CE VC Primary School

16 April

Chalke Valley

Clergy: Catherine Blundell, Jennifer Taylor, Anna-Claar Thomasson-Rosingh

Please pray for the Chalke Valley Lent Project, raising money to support a tiny proportion of the 1.6 million South Sudanese Refugees living in Northern Uganda. It is hoped to raise enough money for:

- *1000 mosquito nets for nursing and pregnant women in the camps to help prevent malaria*
- *50 Ceramic Water Filters for church community leaders*
- *Training for 225 refugee women in savings and micro finance to help them feed 2500 people*

Coombe Bissett CE VA Primary School

Broad Chalke CE VA Primary School

Longford CE VC Primary School

17 April

Nadder Valley

Clergy: Graham Southgate, Elaine Brightwell, Juliette Hulme, Tina Fox, Mark Hayter, Jo Naish. LLM: Judy Anderson.

We pray for each of our fourteen parishes and the links with the four schools. We also pray for a strengthening of our vision and energy, that we might bring new life to our communities.

Tisbury St John's CE VC Primary School

Hindon CE VA Primary School

Dinton CE VC Primary School

Chilmark & Fonthill Bishop CE VA Primary School

Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan: For the Rt Revd Gabriel Thuch Agot, Bishop of Kongor.

18 April – Maundy Thursday

St Bartholomew

Clergy: Richard Warhurst, Kevin Martin.

Semley CE VA Primary School

19 April – Good Friday

Western Downland

Clergy: Les Player, Rob Eardley, Canon Nigel Cumming.

Pray for our School & Nursery, its Headteacher, Kim & her staff, our School Governors and those who will fill governor vacancies.

Give thanks for the fantastic response to lead theft at St George's and for the countless people who give their time and talents to enrich our communities and churches, from bellringers to form fillers, cake makers to safeguarding officers.

Western Downland CE VA Primary School

20 April

Social Justice Programme: Colin Brady. Urban Priority Areas: Tim Gomm. Rural Officers: Richard Kirlew, Richard Hancock, Claire Horton. Environment Group Chair: David Morgan.

21 April – Easter Sunday

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Ecumenical - Local Ecumenical Partnerships, Churches Together: Katja Babei (Dorset) Paul Richardson (Ramsbury Area Officer) Simon Evans (Sherborne Area Officer)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of the Land of the Holy One.

22 April

Heytesbury Deanery

Pauline Reid (Rural Dean), Robert Shuler (Lay Chair).

Loving God, we pray for the life of our deanery and for all who minister in your name. We particularly ask you to bless those parishes in vacancy at the moment or who will soon be experiencing one. Give strength and courage to those involved in the appointment process and help these communities to work together at this time to encourage one another in expectation and hope assured of your love and care for them. Amen

23 April

Cley Hill Villages

Clergy: Pauline Reid, Di Britten, Marian Curtis. LLM: John Budgen.

Loving God, Give us courage to welcome and embrace our calling to be midwives of your kingdom with joy and anticipation. Inspire us to raise our eyes from the pressing concerns that so often weigh us down so that we can see the opportunities in our communities to demonstrate your love and care for everyone. Amen.

Crockerton CE VA Primary School

Chapmanslade CE VA Primary School

24 April

Mere with West Knoyle & Maiden Bradley

Clergy: Carol Wilson-Barker. LLMs: Jane Hurd, Christine Marsh.

Prayers for new children's initiative of after school club in Mere School and for spiritual and numerical growth in the congregation. Prayers for the choir in Maiden Bradley which meets in The Somerset Arms and supports church and village life. Prayers for the needy, children and housebound in West Knoyle.

Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan: For the Rt Revd Peter Joh Abraham Mayom, Bishop of Malek.

25 April

Upper Stour

Clergy: Graham Perryman, Kirsty Wells. LLMs: Brian Martin, Mona Tyler.

Please pray for this parish and its four villages as it enters a period of 'vacancy', at the end of this month. Pray that the right person will be found to continue God's work in this beautiful benefice. Pray for all those who visit Stourhead, that they may be drawn to the creator through his creation.

