



Diocese of Bristol

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

January – March 2009

Foreword

From the Bishop of Bristol

The lifeblood of our relationship with God is prayer. Prayer renews our lives, our relationship with Christ and our relationships with others. We have got to keep it flowing.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer is the kind of 'pump' that keeps prayer flowing in our lives. It helps us make prayer the daily practice so many of us desire it to be. More than that, it broadens and lengthens our horizons as we look to the needs of others in and beyond the Church. In that way, it not only feeds our hearts, it grows them.

We are grateful to John Bradley and Colin Lunt for their work in compiling this invaluable resource.

One of the results that the Diocesan Growth Programme looks to achieve is a growth in commitment to God. Prayer not only brings about a growth in commitment but is also a sign of such growth. It is a cause and sign of love for God and others. As followers of Jesus Christ, we cannot afford to ignore our prayer lives. I hope that the Cycle of Prayer will be used widely to prompt personal and corporate prayer in the Diocese in 2009.

+Mike, November 2008

The Porvoo Prayer Calendar

Introduction

The Porvoo Declaration commits the churches which have signed it 'to share a common life' and 'to pray for and with one another'. An important way of doing this is to pray through the year for the Porvoo churches and their Dioceses.

Those using the calendar are invited to choose one day each week on which they will pray for the Porvoo churches. It is hoped that individuals and parishes, cathedrals and religious orders will make use of the Calendar in their own cycle of prayer week by week.

In addition to the churches which have approved the Porvoo Declaration, we continue to pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia and the Church of Denmark. Observers from both churches attend all the meetings held under the Agreement.

The Calendar may be freely copied or emailed for wider circulation. It is also available, together with much other information on Porvoo, on the website www.porvoochurches.org

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Canon Charles Hill, *Anglican Co-Secretary of the Porvoo Contact Group.*

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Notes

The prayers at the beginning of each month have been chosen from the prayers at the end of the Psalms in Common Worship: Daily Prayer.

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer We pray for each diocese and its bishop as listed in www.anglicancommunion.org To the best of my knowledge the information is up-to-date as in November 2008.

The Porvoo Declaration of 1996 commits the churches which have signed it 'to pray for and with one another'. Because of the new formula described above the linked dioceses for the week are now listed each Sunday. Leaders of intercessions should be aware that they can be used on any day of the week, not necessarily on the Sunday. A fuller prayer diary is available on the website: www.porvoochurches.org

Some abbreviations: AM: Associate Minister; C: Curate; LM: Lay Minister (Formerly Reader), OLM: Ordained Local Minister; PiC: Priest in Charge; PM: Partnership Minister; PP: Partnership Priest; R: Rector, SSM Self-supporting Minister, TR: Team Rector; TV: Team Vicar.

Special thanks are due to Colin Lunt, who will once again be preparing this compilation for the diocesan website.

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January

May your kingdom come, O God,
with deliverance for the needy,
with peace for the righteous,
with overflowing blessing for all nations,
with glory, honour and praise
for Christ, the only Saviour

1 Th NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS

Liberia (*West Africa*) Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart

St Luke with Christ Church, Barton Hill & St Matthew, Moorfields

Deborah Frazer (PiC); Celia Jones (C); Wendy Gardiner (LM)

Please pray for the Amen Project that St. Luke's is beginning with our Somalian neighbours in Barton Hill. Please pray for the Crypt project and the work we do with young people in the area. Please pray that we become 'the spiritual heart in and for the community.'

2 F Basil the Great & Gregory of Nazianzus, Bps, Teachers

Lichfield (*Canterbury*) Jonathan Michael Gledhill

Shrewsbury (*Lichfield*) Alan Gregory Clayton Smith

Stafford (*Lichfield*) Alfred Gordon Mursell

Wolverhampton (*Lichfield*) Clive Gregory

Benefice of Bishopston and St Andrews

Peter Bailey (TR); Christine Burbridge (LM); Richard Burbridge (TV); Beverley Charles (LM); Kim Curle (Evangelist); Alan Dowsett (Retired Priest); Michael Hillman (LM); Wendy Hopkins (LM); Anne Iles (LM); Veronica Lee (AM); Glenys Mills (Retired Priest); Colin Nicholls (Reader Emeritus); Tim Overton (LM); David Trist (LM); Steve Truscott (OLM); John Ware (Retired Priest)

We are entering a period of change with the reduction from 3 to 2 paid staff. In addition Peter Bailey is retiring at the end of June. Pray for the appointment of the right woman or man as Team Rector, who will encourage and continue to grow our local ministry teams.

