

Diocese of Leicester PRAYER DIARY

January-April 2026



Welcome to the new edition of the Diocese of Leicester Prayer Diary for January to April 2026. This edition takes us on a wonderful journey of revelation through Epiphany and Candlemas, onto the anguish of Lent followed by the glorious celebration of Easter!

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 to 'Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you'.

Key:

Italics : Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

'EPC': Ecumenical Prayer Cycle from the World Council of Churches (each Monday).

Bold Type: Principal Feasts, Holy Days, Festivals, Lesser Festivals and Commemorations from the Common Worship Lectionary.

Parish ministers are identified as follows:

C = Clergy, GFM = Growing Faith Minister, R = Reader, PA = Pastoral Assistant, Pio = Pioneer Minister, AM = Associate Minister, Evng = Evangelist, PTO = Permission to Officiate.

January

Thurs 1 Jan	Naming and Circumcision of Jesus (PF) <i>Seychelles (Indian Ocean)</i>
Fri 2 Jan	Basil the Great & Gregory of Nazianzus; Bishops, Teachers of the Faith, 379 & 389 Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah; Bishop, Evangelist, 1945 <i>Sheffield (England)</i>
Sat 3 Jan	<i>Shinyanga (Tanzania)</i>
Sun 4 Jan	Collect for Epiphany: O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. <i>The Church of the Province of Central Africa</i>
Mon 5 Jan	Diocese of Trichy Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese. EPC: Middle East <i>Upper Shire (Central Africa)</i>
Tues 6 Jan	Epiphany (PF) <i>Shyira (Rwanda)</i>

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Weds 7 Jan

City of Leicester Deanery

Area Dean: Liz Wilson, Assistant AD's: Adrian Jones, Rob Hinsley, Lay Chair: Les Mitchelmore

We give thanks for our faithful congregations and communities who share our faith in Jesus across the city. We pray for parishes in vacancy and the ongoing Minster Community process. Particularly for parishes that are feeling vulnerable and anxious during times of change.

Shyogwe (Rwanda)

Thurs 8 Jan

City of Leicester Deanery PTO Clergy: Stephen Foster, + Robert Freeman, Janet Gasper, Alan Hawker, Pete Hobson, Rajni Kaneria, Aphro McCullough, Barry Naylor, Barbara Neill, Alison Roche, Simon Stevens, Peter Taylor & Tom Wilson.

Sialkot (Pakistan)

Fri 9 Jan

The Martyrs, Leicester

Bertin Hermo, Josh Crick de Boom (C), Shayne Ardrone (R), Chris Freeman (R), David Shepherd (R), Michael Dampier (R), Shobha Gosa (Intercultural Pioneer Minister)

Please pray for us here at the Martyrs as we continue our work to shape and to grow an Intercultural and Intergenerational church community. Pray for new leaders to emerge from within our congregation, especially from a UKME heritage background.

Singapore (South East Asia)

Sat 10 Jan

William Laud; Archbishop, 1645

Sittwe (Myanmar)

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Sun 11 Jan Human Trafficking Awareness Day

Baptism of Christ (PF)

Collect for the Baptism of Christ:

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus
revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Anglican Church in Central America

Mon 12 Jan Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro

Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

Aelred; Abbot, 1167

Benedict Biscop; Scholar, 689

EPC: Iran, Iraq, Syria

Sodor and Man (England)

Tues 13 Jan Hilary; Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 367

Kentigern (Mungo); Missionary Bishop, 603

George Fox; Founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers), 1691

Sokoto (Nigeria)

Weds 14 Jan PTO & Retired Clergy Gathering

St Chad, Leicester

Martin Court, Clare King, Michal Kmet (C)

Pray for our plans to redevelop the Church building to make it of greater
use to the community and enable our mission

Central Solomons (Melanesia)

Thurs 15 Jan	<p>St Peter, Highfields and St Philip Leicester Jonathan Surridge (C), Caroline Brown (Deacon), Please pray for St Peter's that the building work may continue, and that we will grow new leaders from our diverse community, and for St Philip's that God will continue to faithfully provide and guide us. We pray for all who feel excluded from church at this moment, and for all in leadership that our actions may reflect the love of Jesus Christ in all we do.</p> <p><i>Soroti (Uganda)</i></p>
Fri 16 Jan	<p>St Denys, Evington Geraldine Moulden (R) Please pray for us as we continue in our time of vacancy, and as we seek to be God's Church and people in this area. We thank and pray for all those helping and supporting us at this time.</p> <p><i>Southwark (England)</i></p>
Sat 17 Jan	<p>Antony of Egypt; Hermit, Abbot, 356 <i>Southwell and Nottingham (England)</i></p>
Sun 18 Jan	<p>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: View details online.</p> <p>Collect for the Second Sunday of Epiphany: Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives, make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.</p> <p><i>The Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo</i></p>

