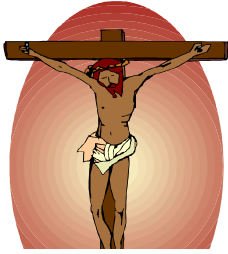


Diocese of Bristol

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

April – June 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*

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 February 2009.

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

This Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, updated quarterly, can be downloaded from the Bristol Diocese website: www.bristol.anglican.org

Some abbreviations:

AD: Area Dean
AM: Associate Minister
AV: Associate Vicar
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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April

God of life and love,
whose Son was victorious over sin and death,
make us alive with his life,
that the whole world may resound with your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 1 **W** Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher
Namirembe (Uganda) Samuel Balagadde Ssekkadde
Coalpit Heath St Saviour

Colin Lunt and Martin Clacker (Associate Vicars); Jane Tailby and Malcolm Strange (Associate Priests); Frank Smith, Jackie Sherlock, Howard Smith and Mike Swain (Lay Ministers); Howard Smith and Mike Swain (candidates for OLM).

Please pray for St Saviour's as we continue to adjust to being part of the newly formed Fromeside Partnership of Churches.. Pray that the churches will be inspired and guided as we engage with the diocesan "Child Friendly Church" project throughout 2009. We have a new Administrator for the Partnership; please pray that she will be helped and encouraged in her work for the four parishes. Also pray for our two prospective candidates for Ordained Local Ministry.

2Th Nandyal (*South India*) P J Lawrence

Downend Christ Church

Jo Vickery (V); Penelope Nash (C); Martin Brown (LM); Myra Brown (LM)

Give thanks for the growing ministry of the Debt Counselling Centre we run in partnership with Christians Against Poverty. Please pray for the managers, Sally and Annette, for those with whom we have contact and the Church teams who visit, befriend and pray.

3 F Nasik (*North India*) Kamble Lemuel Pradip

Filton St Peter

Brian Arman (R); Elspeth Desmond (C)

Filton is a large and busy parish in the Catholic tradition, on the edge of Bristol with strong links to the Aerospace Industry. Pray for our work with our schools and colleges, our plans to open a Café and our Pilgrimage to Lourdes in September 2009. Pray too for those seeking to discover their vocations to the priesthood who worship at St Peter's.

4 Sa Nassau & the Bahamas and The Turks & Caicos Islands

Abp Drexel Gomez

Frampton Cotterell St Peter

Colin Lunt and Martin Clacker (Associate Vicars); Jane Tailby and Malcolm Strange (Associate Priests); Frank Smith, Jackie Sherlock, Howard Smith and Mike Swain (Lay Ministers); Howard Smith and Mike Swain (candidates for OLM).

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5 S PALM SUNDAY

The Province of the West Indies Archbishop (vacant)

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: for Israelis and Palestinians, and for Christians in the Holy Land.

Porvoo: Blackburn, England, and Brechin, Scotland

6 M Monday of Holy Week

Natal (South Africa) Rubin Phillip

Suffragan: Fungunkosi Niclaus Mbhele

Suffragan: Hummingfield Charles Ndwandwe

Pray for our friends in Uganda as together we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Saviour.

7 T Tuesday of Holy Week

Navajoland Area Mission (USA) vacant

National Indigenous Bishop (Rupert's Land, Canada) Mark Lawrence

Pray for those preparing for (Baptism and) Confirmation this year.

8 W Wednesday of Holy Week

Nebbi (Uganda) Alphonse Watho-kudi

Pray that we may be ready at all times to pray with our Lord: 'Not my will but yours be done'.

9 Th MAUNDY THURSDAY

Pray for our bishops, priests, deacons and lay ministers as they are invited today to renew their commitment to ministry.

10F GOOD FRIDAY

Nebraska (USA) Joe Goodwin Burnett

'Love so amazing, so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all'

11Sa HOLY SATURDAY

Nelson (New Zealand)

Pray we and all God's people may have the grace to live day by day the promises made at our baptism.