- 3 Sa Limerick & Killaloe** (*Dublin*) Trevor Williams
Bishopston St Michael and All Angels (see 2nd)
- 4 S CHRISTMAS 2 (or Epiphany)**
Lincoln (*Canterbury*) John Charles Saxbee
Grantham (*Lincoln*) Timothy William Ellis
Grimsby (*Lincoln*) David Douglas James Rossdale
The Bishop of Bristol: Michael Hill
Please pray for: an easy transition into the new See House in Winterbourne for his family and the workings of the office; That God would use his leadership in the Diocese for the sake of the Kingdom.
Porvoo: The Diocese of Tampere, Finland, and the Diocese of Manchester, England.
- 5 M Litoral Ecuador** (*Province of USA*) Alfredo Morante
Bishopston Church of the Good Shepherd (see 2nd)
- 6 T THE EPIPHANY**
Liverpool (*York*) James Stuart Jones
Warrington (*Liverpool*)
Bishopston St Bartholomew (see 2nd)
- 7 W Llandaff** (*Wales*) Barry Cenydd Morgan (Abp of Wales)
Suffragan: David Yeoman
City of Bristol St Stephen
Tim Higgins (PiC); Elizabeth Kesteven (C)
Give thanks for the team at St Stephen's and the ministry among the arts with Geoff Hall. Pray for discernment in encouraging new work with courses: especially the Work and Spirit programme. Hold before God the new pattern of Sunday morning worship, Critical Mass, the role of the Café and the nurture of music in worship and community building.
- 8 Th Lokoja** (*Nigeria*) Emmanuel Sokowamju Egbunu
Bristol Christ Church with St George
We give thanks that we are able to continue to offer traditional worship with fine music.
- 9 F London** (*Canterbury*) John Carew Chartres
Edmonton (*London*) Peter William Wheatley
Fulham (*London*) John Charles Broadhurst
Kensington (*London*) Michael Colclough
Stepney (*London*) Stephen Oliver
Willesden (*London*) Peter Allan Broadbent
Bristol St Philip and St Jacob with Emmanuel
Malcolm Widdecombe (V); Lay Ministers: P.Wilson, L. Carr, D. Matthews, S. McKay, C. Perkins, S. Sharples, A. Bright, R. Hook
- 10 Sa William Laud, Abp Canterbury, 1645**
Long Island (*USA*) Rodney Rae Michel
Bristol St Matthew and St Nathanael

Mat Ineson (PiC); Edward Davies (Partnership Priest); Emma Ineson (Assistant Priest); Joyce Caithness (OLM - Training); Lay Ministers: Catherine Hammond, David Thyer, Richard Pendlebury, Martin Stanisstree

Give thanks for Growth through God's grace and for the people of God in this community. Pray that in this time of transition the leadership, lay and ordained, would know God's wisdom and leading for St Matthew's and would lead diligently, with courage and care. Pray that the Spirit of God would continue to inspire the whole congregation towards living whole lives as disciples of Christ.

11 S THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST (EPIPHANY 1)

Los Angeles (USA) Joseph Jon Bruno; *Suffragan:* Chester L Talton
City Deanery

Debbie Frazer (Area Dean); James Wilson (Assistant Area Dean); Gerry. Nichols (Lay Chair); Bruce McKay (Assistant Lay Chair)

Pray for growth in the new partnerships that there may be a healthy balance between the lives of the component communities and activities that build a wider community.

Pray for members of Deanery Synod that they may have a vision and call from God to learn and communicate how God is working in and between our communities, to enthuse (!) and to mobilise people and resources.

Porvoo: The Diocese of Birmingham , England, and the Diocese of Cork Cloyne and Ross, Ireland

12 M Aelred of Hexham, Abbot, 1167
Louisiana (USA) Charles Edward Jenkins

St Saviour with St Mary, Cotham

Paul Roberts (V); Edward Davis (PP); Jennifer Cooper (C); Derek Jay (LM); Tracey Pool (LM); Robert Dimpleby (LM)

13 T Hilary, Bp, Teacher, 367
Luapula (Central Africa) Robert Mumbi

Clifton St Paul

Paul Roberts (V); Edward Davis (PP); Jennifer Cooper (C); Derek Jay (LM); Tracey Pool (LM); Robert Dimpleby (LM)

Bishop's Staff

14 W Lucknow (North India) Anil R Stephen
Bristol St Aidan with St George

Keith Thomasson (PP); Susan Allman (PP); Michael Selman (PP); André Urbanczyk (PP)

Advisory group on Ministry of Healing

15 Th Lui (Sudan) Bullen A Dolli
Bristol St Paul (St Agnes)

Paul Bartle-Jenkins (PiC)

Please pray for the Inner City Partnership of Churches (St Lukes Barton Hill - Deborah Frazer and Celia Jones, St Anne's - Jane Hayward, ECFC - Philip Nott, St Paul's - Paul Bartle-Jenkins) as we prepare for changes this year when Celia will leave in June and Paul in July.