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Mon 19 Jan **Diocese of Kiteto**
Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

Wulfstan; Bishop, 1095

EPC: Arabian Peninsula

The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain – (Extra Provincial)

Tues 20 Jan **Richard Rolle; Spiritual Writer, 1349**
Spokane (U.S.A)

Weds 21 Jan **Agnes; Child Martyr, 304**
Springfield (U.S.A)

Thurs 22 Jan **Vincent of Saragossa; Deacon, Martyr, 304**
Port Sudan (Sudan)

Fri 23 Jan **St Philip's Centre for Study & Engagement in a Multifaith Society:**
Tom Wilson & staff
Please pray for us as we help people across the city and county learn to live well together, through sharing samosas, facilitating visits to places of worship, developing religious literacy and helping people understand each other's perspectives and experiences.
Sul Occidental (Brasil)

Sat 24 Jan **Francis de Sales; Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 1622**
Sunyani (West Africa)

Sun 25 Jan **Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany:**
Almighty God,
whose Son revealed in signs and miracles
the wonder of your saving presence:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Anglican Church of Chile

Mon 26 Jan **Diocese of Wyoming**
Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

Conversion of Paul (PF)

EPC: Cyprus, Greece, Turkey

Sur (Chile)

Tues 27 Jan **Holocaust Memorial Day**

St Mary's & St Barnabas, Humberstone and Christchurch, Thurnby Lodge
Riffat Zamurad (C), Viv Froggatt (Lay Associate Minister), Evernice
Tirivanhu (Lay Associate Minister)
We welcome the beginning of a new phase in our Christian witness and
ministry under the guidance of Revd Riffat.
Please pray for fruitful relationship building in our congregations and
wider community - especially in our local schools and nursing homes.
From Riffat - There's a real sense of anticipation and warmth in the
benefice. People are eager to grow together in faith, and we look forward
to exciting new beginnings ahead.

Del Sureste (Mexico)

Weds 28 Jan **Thomas Aquinas; Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274**
Swansea and Brecon (Wales)

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Thurs 29 Jan	The Resurrection, Leicester Dr Vijay Kumar (C), Chrispal Anand (Reader) St Peter's, Belgrave CE Primary School We give thanks for the growing ministry at the Parish of the Resurrection, Leicester. Please pray for our new initiative through worship and social engagements, for deeper community connections, and for God's guidance as we share Christ's love across diverse cultures and generations. <i>Sydney (Australia)</i>
Fri 30 Jan	Charles; King, Martyr, 1649 <i>Tabora (Tanzania)</i>
Sat 31 Jan	John Bosco; Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888 <i>Te Pihopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau (Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)</i>

February

Sun 1 Feb

Collect for the Presentation of Christ in the Temple:

Almighty and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Church of England

Mon 2 Feb

[Race Equality Week - Race Equality Matters](#)

Diocese of Trichy

Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

Presentation of Christ in the Temple (PF)

EPC: North Africa

Te Pihopatanga o Te Tairawhiti (Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)

Tues 3 Feb

Anskar; Archbishop, Missionary, 865

Taita-Taveta (Kenya)

Weds 4 Feb

Gilbert; Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189

Taiwan (U.S.A)

Thurs 5 Feb

All Saints, Belgrave

Sunny George (C)

Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.

Tamale (West Africa)

Fri 6 Feb

Martyrs of Japan, 1597

Tanga (Tanzania)

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Sat 7 Feb

St Peter's, Belgrave

Anne Scott (Pio)

Please pray for deeper conversations at our Community Cupboard and at the school gate, which draw people closer to Jesus. And for God's blessing and presence within our services and gatherings so that people will know God's love for them.

Central Tanganyika (Tanzania)

Sun 8 Feb

Collect:

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth
and made us in your own image:
teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your likeness in all your children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Hong Kong Anglican Church

Mon 9 Feb

Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro

Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

EPC: Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City

South West Tanganyika (Tanzania)

Tues 10 Feb

Scholastica; Abbess, c.543

Western Tanganyika (Tanzania)

Weds 11 Feb

St Theodore of Canterbury

Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.