12 S EASTER DAY

Pray that the world may receive the promise of the risen Lord: Peace be with you!

Alleluia!

Porvoo: Gothenburg (Sweden) and Glasgow & Galloway (Scotland)

13M Monday in Easter Week

Nevada (USA) vacant

Iron Acton St James the Less

David Harrex (PiC)

The church community is central to the many organisations that exist in Iron Acton and the PCC membership keep positively active in all community life including the Church School. Please pray for the church members, PCC and Mission Group as it works to provide a spiritual base available for everyone. The outreach through the Village Web Site set up and maintained by the church enables communication for use by all organisations and seen as a vital tool towards unity. The monthly Family / All Age Service, continues to witness to church growth. Please pray for the furtherance of God's Spirit as we look to our future development.

14T Tuesday in Easter Week

Frenchay, St John the Baptist

Stephen Pullin (PiC)

15W Wednesday in Easter Week

The New Guinea Islands (Papua New Guinea) Allan Migi

Stapleton Holy Trinity

Stephen Pullin (PiC); Lay Ministers: Michael Graham, Sarah Pullin, Vivienne Robertson; Kate Davison

16Th Thursday in Easter Week

New Hampshire (USA) Gene Robinson

Winterbourne Down, All Saints

Colin Lunt and Martin Clacker (Associate Vicars); Jane Tailby and Malcolm Strange (Associate Priests); Frank Smith, Jackie Sherlock, Howard Smith and Mike Swain (Lay Ministers); Howard Smith and Mike Swain (candidates for OLM).

Please pray for All Saints as we continue to adjust to being part of the newly formed Fromeside Partnership of Churches, together with St Saviour's, Coalpit Heath. Pray that the churches will be inspired and guided as we engage with the diocesan "Child Friendly Church" project throughout 2009. We have a new Administrator for the Partnership; please pray that she will be helped and encouraged in her work for the four parishes. Also pray for our two prospective candidates for Ordained Local Ministry.

17F Friday in Easter Week

New Jersey (USA) George E Councill

Hanham, Christ Church with Hanham Abbots

Pat Willis (I) Anja Thomson (LLM) Rebecca Waring (LLM) Geoff Iles (LLM)

Please pray for our growth strategy giving thanks for the success of Wake up and Worship, and the discernment in other initiatives and that we will become more of a praying parish.

For Andy our Church Warden and that we might find another warden at this year's AGM.

Please pray for all the various young people's groups attached to the church and also the links with our local schools especially our Church School.

18Sa Saturday in Easter Week

New Westminster (Canada) Michael Ingham

Kingswood, Holy Trinity

Peter Huzzey (TR); Teresa Taylor (SSM Associate Minister):TV to be appointed;
LLM's: Joan Reeves, John Godfrey, Jill Ewans, Nikki Middel, Kirsty Hulbert.

Please pray for 'Elevenses', our new 'fresh expression' of worship, meeting in our hall, for our reorganised ministry of healing and for the new Team Vicar, with a special responsibility for outreach to the community.

19 S EASTER 2

New York (USA) Mark Sean Sisk

Assisting Bishop: Egbert Don Taylor;

Suffragan Bishop: Catherine Roskam

Kingswood & South Gloucester Deanery

David Adams (AD); Paul Peterson and Stephen Pullin (Assistant Area Deans); Richard Westcott (Lay Chair); Wulstan Perks (Assistant Lay Chair)

Pray for Deanery Synod and all who are engaged in ministry whether ordained or otherwise that together we may acknowledge the realities of serving Christ in an increasingly fast changing, post Christian era and respond with imagination and grace.