Diocesan Advisory Committee

16 F Lusaka (Central Africa) David Njovu
Bristol St Ambrose

David James (V); Keith Thomasson (PP); Susan Allman (PP); Michael Selman (PP); André Urbanczyk (PP); John Goodridge (C); Trevor Denley (OLM)

17 Sa Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356
Luwero (Uganda) Evans Mukasa Kisekka
Bristol, St Leonard

David James (V); Keith Thomasson (PP); Susan Allman (PP); Michael Selman (PP); André Urbanczyk (PP); John Goodridge (C); Trevor Denley (OLM)

18 S EPIPHANY 2

Lweru (*Tanzania*) Jackton Yeremiah Lugumira

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Chris Dobson, Ecumenical Officer

Reconcile your people. Ezekiel 37:15-28: God spoke to the Prophet Ezekiel and said "they shall be one in my hand... They will be my people and I shall be their God".

And so we pray:

We pray to you for the unity of all Christians

According to your will,

According to your means,

May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division;

To see our sin and to hope beyond all hope.

God, you alone are our hope ;

You alone are our hope

In the Bristol area pray for the review of Christians Together in Greater Bristol, and for a new vision to emerge.

Porvoo: The Diocese of Bangor, Wales, and the Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough, Ireland.

19 M Wulfstan, Bp, 1095

Machatos (*Kenya*) Joseph Mutie Kanuku

Easton All Hallows

Richard Hoyal (PiC); Roger Durbin (Hon Asst P) Jessica Smith (LM)

Please pray for growth in our community outreach and service, and for development of our ability to meet the needs of growing numbers of children at church.

20 T *Richard Rolle, Spiritual Writer, 1349*

Madhya Kerala (*South India*) Thomas Samuel

Easton Christian Family Centre

Philip J Nott, (PiC); David Moore (AM); Mrs Hilary Howard (LM)

Please pray for us as we pursue our Mission Priorities of reaching out to People of every creed, class, and culture in our parish, reflecting God's care for the Planet, and combating Poverty both in Easton and overseas. We do this in conjunction with the PCC, members of the Congregation, staff and volunteers at Easton Families Project, our cohort of Trinity Students, and Prayer for Easton an local ecumenical prayer initiative, and in Partnership with Urban Vision, A Rocha, Crisis Centre Ministries, and Tearfund.

21 W Agnes, Child Martyr, 304

Madi & West Nile (*Uganda*) Enock Lee Drati

Eastville St Anne with St Mark and St Thomas

Jane Hayward (V)

22 Th *Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, Martyr, 304*

Madurai-Ramnad (*South India*) Christopher Asir

East Bristol Partnership Mark Gartside-coordinator.

Those on the EGP course-Chris, Ian, Mandy and Mark.

Those exploring vocation to ordained ministry: Ian, Chris, Marc, Katie, Nicola.

Those who chair the steering group-Pete Flook and Jim Donaldson.

Those building teams to work across the parishes-children's creative worship: Sharon, Charmaine, Catherine, John, Diane, Keith.

Those preparing for the Holiday Bible Week, especially Diane Simms.

Those who run the Fishponds Community Music School: Keith Thomasson, Diane Simms, Mandy Smallldridge.

Parish lead musicians: Elisa Lavis (All Saints), David Wheatley (S John's), John Anson (S Mary's)

PCC Lay Chairs Richard Hutton (SJohns) Audrey Anson (S Mary's), Jim Donaldson (S Aidans)

Music For Toddlers at S Marys and the leaders-Vicky, Marg, John, Audrey.

Tinty Tots at All Saints and leaders-John, Mike, Cynthia and Sue.

Home group leaders: Mark, Diane, Ian and Sarah.

Liturgy Committee

23 F Mahajanga (Indian Ocean) Jean-Claude Andrianjafimanana
Fishponds All Saints see 22nd

24 Sa Francis de Sales, Bp, Teacher, 1622
Maiduguri (Nigeria) Emmanuel Kana Mani
Fishponds St John see 22nd

25 S THE CONVERSION OF PAUL

Maine (USA) Stephen Taylor Lane

Archdeacon of Bristol: Tim McClure

* for a growing awareness of the Church as a movement, rather than an institution

* for continuing commitment to sacrifice and risk for the sake of the Good News

* for those who find challenge and change difficult to deal with

Porvoo: The Diocese of Worcester, England, and the Diocese of Hamar, Norway.

26 M Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul
Makamba (Burundi) Martin Blaise Nyaboho
Fishponds St Mary see 22nd

27 T Makurdi (Nigeria) Nathan Nyitar Inyom
Horfield St Gregory

James Wilson (PiC); Alan Good (Associate Priest)

Your prayers are asked for the clergy, for churchwardens Tom Odlin and

Malcolm Cross, and for the 1 to 3's sing along service and its leader Sue Griffiths.