Tarime (Tanzania)

Thurs 12 Feb	All Saints, Scraptoft & Netherhall Martin Court. Michal Kmet (C), Give thanks especially for the younger people exploring their faith and joining us. <i>Tasmania</i> <i>(Australia)</i>
Fri 13 Feb	St Stephen, North Evington Irving Richards (C) Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community. <i>Taungoo (Melanesia)</i>
Sat 14 Feb	Cyril and Methodius; Missionaries, 869 & 885 Valentine; Martyr at Rome, c.269 <i>Temotu (Melanesia)</i>
Sun 15 Feb	Collect: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. <i>The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean</i>
Mon 16 Feb	Diocese of Kiteto Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese. EPC: Austria, Liechtenstein, Switzerland <i>Tennessee (U.S.A)</i>
Tues 17 Feb	Janani Luwum; Archbishop, Martyr, 1977 <i>East Tennessee (U.S.A)</i>

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Weds 18 Feb

Ash Wednesday (PF)

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

West Tennessee (U.S.A)

Thurs 19 Feb

Stocking Farm and Beaumont Leys

Rob Hinsley (C), Stuart Voce (C), Lizzy Smith (PA)

We ask for prayers for the continued work of the Food Hub at Christ the King and the plans to develop step-free access at St Luke's together with our work across the parish in our 9 primary schools.

Terekeka (South Sudan)

Fri 20 Feb

St Aidan

Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.

The Territory of the People (Canada)

Sat 21 Feb

St Mary de Castro

College of Priests

Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.

Tete (Mozambique and Angola)

Sun 22 Feb

Collect – First Sunday of Lent:

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;
and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Church of Ireland

Mon 23 Feb

Diocese of Wyoming

Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

Polycarp; Bishop, Martyr, c.155

EPC: France, Germany, Monaco

Texas (U.S.A)

Tues 24 Feb

Wyggestons and Trinity Almshouses

Sharon Andrews, Associate Priest

Grateful thanks to all who led and supported services during the interregnum. A new chaplain was licensed in September 2025. As a Christian Foundation, open to all faiths and none, pray that we will model living well together.

Northwest Texas (U.S.A)

Weds 25 Feb

Leicester, St Anne, St Paul & St Augustine

Liz Wilson (C), Sharon Andrews (C), Sharon Plant (C), Margaret Gillespie (R- PTO), Denis Walsh (R),

John Andrews (Lay Associate Minister)

We give thanks for the many and varied ways we are able to share Jesus' love within our local area, particularly our work with local schools and families. Please pray for our outdoor pioneering work and for the raising up of leaders for our Wonderful Walk, Litter Picking and Allotment communities.

West Texas (U.S.A)

Thurs 26 Feb

St Andrew, Jarrom Street, Leicester

Johannes Arens, Christopher Boyle, David Clark, Stephen Foster, David Jennings, Robin Martin, Barry Naylor (C), Anisha Silveira (Pastoral Assistant)

We are delighted that we managed to have our pipe organ properly refurbished and for the missional impetus this has.

We give thanks for our choristers, organ scholars and for our amazing team of professional musicians.

Thika (Kenya)

Fri 27 Feb

St. Margaret, The Abbey Benefice, Leicester

Nigel Rooms (C), Margaret Gillespie (R -PTO)

Pray for us and our neighbouring churches in the formation of our proposed Minster Community. We give thanks for the many visitors to our historic building and some new members that have joined us recently.

George Herbert; Priest, Poet, 1633

Thoothukudi – Nazareth (South India)

Sat 28 Feb

St Nicholas Church Leicester

Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.

Tirunelveli (South India)

March

Sun 1 March

Women's History Month

World Orphan Week

Collect:

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Anglican Episcopal Church in Japan

Mon 2 March

Diocese of Trichy

Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

Chad; Bishop, Missionary, 672

EPC: Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands

Toamasina (Province of the Indian Ocean)

Tues 3 March

Aylestone St Andrew with St James

Rowena Bass (C), Brenda Spencer (Lay Associate Minister), Pete Hobson & Barbara Neill (PTO)

We give thanks for the strong community in Aylestone, where the church can offer a space and solace for families affected by deep suffering.

We pray for the new Junior choir, and continuing rich links with the uniformed groups and schools.