Pray for the vision and courage to make the decisions that will enable "church" to be the hope of the world! Pray for Kingswood Uganda Link Celebration service at United Church Longwell Green 7.30 pm on May 6

Southwark (England) and Björgvin (Norway)

20M Newark (USA) Mark Beckwith

Kingswood, Church of the Ascension see 18th

21T Anselm, Abbot, Abp, Teacher, 1109

Newcastle (York, England) Martin Wharton

Suffragan: Paul Richardson

United Church Longwell Green, All Saints

David Adams (V); David Hardy (Methodist Minister); Hilary Cooke (Hon Methodist Minister); Alan Tarbard (LM); Stephen Britton (LM); Christine Perkins (Methodist Lay Preacher);

Please Pray for

1 Growth

2. Outreach to local schools via an ecumenical assembly team.

3. Early Bird, breakfast services, Kidz Klub, and 7up childrens activities.

4. Pastoral care for the elderly

5. Building development project planned to commence July this year.

22W Newcastle (New South Wales, Australia) Brian George Farran

Suffragan: Graeme Stanley Rutherford

Mangotsfield, St James

Stephen Abbott (PiC); Valerie Abbott (Associate Minister); Barrie Fleet (LM); Jacqueline Long (LM)

Please pray

(a) for our monthly outreach "events", "Little Acorns" and "Primary Praise" for children and parents, in our church school on Emerson's Green.

(b) for the development of our worship, as we plan for the installation of new audio/visual equipment.

(c) for the Outreach Strategy Group, as we develop and implement our growth plan.

23Th George, Martyr, Patron of England c 304

Oldland, St Anne

Andrew Spear (V); Lay Ministers: Lynette Bryant, Michelle Bates, Debs Fowler;

Training: Ben Searle; Church Army (Retired) Gerald Mann

Please pray for greater depth in our walk with God as a Church and as individuals, a greater realisation of the Grace of God and an increased hunger for the word of God.
Please pray for more leaders.
Diocesan Advisory Committee

24F *Melitus, Bp, 624*

Niagara (Canada) Michael Bird
Patchway, St Chad David Byrne (V)

We praise God for the arrival of our new Methodist Minister, Revd Yemi Jaiyesimi, last September.

We thank him too for our two youth work students Amy and Mike, and pray for the work they are doing in the church and in five schools in the parish.

We have a new Partnership with the Müller Foundation, and pray they will be able to help us develop our service and outreach in Patchway.

25Sa **Mark the Evangelist**

Niassa (Mozambique, South Africa) Mark van Koeving
Bradley Stoke North, Holy Trinity (LEP)

Paul Peterson (PiC); Jongsin Lee (Methodist Pastoral Worker); Paul Harding (LM); Peter Moore (LM); David Head (LM)

Please pray:

For a real vision for spiritual and numerical growth amongst church members in 2009

For preparations for a mission weekend with Bishop Lee in the autumn

Give thanks for the provision of grant funding for a youth and children's worker and pray for the right appointment to be made in the summer term

26 S **EASTER 3**

Nicaragua (Central America) Sturdie Downs

The Anglican Communion Pray for the Primates of the Anglican Communion, and for the Anglican Consultative Council, for mutual respect and understanding.

Gloucester (England) and Västerås (Sweden)

27M *Christina Rosetti, poet, 1894*

Niger Delta North (Nigeria) Ignatius Kattey

Pucklechurch, St Thomas à Becket

Stuart Young (V)

28T *Peter Chanel, missionary, martyr, 1841*

Niger Delta West (Nigeria) Adoluphus Amabebe

Soundwell, St Stephen

Ian Wills (vicar), Sandy Cooper (curate), Liz Perry (curate), Julia Chard (Lay Minister), Sue Clements (Lay Minister), Graham Lewis (Lay Minister), Peter Robbins (Lay Minister)

Two things to pray for:

First, we have recently united our 'all age' congregation and our Parish Communion congregation, because we believe this will release more energy for mission and growth. Please pray for many hearts (of all ages) to be set on fire with love for Jesus Christ through this risky but exciting step forward.

Second, we are now initiating collaborative activities with our local authority and some community groups in moving toward our goal of "being Church at the heart of our community". Please pray that the Holy Spirit will be at the heart of all these mission endeavours.