28 W Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher, 1274
Malaita (Melanesia) Sam Sahu ; *Assistant Bishop: Alfred Hou*
Horfield Holy Trinity with St Edmund

Clergy: John Hadley, Patrick Hine, John Ware. LM: Brian Blancharde

For your prayers: In June Hilary Blancharde is to be ordained deacon (SSM); in

February Helen Hinksman will be licensed as a lay minister, with Simon Perkins

following in 2010. We hope to have a parish conference, a month of guided prayer, and

a parish mission within the next two years.

29 Th Malakal (Sudan) Hilary Garang
Lockleaze St Mary Magdalene with St Francis

Joe Hasler (V). Janet Marker (C)(SSM) Elaine Mills (C)(OLM) Sandra Truman
(Administrator)

Please pray for our Parish, and the congregation, as we endeavour to find new ways of responding to God working in this community.

For the continued emergence of a Local Ministry Initiative in this Parish. For Janet Marker as she seeks a fresh expression of ministry from her home.

For Elaine Mills: learning ministry in this parish alongside other members of the congregation.

For Sandra Truman exploring the practise of becoming a Parish Administrator.

For the members of the lay support teams in 'Ministry and pastoral care' and 'Administration'.

We pray that together we may test an approach to delivering ministry here; one that will be culturally appropriate to this community.

30 F Charles, King and Martyr, 1649

Manchester (*York*) Nigel McCulloch

Bolton (*Manchester*) Christopher Paul Edmondson

Hulme (*Manchester*) Stephen Richard Lowe

Middleton (*Manchester*) Mark Davies

Southmead St Stephen

John Hall (V)

Please pray for the Parish Partnership involving Filton, Horfield, Lockleaze and Southmead; the Southmead Churches Group, with a possible mission in Southmead in 2009; and St Stephen's Community Project, Administrator: Mrs Caroline Smith (Because of this partnership Southmead will from now on be included with the City Deanery - Ed.)

31 Sa *John Bosco, Priest, Founder of Teaching Order, 1888*

Mandalay (*Myanmar*) Saw Noel Nay Lin

Assistant Bishop: Aung Khin Thein

Redland Parish Church

Rod Symmons (PiC); Anika Parker (Youth Minister); Mars Goodman (C - on maternity leave until summer 2009); Ali Rowlands (OLM); David Mitchell (Lay Pastor)

Our vision is to be a church where people feel increasingly supported as Christians in every area of their lives, which is seen as relevant and credible by the community it serves and which is growing in both faith and numbers. Please pray that the initiatives that are planned for this New Year will enable us to move closer to being this kind of church

February

O Lord of hosts,

purify our hearts

that the King of glory may come in,

your Son, Jesus our redeemer

1 S EPIPHANY 4 (or THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE)

Manicaland (*Central Africa - Zimbabwe*) vacant

Bristol Cathedral

Robert Grimley (Dean) Residentiary Canons: Douglas Holt, Timothy Higgins, Wendy Wilby and Andrew Tremlett

Pray for the process of appointing a Dean in succession to Robert Grimley, and for all those from the Church and the wider community who will be involved in the consultations about the Cathedral and City's needs and opportunities. Pray, too, for the Cathedral's continuing work of touching the hearts of those who visit, as it seeks to create a community of wholeness for the City, with Christ at its centre.

Porvoo; The Diocese of Bradford, England, and the Diocese of Limerick and Killaloe, Ireland

2 M THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas)

Mara (*Tanzania*) Hilkiyah Omindo Deya

Stapleton Holy Trinity

S Pullin (PiC); Lay Ministers: M Graham, S Pullin, V Robertson, K Davison

3 T Anskar, Abp & Missionary, 865

Marathwada (*North India*) A. K. Pradhan

Two Mile Hill St Michael

Keith Thomasson (PP); Susan Allman (PP); André Urbanczyk (PP); J Goodridge (C), T Denley (OLM)

Please pray for the "Where are we Going" plan as we explore and discern the way forward for our parish in terms of growth and mission. We also pray for the wider community of the parish and for our involvement in the East Bristol Partnership of Churches

Strategy Group

4 W *Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of Gilbertine Order, 1189*

Maridi (*Sudan*) Justin Badi Arama

Box Thomas-à-Becket

Janet Anderson-MacKenzie (PiC); John Ayers (Hon. C); Phil Daniels (LM)

Janet Anderson-Mackenzie and Phil Daniels are helping implement the church growth plan: Prayer, Breakfasts, Children's work and adult home groups and learning. Please pray for God's guidance in growth.