Bourton St Georges CE VA School

Whitesheet Church of England Primary Academy

26 April

Upper Wylve Valley Team

Clergy: Clifford Stride, Anne Bennett-Shaw, Jayne Buckles, Diana Hammond, Robin Hungerford, Jane Shaw. LLM: Katherine Venning.

Please pray for the Benefice during the Vacancy and for discernment and wisdom on the appointment of a new PIC. Pray also that the Churches in the Team may grow together and support each other as they adjust to change.

St John's Hospital Heytesbury

Sutton Veny CE VC Primary School

Heytesbury CE VA Primary School

Wylve Valley CE VA Primary School

27 April

Warminster Christ Church

Please pray for Christ Church Warminster which is currently in the process of identifying a new incumbent. During the vacancy please pray for all those assuming additional responsibilities particularly the Church Wardens: Stuart Bremner and Mark Thorpe; the Associate Clergy: The Revd Allen Edwards and the Revd Margaret Collins; and the LLMs: John and Mo Cheesman and Eva Burton. Also pray for the Church School, Sambourne C of E Primary School, the Head Teacher Mrs Cathy Chalk, the staff, the governors and the pupils as they plan for the potential for an Ofsted inspection in the near future.

Warminster Sambourne CE VC Primary School

28 April – Second Sunday of Easter

White Horse

Clergy: Caroline Husband, Melanie Otto, Margaret Davies, David Hart, LLM PtO: Janet Likeman, Peter Likeman. LLM: Ashley Jones.

Give thanks for the growth we have seen and for all that God is doing among us and through us. Pray for all who carry extra burdens during the vacancy and for those who will support our work here that we might continue to grow together in mission and ministry. Pray too for the recruitment process for our new Incumbent, and the person God is calling to join us. Also on this day Westbury Parish are holding their APCM in particular we hope for two new churchwardens.

Westbury Leigh CE VC Primary School

Westbury CE VC Junior School

Dilton Marsh CE VC Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan), The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu - Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido.

29 April – George, Patron of England, transferred from 23 April

River Were

Clergy: Jacques Desrosiers, David Prescott, Susan Hart, Gay Maynard.

Warminster St John's CE VC Primary School

Warminster The Minster CE VC Primary School

30 April – Mark the Evangelist

Overseas Links - Sheila Trist (Sec – Sudan Committee), Mike Maclachlan (Sudan Medical Link), Sudan, Latvia & Evreux Links.

1 May – Philip and James, Apostles

Hospital Chaplains, Prison Chaplains, Service Chaplains, Police Chaplains, School Chaplains, Chaplain to Travellers.

Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan: For the Rt Revd Bismark Monday Avokaya, Assistant Episcopal Council Secretary and Bishop of Mudri.

2 May

The Archdeacon of Wiltshire

The Ven Sue Groom

Please pray for the parishes in vacancy and for all of the churchwardens of the archdeaconry.

3 May

Devizes Deanery

Paul Richardson (Rural Dean), Carole Jones, (Lay Chair).

We give thanks for appointments of clergy to vacant benefices over the last 18 months and for the dedication to mission and ministry by lay and ordained across our mainly rural deanery. Pray for work in the many church schools across the deanery and for opportunities to share with so many children something of God's grace and good purposes for all in such things as "Open the Book".

4 May

Bratton, Edington & Imber, Erlestoke and Coulston

Clergy: Andrew Sinclair.

5 May – Third Sunday of Easter

Devizes St John and St Mary

Pray for all involved in mission and ministry especially Paul, our Rector; Jacqui, Associate Priest; Ben Rundell-Evans, now coming towards the end of his curacy; Chris, LLM and Mark, training for LLM; also our retired clergy and LLM and dedicated team of LPA. Hold in prayer our efforts to develop as an Eco Church and the work of Opendoors the drop in centre for homeless and disadvantaged people which meets in our parish rooms.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya, The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit - Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya.

6 May

Devizes St Peter

Clergy: Vincent Perricone.