Liturgy Committee

29W *Catherine of Siena, Teacher, 1380*

The Niger Delta (Nigeria) Gabriel H Pepple
Stoke Gifford St Michael

Simon Jones (V); Thomas Webber (TV); Julie Bradley (C); Elizabeth Slater (C); Simon
Dunn (C); Richard Willerton (LM); Elizabeth Mellor; Murray Hepburn (LM)
Bishop's Staff

30Th *Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator, 1922*
Nnewi (Nigeria) Godwin Izundu Nmezinwa Okpala
Bradley Stoke, Christ the King (see 29th)

May

In the face of Jesus Christ
your light and glory have blazed forth,
O God of all the nations;
with all your people,
may we make known your grace
and walk in the ways of peace;
for your Name's sake.

1 F Philip and James, Apostles

Nord Kivu (Congo) Methusela Musubaho Munzenda
Assistant Bishop: Enoch Kayeeye

Warmley, St Barnabas

Paul Denyer (R); Maria Shepherdson (C)

In thanksgiving for the largely positive response to the plans for the re-ordering of the church and changes to patterns of worship, including the formation of World of Worship and Working Hard at Masonry groups working in tandem. Please pray for the new Chair of the WHAM group Celia Downie as she takes a lead on the practical end of reordering. Pray for the success of the Year of Talents initiative, the 'Church Open' team and plans to extend this mission opportunity further, and for Rise & Shine under the leadership of Fiona Rogers

2 Sa Athanasius, Bp, Teacher, 373

North Carolina (USA) Michael Bruce Curry

Syston, St Anne

Paul Denyer (R); Maria Shepherdson (C)

In thanksgiving for the work of the Outreach Group and the energy and enthusiasm of it's diverse members drawn from the local community and congregation. We ask prayers for the plans to continue to draw families and children to the church through involvement of Deb Denny's Music with Mummy groups in worship, plans for community activities throughout the year, and opportunities to be of service to the wider community. Pray for Licensed Lay Minister Rex Allen as he Chairs the PCC, its members and Church Wardens.

3 S EASTER 4

North Central Philippines (Philippines) Joel Pacheo

Bristol-Uganda Link Chris Dobson

This week we celebrate 40 years of partnership with Ugandan Dioceses. Praying for our Deanery links, thanking God for all those who work hard to maintain them, for lasting friendships and future dreams. Please pray for all our visitors from Uganda over these few weeks, for safe travelling and mutual encouragement. Finally please pray for all our Deanery events during the coming week, and for a wonderful celebration in Bristol Cathedral on the 10th May at 3.30 p.m.

Porvoo: Guildford (England) and Visby (Sweden)

4 M English Saints and Martyrs of Reformation Period

North Dakota (USA) Michael Gene Smith

Bitton, St Mary

Paul Denyer (R); Maria Shepherdson (C)

Please pray in thanksgiving for the success of the 'Living Stones' appeal to date and for the further development of a complementary Mission Strategy in embryonic form. For the work of PCC, Living Stones and Worship and Witness committees, for the success of Prayer Breakfasts underpinning thinking and development and for the ongoing planning of Fresh Expressions of worship aimed at the needs of families with younger children and teenagers. For Licensed Lay Ministers Ken and David. For others currently exploring God's call on their lives including potential Confirmation candidates.

5 T North East India (North India) Purely Lyngdoh

Wick, St Bartholomew

Archdeacon of Malmesbury: Visitation

6 W North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba (West Indies) Leroy Errol Brooks

Doynnton, Holy Trinity

7 Th North Kerala (South India) K P Kuruvila

Dyrham, St Peter

Bishop's Council/Directors

8 F Julian of Norwich, Spiritual writer, c. 1417

North Kigezi (Uganda) Edward Muhima

Winterbourne, St Michael the Archangel

Colin Lunt and Martin Clacker (Associate Vicars); Jane Tailby and Malcolm Strange (Associate Priests); Frank Smith, Jackie Sherlock, Howard Smith and Mike Swain (Lay Ministers); Howard Smith and Mike Swain (candidates for OLM).