Bristol Uganda Link Committee

5 Th **Maryland** (*USA*) Eugene Taylor Sutton

Ditteridge St Christopher

John Ayers is encouraging growth through involvement e.g. through leading intercessions

Mission and Ministry Development Committee

6 F *The Martyrs of Japan*

The Accession of Queen Elizabeth II

Masasi (*Tanzania*) **Patrick** Mwachiko

The Benefice of By Brook

Ann Ashcroft (TR), Val Plumb (TV), Geoffrey Woods (Associate Minister); Mike King (LM), Alison Flint (LM)

7 Sa **Maseno North** (*Kenya*) Simon Mutingole Oketch

Yatton Keynell St Margaret

We give thanks for the place our church holds in our village's life. We pray for an expansion of that partnership as part of God's work.

8 S **THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

Maseno South (*Kenya*) Franci Mway Abiero

General Synod

Pray for courtesy and mutual respect in debating controversial issues; for responsiveness to the guiding of the Holy Spirit.

Porvoo: The Diocese of Peterborough, England, and the Diocese of Meath and Kildare, Ireland.

9 M **Maseno West** (*Kenya*) Joseph Otieno Wasonga

Biddestone St Nicholas

We give thanks for the growth of the Edward Bear Club. We pray for the success of the new initiatives of Sunday specials for families, the After School Club and YOBs (our youth group). We also thank God for the ministry of the lay people of the church.

General Synod meets till 13th

10 T *Scholastica, Sister of Benedict, Abbess, 543*

Masindi-Kitara (*Uganda*) Stanley Ntagali

Slaughterford St Nicholas

We give thanks for the ongoing success of our rural services and for the great blessing our Taizé services have brought us particularly in attracting the non-churchgoer. We ask for God's blessing as we go forward into the future, thanking him for the support of the villagers in the life of this tiny church..

11 W **Massachusetts** (*USA*) Thomas Shaw

Suffragan - Gayle Harris ; *Suffragan* - Bud Cederholm

Castle Combe St Andrew

We pray for our ministry to visitors and tourists and our Edward Bear Club. We pray for Val in her responsibility for St Andrew's church and Castle Combe.

- 12 Th Masvingo** (*Central Africa*) Godfrey Taonezvi
Grittleton St Mary the Virgin with Leigh Delamere
We give thanks for our excellent choir and for the popularity they give to our Evensong services. We look forward for fresh possibilities for growth.
Cursillo in the Bristol Diocese.
Please pray for our "Three Day Weekend" from 12th to 15th February at Nympsfield, Gloucestershire. This is an opportunity for people to take time out with God to be renewed in their faith. Give thanks for the team that has come together to lead it, for the participants who have signed up, and ask for God's blessing on all who attend.
- 13 F Matabeleland** (*Central Africa*) Wilson Sitshebo
West Kington St Mary the Virgin
We pray for the Family Specials and look forward to having our children and young people play a greater part in the life of the church
- 14 Sa Cyril & Methodius, Missionaries, 869 & 885**
Matana (*Burundi*) Abp Bernard Ntaholturi
Nettleton St Mary
We give thanks for the stability now evident in our church. We pray that our new services will increase our influence in our villages of Burton and Nettleton.
- 15 S SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
Matiosane (formerly Kerksdorp)(*South Africa*) Stephen Molopi Diseko
Chippenham Deanery
Simon Tyndall (Area Dean); Aurea Hart (Lay Chair)
Please pray for deanery meetings that can stimulate the mission of the church; our plans for Back To Church Sunday and for the growing together of our Deanery Ministry Team. Also, that following the Lambeth 'blip', the Chippenham-Mukono link would be able to resume with visits - and pray for Bishop Paul Kizito and our Ugandan friends.
Porvoo: The Diocese of Canterbury, England, and the Diocese of Karlstad, Sweden
- 16 M Mauritius** (*Indian Ocean*) Abp Ian Ernest
Littleton Drew All Saints
Our small church in our small village gives thanks to God for what is happening in our monthly services. We pray for additional numbers at our friendly services.
- 17 T Janani Luwum, Abp of Uganda, Martyr, 1977**
Mbaise (*Nigeria*) Bright Joseph Egemasi Ogu
Chippenham St Andrew
St Andrew Chippenham: Simon Tatton-Brown (V); Alison Love (LM); Eryl Spencer (LM); Clive Carey (LM); Malcolm Hodges (LM emeritus).
Town Centre congregation serving south Chippenham. Pray for us as we plan for the future and develop our strategy for mission and growth, fostering our links with community partners, drawing in younger families, reviewing the use of our people, buildings and resources; and for Alison Love as she trains for ordained ministry.
Bishop's Staff
- 18 W Mbale** (*Uganda*) Samwiri Namakhetsa Khaemba Wabulakha
Tytherton Lucas St Nicholas
Simon Tatton-Brown (V); Alison Love (LM); Eryl Spencer (LM); Clive Carey (LM); Malcolm Hodges (LM emeritus).
Give thanks for those who sustain weekly worship in a small village where the church is the only focus for the local community, and pray for God's blessing on our plans for a Garden of Remembrance in our churchyard.
- 19 Th Mbeere** (*Kenya*) Gideon Grishon Ileri