Tohoku (Japan)

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Weds 4 March

St Christopher, Leicester

Chris Collins (C), Elaine Smith (Lay Associate Minister)
Samworth Enterprise Academy

'We have been encouraged by new people joining our church - an increasingly multicultural congregation has spurred us to invest in inter-cultural worship. Lack of volunteers with free time has meant a move away from programmatic activity and a move towards everyday discipleship'

Tokyo (Japan)

Thurs 5 March

St Hugh, Eyres Monsell and St James the Greater, Huncote

Andrew Lee (C)

We pray that both parishes will experience a 10% growth in the congregation next year and receive financial blessings and Spiritual Growth.

Toliara (Province of the Indian Ocean)

Fri 6 March

Holy Apostles, Leicester

Jenny Ridge, Nick Henwood (C), Ian Newcombe (Lay Associate Minister), Ashley Prince (PA - PTO)

We give thanks for the work of our small but dedicated children's and youth team. Pray that the Lord would continue to grow both the youth group and Sunday kids in number and depth of discipleship.

Tonj (South Sudan)

Sat 7 March

Perpetua, Felicity and Companions; Martyrs, 203

Torit (South Sudan)

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Sun 8 March **International Women's Day**

Collect:

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:
mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross,
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

Mon 9 March **Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro**
Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

EPC: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Ireland
Toronto (Canada)

Tues 10 March **Holy Trinity and St John the Divine, Leicester**
Elaine Sutherland, Jitesh Patel, Yemi Oladunjoye (C); Lois Young (Pio),
Anne Scott (Lay Associate Minister),
The new university students to the city joining us and for their community.
For our compassion ministry as numbers of homeless people in the city
increase.
For our evangelist Advent and Christmas events including our youth teams
schools outreach. For fruit in our church plants
Trichy-Tanjore (South India)

Weds 11 March **St James the Greater, Leicester**
Andrew Quigley (C), Angela Jagger (R-PTO), Victoria Roe (PA), Sheila
Roberts (Lay Associate Minister), Michael Rule (Lay Associate Minister)
Please pray for our ongoing Choral project, particularly the new Small
Sounds initiative. Also for financial challenges and the life of the
church community after the deaths of a number of significant members.

Trinidad and Tobago (Province of the West Indies)

Thurs 12 March	<p>St John the Baptist, Clarendon Park Sami Lindsey, Jon Tearne, Ali Simpson-Smith (C), Scott Else (Lay Associate Minister), Shirley Parsons (Lay Associate Minister) St John the Baptist CE Primary School Pray for our ongoing journey as a Resourcing Church. We are exploring two new planting / revitalisation opportunities and seeking to run the Catalyst lay planter training pathway for the second time. Additionally, we are relaunching small groups as discipleship groups.</p> <p><i>Truro (England)</i></p>
Fri 13 March	<p>Church of the Nativity (LEP) Ivan Bennett (C) Our praise and thanks to God for the increase in membership and young people attending church. We thank God for the diversity of the church and the users of our hall. Especially our scout group and dance group.</p> <p><i>Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe (Ireland)</i></p>
Sat 14 March	<p><i>Twik East (South Sudan)</i></p>
Sun 15 March	<p>Collect: Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.</p> <p><i>The Anglican Church of Kenya</i></p>
Mon 16 March	<p>Diocese of Kiteto Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.</p> <p>EPC: Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, Greenland</p> <p><i>Udi (Nigeria)</i></p>

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Tues 17 March	Patrick; Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460 <i>Northern Uganda (Uganda)</i>
Weds 18 March	Cyril; Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 386 <i>Ughelli (Nigeria)</i>
Thurs 19 March	Joseph of Nazareth (PF) <i>Ukwa (Nigeria)</i>
Fri 20 March	Cuthbert; Bishop, Missionary, 687 <i>Umuahia (Nigeria)</i>
Sat 21 March	International day for the elimination of racial discrimination Thomas Cranmer; Archbishop, Reformation Martyr, 1556 <i>Te Pihopatanga o Te Upoko o Te Ika (Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)</i>
Sun 22 March	Collect for Mothering Sunday: God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. <i>The Anglican Church of Korea</i>
Mon 23 March	Diocese of Wyoming Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese. EPC: Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania <i>Uruguay (South America)</i>

Tues 24 March **Walter Hilton; Mystic, 1396**
Paul Couturier; Priest, Ecumenist, 1953
Oscar Romero; Archbishop, Martyr, 1980

Utah (U.S.A)

Weds 25 March [International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade](#)

Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary (PF)

Installation of Dame Sarah Mullally as the next Archbishop of Canterbury

Uyo (Nigeria)

Thurs 26 March **Harriet Monsell; Founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883**

Valparaiso (Chile)

Fri 27 March **Knighton (St Mary Magdalen and St Guthlac)**

Adrian Jones, Cecilia Adjadje, Aphro McCullough, Janet Gasper, Alison Roche (C), Fiona Wingate (R)

Please give thanks for new people in both our congregations, for increasing diversity and for a positive approach to forming our new Minster Community. Pray that we will all recognise how to use our strengths, frailties and gifts, to support our church life together.