7 May

Rowde and Bromham

Clergy: Ruth Schofield, William Ind. LLM: Caroline Culley.

Please pray for the couples who will be married at our churches this summer, and the families bringing children for baptism. Also for the project to reorder the interior of St Matthews Rowde.

Rowde C of E Primary Academy

Bromham St Nicholas CE VC Primary School

8 May

Southbroom St James

Clergy: Keith Brindle, Steve Ibbetson.

Please pray that the Purchase of a nearby building to develop it into a Community Hub is successful. Pray that we will know how to proceed with this as it unfolds.

Pray too that in our welcome, our going-out, our conversations and in our activities we are able to convey the simple message that 'You Are Loved'.

Devizes The Trinity Primary Academy

Southbroom St James Academy

Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan: For the Rt Revd Tandema Obede, Bishop of Olo.

9 May

Lavingtons, Cheverells and Easterton

Clergy: Marion Harrison.

Great Cheverell The Holy Trinity CE Primary Academy

Whilst our year 6 children are preparing to write their KS2 SATS next week, we continue to support them across all areas of their development and education, with lots of music and art, cooking and acting and interesting themes and topics. We are especially proud of our children's spiritual development and their commitment to be the best they can be and to offer support to their community, both locally and across the globe.

Market Lavington St Barnabas CE VC Primary School

10 May

Cannings & Redhorn

Clergy: Richard Curtis, Liz Bailey, Chris Burdon, Michael Flight, Peter Gool, George Royle. LWLs: Alan Stonell, Elizabeth Greed, Ian Smith, Louise Woolley, Pauline Smith, Tim Hutchings, Yvonne Morris. Benefice Administrator: Helen Rawlings.

We give thanks for the ministry of those who have 'retired' and we ask for your prayers as we seek to fill our House for Duty post. We give thanks also for our organists and the choir at Bishops Cannings and the choirs that form for festivals. We prayer for all of our schools but particularly All Cannings, Bishops Cannings and Chirton as they become founding members of the Equa MAT

Urchfont CE VC Primary School

Chirton CE VC Primary School

Bishops Cannings CE VA Primary School

Please pray for all those involved in our SATS tests next week - the children, their families and staff. May they know God's peace and love at this time. Please also pray for us as we prepare for our annual prayer space week.

All Cannings CE VC Primary School

11 May

Wellsprings

Clergy: Ali Bridewell, Joshva Raja John-Christopher, Jane Knowles, Renée Coulson, Maureen Allchin. LLM: Liz Starling. Youth Worker: Steve Dewar.

Please pray that the new benefice will create opportunities for new and collaborative patterns of working. That we will pray, serve and grow together in our ministry and that God's love would be evident in all we seek to do. In the name of Jesus. Amen

Potterne Five Lanes CE VC Primary School

Seend CE VA Primary School

12 May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

HMP Erlestoke

Steve Ibbetson, Shirley Daniels.

Prayer for the appointment of a new Anglican Chaplain to serve the men, officers and staff at HMP Erlestoke. Amen.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Anglican Church of Korea, The Most Revd Moses Nagjun Yoo - Primate of Korea and Bishop of Daejeon.

13 May

Learning for Discipleship & Ministry Team and its work - Jane Charman (Director), Debbie Orriss (Discipleship Co-ordinator), Jennifer Totney (LLM Training Officer), Benny Hazlehurst (Vocations Co-ordinator), Heather Waldsax (Young Vocations Resource Officer), Nigel Done (IME Co-ordinator and DDO), Robin Coutts (ADO), Sue Chandler (IME and CMD Resource Officer), Alan Jeans (Ministry for Mission Co-ordinator), Heather Andrew (Ministry for Mission Resource Officer), Clare Phillips (Rural Ministry Development Officer), Cathryn Wright, Andrea Dredge, Jane Murrell, Adrian Smale (Team Administrators)

14 May – Matthias the Apostle

Learning for Discipleship and Ministry Team portfolio holders: Bill Rogers (Associate Ministry Adviser), Judy Anderson (Co Warden of LLMs), Liz Giles and Penny Haigh (LPA Officers), John Wood & Ann Philp (Clergy Retirement Officers), Jean Boulton Reynolds and Helier Exon (Spiritual Accompaniment Advisers)

15 May

Bradford Deanery

Andrew Evans (Rural Dean), Allan Coutts (ARD), John Joy (Lay Chair).