North Chippenham Group of Churches

Simon Tyndall (TR); Mike Watkins (licensing due 6.1.9) (TV); Dave Kilmister (OLM) & Sam Rushton (Associate Minister); Lay Ministers: Steve Cooper, Karin Needham, Ron Pool, Karen Rudge, Peter Rushton, Pam Tayler, Barbara Wood, John Woodward, Tim Woodward

Diocesan Advisory Committee

20 F Meath & Kildare (*Dublin*) Richard Lionel Clarke

Chippenham St Paul

We ask for prayer as we continue to develop our leadership team - and for our mission to the local community aimed both at older people and the young. Please pray for the RISE Trust & the Children's Centre at St Paul's Primary School.

21 Sa Medak (*South India*) Badda Peter Sugandhar

Langley Burrell St Peter

As with many churches on the edge of small, rural communities we pray for vision for what God wants us to do and be at this time and for people to make the journey with us and for those who take responsibility for the life and witness of our church family.

22 S SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Melbourne (*Australia*) Abp Philip Leslie Freier

Eastern Region (*Melbourne*) Stephen John Hale

Northern Region (*Melbourne*) Philip James Huggins

Southern Region (*Melbourne*) John Warwick Wilson

Western Region (*Melbourne*) Paul White

Bishop Lee

I would appreciate prayer for my own discipleship and for my energy as a bishop to be focussed on the things that matter to God. The latter phrase was one which struck me powerfully at last year's Leadership Summit and I am conscious how easy it is to become detached from that focus. Pray for our office in Swindon, that we would have integrity in holding organisational responsibilities together with Kingdom priorities and values.

In the wider Church I am often asked to comment or be involved in issues related to science, medicine and technology, sometimes on the national stage. Working with the media is important but can be time consuming and frustrating. Please pray that I would use opportunities effectively, bringing godly clarity and compassion and encouraging healthy understanding and practice.

Lastly, please pray that I will be a good husband and father, friend and colleague who releases energy and is fun to be around!

Porvoo: The Diocese of Chelmsford, England, and the Church of Denmark

23 M Polycarp, Bp & Martyr, c.155

Meru (*Kenya*) Charles Ndiga Mwendwa

Hardenhuish St Nicholas

Pray for the leadership team led by Dave Kilmister and the development of our outreach. We now have 2 family services each month - so pray for our links with these families. Also, we are constantly thinking about better ways to use our (rather restricting) church building. We ask for wisdom!

24 T Mexico (*Mexico*) Presiding Bp Carlos Touche-Porter

Kington St Michael

Please pray for the developing leadership team and our desire to hold a series of special services during the year. We would like to strengthen the links we have with Kington St Michael CofE primary school and to be agents of God's kingdom in the locality

25 W ASH WEDNESDAY

Michigan (*USA*) Wendell Nathaniel Gibbs

Chippenham St Peter (vacancy) Rachel Pound (LM)

Give thanks for the ministry of Tony and Helen Fensome. Pray for the lay leadership during the inter-regnum.

Diocesan Finance Committee

26 Th Milwaukee (USA) Steven Miller

Colerne St John the Baptist

Ann Ashcroft (PiC); Val Plumb (TV); G. Woods (AM); M Edmonds (LM)

27 F George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633

Minna (Nigeria) Daniel Abu Yisa

North Wraxall St James

Ann Ashcroft (PiC); V. Plumb (V); G. Woods (AM); M Edmonds (LM)

28 Sa Minnesota (USA) James Louis Jelinek

Benefice of Greater Corsham and Lacock

Roger Clifton (TR); Sally Wheeler (TV); Lin Culling (LM); Sharon Lovelock (LM), David Harvey (LM)

After several years of large new housing developments, work is under way on new commercial building and a major redevelopment of the military sites between Neston and Corsham. This will ensure employment opportunities for the future, but places more strain on the local infrastructure. There remains the possibility of further residential building in all our parishes. Please pray for us as we continue to build our ministry team to meet the needs of a growing population, and seek to develop our house groups.

March

Give us honest hearts, O God,
and send your kindly Spirit
to help us confess our sins
and bring us the peace of your forgiveness;
in Jesus Christ our Lord

1 S LENT 1

Missionary Area of Macau (Hong Kong) The Revd Simon Fan

Community of the Sisters of the Church

Give thanks for the presence of this community in the Diocese, and for their ministry to the poor and needy in the St Paul's area of Bristol.