Vanuatu (Melanesia)

Sat 28 March **St Peter, Braunstone Park**
Nigel Rostock(C),

Pray for our reflective evening service, that God will continue to increase our number, and guide our worship. That we will continue to honour

God with sound doctrine, biblical teaching, a deepening of discipleship, and an increase of the Kingdom.

Vellore (South India)

Sun 29 March

Collect for Palm Sunday:

Almighty and everlasting God,
who in your tender love towards the human race
sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to take upon him our flesh
and to suffer death upon the cross:
grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility,
and also be made partakers of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Mon 30 March

Holy Week

Diocese of Trichy

Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

EPC: Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia

The Diocese of Venezuela – The Episcopal Church

**Tuesday 31
March**

The Conventional District of Hamilton, Leicester

Hamilton CE Primary School

Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.

Vermont (U.S.A)

April

Weds 1 April

The Cathedral Parish of St Martins

Karen Rooms, Alison Adams, Sarah Gill, Emma Davies (C), Marian Khandi (PA)

We seek God's grace and wisdom as we engage in our calling to offer Worship, Welcome and Witness in the public square. Pray for us as we focus on 'Access' in 2026 and grow as an intercultural community.

Victoria Nyanza (Tanzania)

Thurs 2 April

World Autism awareness day

Maundy Thursday (PF)

God our Father,

you have invited us to share in the supper
which your Son gave to his Church
to proclaim his death until he comes:
may he nourish us by his presence,
and unite us in his love;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Virgin Islands (U.S.A)

Fri 3 April

Good Friday (PF)

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed
and given up into the hands of sinners
and to suffer death upon the cross;
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Virginia (U.S.A)

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Sat 4 April

Easter Eve

In the depths of our isolation
we cry to you, Lord God:
give light to our darkness
and bring us out of the prison of our despair;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Southern Virginia (U.S.A)

Sun 5 April

Easter Day (PF)

Collect for Easter Day:

Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

The Anglican Church of Mexico

Mon 6 April

Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro

Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

EPC: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro,
North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia

Southwestern Virginia (U.S.A)

Tues 7 April

World Health Day

Deanery of Framland

Area Dean: John Barr; Lay Chair: Jo de Graaf

Please pray for all those across our deanery at this time of change and challenge. Please pray for blessings to abound through working together for God's Kingdom in faith, hope and love.

Framland Deanery PTO Clergy: Mary A'herne-Smith, Sue Bradley, Trevor Kirkman & Graham Spencer.

West Virginia (U.S.A)

Weds 8 April

The East Vale of Belvoir Parishes of Barkestone-le-Vale, Bottesford, Muston, Plungar, and Redmile

Monica Judson (C - GFM), Mike Chaldecott (C) John Bartlett (Lay Associate Minister), Lisa Smith (R)

Bottesford & Redmile CE Primary Schools

Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.

Wad Medani (Sudan)

Thurs 9 April

The Parishes of Ab Kettleby, Asfordby, Grimston, Holwell, Saxelby with Shoby, Six Hills & Wartnaby

Lorna Wright (R), Roger Tucker (R), Paul Ainge (R) Fiona Brant (Lay Associate Minister)

Please pray for us as we take first steps in the Minster process and work to maintain worship in all our churches while we are without clergy. We thank God for those who visit us to celebrate the Eucharist. We are also grateful that we can continue to maintain our links with the local communities and our three primary schools.

Waiapu (Aotearoa, New Zealand, Polynesia)

Fri 10 April

The West Vale of Belvoir Parishes of Harby, Hose, Long Clawson, Nether Broughton, Old Dalby and Stathern

Simon Shouler, Paul Towns, Mary A'Herne-Smith PTO, (C), Melanie Oldershaw (Lay Associate Minister),

Harby, Hose, Long Clawson, Old Dalby CE Primary Schools

Pray for our parishes as they are being pulled in different directions by the Minster formation project. Whether we stay together or separate, we pray that our God will go with us. Stathern gives thanks for huge repairs to its chancel and tower, Clawson for its gas fired underfloor heating, Harby for its beer festival, all placing the church and its people at the heart of its community.