Please pray for our link Diocese of Kadugli in Sudan, the building of the Peace Primary school which we have funded, for a Rooted in Jesus (a discipleship programme written for Africa) conference which we hope to take to Kadugli in October.

Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan: For the Rt Revd Joseph Garang Atem, Bishop of Renk.

16 May

Atworth with Shaw and Whitley

Clergy: Ruth Gillings.

At the time of writing this, we have adverts out for a new incumbent. We hope by the time this prayer request comes up, you will be able to thank God for an appointment and to pray for a new incumbent starting soon.

Shaw CE VC Primary School

Churchfields The Village School

17 May

Broughton Gifford, Great Chalfield and Holt St Katharine

Clergy: Andrew Evans, Ruth Mecredy, Helen Begley. LLM: Anthony Matthew.

Please pray for Rachel Firth as she finishes her LLM training in the next months, and for Gateway Christian Healing which is part of St Katharine's church and seeking to be a resource to promote Christian healing in our area. As a Benefice we are seeking this year to encourage all our members to share their faith with others. We need prayer for that!

Holt CE VC Primary School

Broughton Gifford St Mary's CE VC Primary School

18 May

Melksham

Clergy: Barry Blackford, Alison Sowton.

Melksham The Manor CE VC Primary School

Forest & Sandridge CE VA Primary School

19 May – Fifth Sunday of Easter

North Bradley, Southwick, Heywood and Steeple Ashton

Clergy: Oliver Learmont.

Southwick CE VC Primary School

North Bradley CE VC Primary School

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia, The Most Revd George Takeli - Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Melanesia and Bishop of Central Melanesia.

20 May

Studley St John

Clergy: Alastair Wood.

We are praying for the ground underneath the Chancel to rehydrate, so we can determine the best possible time for the engineering solution to our major subsidence problem causing extreme damage as the east wall seeks to separate from the south and north walls. However we give thanks that after a declaration of faith, a large amount of money, enough to mend the building has been received.

We can now concentrate on rebuilding the body of Christ, nurturing and growing disciples rather than worrying about fixing the Church building.

Keep praying for wisdom, discernment, and a spirit of adventure, as all this that is happening means we have to Change!!

21 May

Canalside Benefice

Clergy: John Rees, Joy Albone (Curate designate), Ray Guymer, Hugh Hoskins, Ivor Hughes. LLM: Marilyn Stubbs. LLM with PtO: Catherine Warr.

Please pray:

For Joy Albone who will be ordained Deacon and begin her title curacy in the Benefice next month.

For our ministry in our three Church schools.

For our ministry and mission to families through Messy Church, Cygnets, our Toddler Group, and our new teatime service, and to the lonely and vulnerable members of our communities.

For those who attended our recent Alpha Course, that they might be aware of a deeper relationship with the Lord.

Staverton CE VC Primary School

Semington St George's CE VC Primary School

Please pray for all of the children in St George's Primary School, in particular our Year 6 children as they have just undertaken a week of SATs testing. They have worked extremely hard this academic year and tried their best; we are incredibly proud of them and hope they receive the levels they deserve.

Hilperton CE VC Primary School

We give thanks:

- *for the children & pray that they continue to develop their love of reading & understanding of Maths in greater depth*
- *for the RE topic days & how well they have gone*
- *that links with the Canalside Benefice continue to be strong*

We pray for rest & refreshment for staff & children in half term

22 May

Trowbridge St James and Keevil

Clergy: Rob Thomas, Jane Palmer, Richard East. LLM: Marilyn Thomas. LLM PTO: Doreen White. Children's and Families' Worker: Tom Bullock.

Pray for Tom as he settles in to his post, and for Jane as she approaches her final year and for guidance for her next step. Also for wisdom in progressing our reordering project at St Leonard's which has been so well supported by the community.