Porvoo: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia, the Diocese of Lichfield, England, and the Diocese of St Davids, Wales.

2 M Chad, Bp & Missionary, 672

Mississippi (USA) Duncan Montgomery Gray

Mission and Pastoral Committee

Corsham St Bartholomew

The successful progress of our building appeal to date means that we can start some of the restoration and improvement works to the church during 2009. Please pray that these can be brought to a successful conclusion. We would also value prayer for our new youth group, and for our efforts to improve outreach to families coming for baptism.

3 T Missouri (USA) George Wayne Smith

Gastard St John the Baptist

The congregation continues to play an active role in the life of this small village. Many young families join us for special occasions - please pray for us as we try to bring them into the worshipping community on a more regular basis.

Board of Education ; Strategy Group

4 W Ember Day

Mityana (Uganda) Dunstan Bukenya

Lacock St Syriac

Please pray for our congregation in this rural parish, and for our work within the community through the church school, the weekly Toddler Service, youth group, the Open Blue bus project and initiatives for older residents. We also have a thriving wedding ministry here! Please also pray for our witness to the many visitors to our church from local areas and from around the world.

- 5 Th Mombasa (Kenya)** Julius Robert Katio Kalu
Bowden Hill St Anne see 4th

- 6 F Ember Day**
Monmouth (Wales) Dominic Edward Walker
Neston St Philip and St James

A growing congregation ministers to a growing village community. We value your prayers for our developing lay leadership and on-going house group. We are looking for ways to reach out to younger families in the community and this year we have restarted children's work in the church. Give thanks for the growing confidence and sense of purpose among church members and the families we are now beginning to attract.

- 7 Sa Perpetua, Felicity & Companions, Martyrs, 203 ; Ember Day**
Montana (USA) Charles Franklin Brookhart
Benefice of Marshfield with Cold Ashton and Tormarton with West Littleton
Simon Drew (V); Peter Ostli-East (Asst. Minister); Aurea Hart (LM), Mike Strathdee (LM); John Woodham (LM)

8 S LENT 2

- Montreal (Canada)** Barry Clarke
Network Mission Nick Crawley (Network Mission Priest)

"Please join in thanking God for: sound progress, the establishment of two more focuses of ministry, and the Diocesan authority's agreement to an additional two year extension to the project.

Please pray for: God to be glorified through our mission and discipleship, our rhythm of prayer, our hospitality and service of the poor, and our community life."

Porvoo: The Diocese of Lund, Sweden, and the Diocese of Cashel and Ossory, Ireland

- 9 M Moosonee (Canada)** Caleb James Lawrence
Marshfield St Mary the Virgin

Marshfield is a medium size mixed village with many new professional families. The church has a growing ministry to young families whilst maintaining traditional worship for the older members of our community. Please pray particularly for renewed vision within the church, our growing children's and youth work, our partnership with Marshfield Chapel (FIEC), and for guidance as we rethink our use of the building.

- 10 T Moray, Ross & Caithness (Scotland)** Mark Strange
Cold Ashton Holy Trinity

Cold Ashton is a small parish encompassing several hamlets in addition to the village itself. The ancient village church is a focus of village identity. Please pray for the small but faithful congregation as they seek to maintain the life of the church and keep the gospel at the heart of the community.

Area Deans

- 11 W Morogoro (Tanzania)** Dudley Mageni
Tormarton St Mary Magdalene

The village of Tormarton has a good mix of ages and still has a strong link with farming. The church still plays an important role at festivals and the monthly family service is the key point in the worshipping life of the community. Please pray for the congregation as they seek to bring the Christian faith to this village.

- 12 Th Mount Kenya Central (Kenya)** Isaac ONganga

Suffragan: Allen Macharia Waithaka

West Littleton St James

This is a very small village and the parish church is the only public building. As such the church and the PCC have a role in being a focus for much of community life in West Littleton. Please pray for an effective balance between the social and spiritual role of this church.

13 F Mount Kenya South (Kenya) Timothy Ranje
Social Services

14 Sa Mount Kenya West (Kenya) Joseph Kagunda
Fair Trade

Pray for a world in which justice and sustainable development are at the heart of trade structures and practices so that everyone, through their work, can maintain a decent and dignified livelihood and develop their full potential.

15 S LENT 3

Mount Kilimanjaro (Tanzania) Simon Elilekia Makundi
Church Urban Fund

Church Urban Fund is a leading Christian charity supporting faith-based social action in England's poorest communities. Established 20 years ago, our work is still essential as the gap between rich and poor continues to grow.

Porvoo: The Diocese of Lincoln, England, and the Diocese of Armagh, Ireland

16 M Mpumalanga (South Africa) Leslie Walker
The Global Environment

Pray for effective international action to preserve this fragile planet for future generations.