Waikato and Taranaki (Aotearoa, New Zealand, Polynesia)

Sat 11 April

The South Croxton Benefice and the Burrough Hill Benefice

Jane Walker (C) n The Burrough Hill Benefice.

We give thanks for the support of our local communities, new PCC forming in Little Dalby along with regular coffee mornings for the church inspiring new ways of being church. Burrough, Somerby and Pickwell hosting events and growing relationships and Great Dalby's Allcomers Service growing with children. we pray with the help of God.

Te Pihopatanga o Te Waipounamu (Aotearoa, New Zealand, Polynesia)

Sun 12 April

Collect:

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our sins
and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness
that we may always serve you
in pureness of living and truth;
through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola

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Mon 13 April

Diocese of Kiteto

Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

EPC: Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

Wandi (South Sudan)

Tues 14 April

The Benefice of South Framland

Jean Lee (Lay Associate Minister)

Wymondham CE Primary School

We give thanks that we are working together at a time of change, encouraging and supporting each other. We ask for prayers: that our unity will remain strong; and also for the children of our schools and the staff who work with them.

Wangaratta (Australia)

Weds 15 April

The High Framland Parishes Croxton Kerrial CE Primary School,
Barbara Guntrip (Lay Associate Minister)

Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.

Wanglei (South Sudan)

Thurs 16 April

Isabella Gilmore; Deaconess, 1923

Wanyjok (South Sudan)

Fri 17 April

Melton Mowbray Team Parish

Mary Barr (C Team Rector) Janet King (LLM), Carol Parker (Pio), Linda Pearson (R), Lorraine Simmonds (PA).

St Mary's CE Primary School

Please pray for the Lord's continued blessing on each of the churches and their communities in our Team Parish: St Mary, Melton Mowbray. St Mary the Virgin, Thorpe Arnold. Gathering & Travelling Fresh Expression Church; .St James, Burton Lazars. St Bartholomew, Welby. St Leonard, Sysonby. St Mary, Freeby.

Warri (Nigeria)

Sat 18 April

The Upper Wreake Benefice

David Harknett (C), Malcolm Britton (R-PTO) Frisby-on-the-Wreake CE Primary School

"Present everyone mature in Christ." (Col 1:28) May all our activity, outreach, worship, schools work, loving-service, silence, wrestling, conflict, reconciliation, eating, drinking, laughing, crying, proclamation, toil, struggle & intercession combine to form people into Christ's likeness - within & without the church!

Washington (U.S.A)

Sun 19 April

Collect:

Almighty Father,
who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples
with the sight of the risen Lord:
give us such knowledge of his presence with us,
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
and serve you continually in righteousness and truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Church of the Province of Myanmar

Mon 20 April

Diocese of Wyoming

Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

EPC: Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine

Wau (South Sudan)

Tues 21 April

Anselm; Abbot, Archbishop, Teacher of the Faith, 1109

Wellington (Aotearoa, New Zealand, Polynesia)

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Weds 22 April

Ironstone Villages

John Barr (C), Sue Bradley (C - PTO), Mike Alexander (Lay Associate Minister), Christine Alexander (Lay Associate Minister)
Scalford and Waltham CE Primary Schools

We give thanks for our community/outreach providers- youth club, baby/toddler groups, cafes, meals and hospitality across our churches. We are thankful for progress in several church building works. Please pray for those undertaking Alpha and for other discipleship opportunities.
Wernyol (South Sudan)

Thurs 23 April

George; Martyr, Patron of England, c.304 (PF)

Wiawso (West Africa)

Fri 24 April

Mellitus; Bishop, 624

Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 2003

Willochra (Australia)

Sat 25 April

Mark the Evangelist (PF)

Winchester (England)

Sun 26 April

Collect:

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Church of Nigeria

Mon 27 April

Diocese of Trichy

Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

EPC: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

Christina Rossetti; Poet, 1894

Windward Islands (West Indies)

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Tues 28 April	Peter Chanel; Missionary, Martyr, 1841	<i>Wondurba (South Sudan)</i>
Weds 29 April	Catherine of Siena; Teacher of the Faith, 1380	<i>Worcester (England)</i>
Thurs 30 April	Pandita Mary Ramabai; Translator, 1922	<i>Wulu (South Sudan)</i>