Keevil CE VA Primary School

Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan: For the Rt Revd Simon Adut Yuang, Bishop of Yirol.

23 May

Trowbridge St Thomas and West Ashton

Clergy: Allan Coutts, Reuben Dunnings, Colin Turner, Andy Yorke. LLMs: Martyn Whittock, Angela Grist, Graham Leeder.

Please pray that our long awaited re-ordering will go smoothly this summer and for the congregation facing the challenges and opportunities of worshipping elsewhere (probably at Holy Trinity Trowbridge) for approximately 6 months. Also for Judy Wright being licensed as LLM in September.

West Ashton CE VA Primary School

Bellefield CE VC Primary and Nursery School

24 May

North Bradford on Avon and Villages

Clergy: Ann Keating, Tessa Mann, Keith Charnley, Paul Batson, Jim Hill, Bernard Hughes. LLMs: Rachel Pound, Patricia Ellis.

We thank God for our gifted ministry team. We pray for wisdom as we actively reach out to families, children and support our schools.

We pray particularly for the future of Christ Church as we seek God's will for the re-ordering project whilst meet the congregations' spiritual needs.

Bradford on Avon Christ Church CE VC Primary School

Winsley CE VC Primary School

25 May

Bradford on Avon Holy Trinity, Westwood and Wingfield

Clergy: Joanna Abecassis, Ali Green.

Please pray for discernment in our life as a benefice as we seek to pray, serve and grow in the most effective and sustainable ways – given three very different communities, and very limited resources for ministry.

26 May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Bradford on Avon St Laurence School

Headteacher: Fergus Stewart.

Anglican Cycle 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-Fearon, for the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York.

27 May

Calne Deanery

Jane Curtis (Rural Dean), Mary Simpkins (Lay Chair).

Please pray for our Synod members as we explore how best to re-vitalise our link with the diocese of Khartoum in Sudan and re-new our friendship with Archbishop Ezekiel, his clergy and laity.

28 May

Lyneham with Bradenstoke

Clergy: Rachma Abbott.

Prayers please as we move towards becoming one Benefice with Woodhill and for the appointment of a house for duty priest to serve the group and live in Lyneham, we ask for God's blessing as we seek to grow in prayer and as we seek to serve the communities around our churches and beyond. For the ecumenical Open the Book team.

29 May

Oldbury

Clergy: Matt Earwicker, Linda Dytham. LLMs: Pam Evans, Tony Milson.

Please pray as we seek to build up the children's work across the Benefice, that we will be a place where youngsters and their families feel welcomed, engaged, and able to encounter Jesus. Pray for our hardworking volunteers, who do so much to serve our church and village communities.

Cherhill CE VA Primary School

Heddington CE VA Primary School

Episcopal churches in South Sudan and Sudan: For the Rt Rev Benjamin Yohana Wajo, Bishop of Wandj.

30 May – Ascension Day

Woodhill

Clergy: Rachma Abbott.

On this Ascension Day help us to look up to focus on Jesus and his call for us as we move forward on becoming one Benefice with Lyneham, for the appointment of a house for duty priest to serve the group and live in Lyneham, and to simplify our PCC structures as a group of four parishes. May this work on governance liberate us to laugh, lament and learn together as we seek to renew hope within our churches and beyond in the communities they serve.

We pray for our LWLs, LPAs for those discerning LLM and ordained ministries. Help us to grow deep roots and bear the fruits of the spirit. May thy Kingdom come. Amen.

Broad Town CE VC Primary School

31 May – Visit of the BVM to Elizabeth

Royal Wootton Bassett

Clergy: Jane Curtis, Oliver Blease, Jonathan Beach, Derek Ormston, Jean Boulton-Reynolds, Alan Taylor, Michael Jones, Peter Giles. LLM: Michael Page. LLM PtO: Neil Harding.

Please pray for members of our Parochial Church Council following January's 'vision' conversation, and as we continue to discern what kind of church God is calling us to be for this town and community.

Royal Wootton Bassett St Bartholomew's Primary Academy