17 T Patrick, Bishop & Missionary, c. 460

Mpwapwa (Tanzania) Jacob Erasto Chimeledya
Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Pray that genuine refugees and asylum seekers may be met with compassion and understanding.

Bishop's Staff ; Advisory Group on Ministry of Healing

18 W *Cyril of Jerusalem, Bp, 386*

Mthatha (formerly St John's) (South Africa) Sitembele Tobela Mzamane
Bristol Diocesan Link with Uganda

2009 is a special year marking the 40th Anniversary of the Diocesan Link with Uganda:

1. Pray for preparations for a Diocesan Wide celebration from May 3rd-10th, 2009
2. Pray for deepening friendships that will help us as we tackle important issues within the Anglican Communion
3. Pray for our Deanery Links that they may grow and thrive

[For more prayer information visit the Link Website: www.bristol-uganda.co.uk]

19 Th JOSEPH OF NAZARETH

Muhabura (Uganda) vacant

City Deanery Links with Uganda

Pray for the dioceses of Central Buganda and West Buganda, their bishops, clergy and people.

20 F Cuthbert, Bishop & Missionary, 687

Mukono (Uganda) Elia Paul Luzinda Kizito

Chippenham Deanery Link with Mukono Bp: Paul Elia Luzinda Kizito:

Pray for our plans to celebrate 40 years of the diocesan partnership as we look forward to an exchange of visitors with our partners in Mukono later this year.

21 Sa Thomas Cranmer, Abp Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556

Multan (Pakistan) vacant

The unemployed

Pray for those seeking work, and for the many families suffering economic hardship at this time.

22 S LENT 4 (Mothering Sunday)

Mumbai (*North India*) Prakash Dinkar Patole

Mothers' Union, Diocese of Bristol: Rosemary Thomas (Diocesan President); Janet Dugan (Vice-President)

We pray for the strengthening of family life. As children of the same Heavenly Father, Christians are called to serve some of the most marginalised and forgotten members of God's family. Give thanks for the commitment of Mothers' Union branches and members in every parish.

Porvoo: The Diocese of Uppsala, Sweden, and the Diocese of Llandaff, Wales

23 M Mumias (*Kenya*) Beneas Salaiiah Okumu

Mothers' Union Overseas Links

Give thanks for the links we enjoy in this diocese with Mothers' Unions overseas. We pray for the MU in Bankes and Torres in Melanesia, Johannesburg and Matlosane in Southern Africa, Oturkpo in Nigeria and West Ankole in Uganda.

24 T *Walter Hilton, Mystic, 1396 ; Oscar Romero, Abp, Martyr, 1980*

Mundri (*Sudan*) Bismark Monday

Those preparing for marriage in 2009

25 W ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE B.V.M.

Muyinga (*Burundi*) Eraste Bigirimana

Mothers' Union Worldwide

The Mothers' Union has more than 3.6 million members in 79 countries around the world. We give thanks for their immense influence for good, for their support for families and individuals in need, and for the Christian faith which underpins all their work.

Diocesan Finance and Audit Committee

26 Th *Harriet Monsell, Founder of Community at Clewer, 1883*

Mytikiyina (*Myanmar*) David Than Lwin; *Ass't Bp: Wagyt Kamdi*

Bristol HM Prison Horfield Chaplaincy Team:

David Powe, Anja Thomson, Elspeth Desmond. Substitute Chaplains: Ray Brazier, Brian Pearce, Trevor Hearne.

Please pray for the very diverse team of chaplains, who deal daily with major traumatic situations. May their presence be a catalyst for healing and change. We remember the families of those in prison, and all who are affected by crime. Please pray that the inevitable cut-backs to prison staff will take place without having a grave effect on safety and general morale of prisoners and staff.

Diocesan Advisory Committee

27 F Nagpur (*North India*) Paul Dupare

All who preach and teach in the name of Christ

28 Sa Nairobi (*Kenya*) Peter Njoka

Those preparing for confirmation in 2009

29 S LENT 5 (Passiontide begins)

Nakuru (*Kenya*) Stephen Njihia Mwangi

Archdeacon of Malmesbury Alan Hawker

Pastoral reorganization, ever increasing secular rules and regulations, and expectations of the clergy that are no longer realistic have created a context where listening and encouraging are principal roles for the Archdeacon. Developing collaboration with each Deanery is also important, as we seek together to become more effective in mission. Membership of the Business Committee of the General Synod also requires sensitivity and clear sightedness.

Porvoo: The Diocese of Derby, England, and the Diocese of Clogher, Ireland.

30 M Nambale (Kenya) Josiah Makhandia Were
Members of Parliament

31 T John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631
New Providence (West Indies) vacant
Local Government
Bishop's Council meets today

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