Please pray for St Michael's as we continue to adjust to being part of the newly formed Fromeside Partnership of Churches, together with St Saviour's, Coalpit Heath. Pray that the churches will be inspired and guided as we engage with the diocesan "Child Friendly Church" project throughout 2009. We have a new Administrator for the Partnership; please pray that she will be helped and encouraged in her work for the four parishes. Also pray for our two prospective candidates for Ordained Local Ministry.

9 Sa North Mbale (Uganda) vacant

Yate, New Town, St Mary

The changing styles of worship offered at St Mary's Provide for a diverse cross section to all ages in the community. We pray that we can sustain this diversity as we look to future growth and development seeking God's help to building the resources required. We seek through prayer a pastoral awareness scheme that will provide a healthy oversight for all members.

Diocesan Synod

10 S EASTER 5

North Queensland (Australia) William Ray

Suffragan: Saibo Mabo

Suffragan: James Randolph Leftwich

Yate New Town Ministry and Ecumenical Parish

David Harrex (TR); Iain Macfarlane (TV); Chris Verey (SSM); Paul Edwards (Methodist Minister) Clive Dolton (LM), Wully Perks (LM); Nicola Jones (Youth Worker)

We give thanks for diversity and pray for the united Christian action which is taking place in our communities. Pray for Regenerate, an ecumenical group that supports Christian youth and children's work in our primary and secondary schools.

Christian Aid Week The focus of this year's Christian Aid Week is the Congo. Pray for those who collect, for a generous response, and for the Churches as they come together for worship.

Porvoo: Exeter (England) and Nord-Hålogaland (Norway)

11 M North West Australia (Australia) William Ray

Yate, New Town, St James the Great, Westerleigh

The church members are looking outwardly into the village community seeking to provide a greater use of the church in community life. We ask for prayers for all who seek to organise events that bring about this new mission incentive. We give thanks for new initiatives towards children in the community and the provision to support families within the church worship.

12T Northern Argentina (South America) vacant; Suffragan: vacant
Yate, New Town, St Nicholas Family Centre at Abbotswood

Give thanks for several God-given partnerships in recent years. Our fourth year of explore groups (based on Emmaus) are at last bringing people without a church background to consider the gospel for the first time. We pray that this will lead to much needed growth in numbers.

Archdeacon of Bristol: Visitation

13W Northern California (USA) Barry Beisner
Yate, New Town, St Peter, Wapley

A church based in a small hamlet. We give thanks for the growth in the congregation who attend evening services in this delightful church. BCP Evensong once a month and Common Worship Eucharists provide a sound balance of worship. Please pray for this dedicated congregation.

Archdeacon of Malmesbury: Visitation

14Th Matthias, Apostle

Northern Indiana (USA) Edward Stuart Little
Moorland Road Methodist Church, Yate

Pray for church and community groups who use the many rooms of this building throughout the week. We give thanks for the depth of pastoral care this church continues to provide. We pray too for the new larger Circuit and for added strength for those who are required to maintain it.

Kingswood and South Gloucester Uganda Link
Archdeacon of Malmesbury: Visitation

15F Northern Luzon (Philippines) Renato Abibico
Upper Thames Group

Judith Ashby (PiC); Lay Ministers: Pam Cowler, Michael Potter, Katy Bell, Shirley Danby; Richard Lock-Pullan, Florence Muskett.

Cricklade, St Sampson

We pray for our Youth group under new leadership, that they continue to flourish.

We pray for the start of our new school club.

We pray for Shirley Danby as she is ordained this year, and for Richard Lock-Pullan as he continues to study with the Oxford ministry training scheme.

We pray for our family services as they are led by new teams of people

16Sa Caroline Chisholm, social reformer, 1877
Northern Malawi (Central Africa) Christopher John Boyle
The Leigh, All Saints

We pray for the future of this parish with the greatly reduced service provision

17 S EASTER 6

Northern Mexico (Mexico) Marcelino Rivera-Delgado
Bishop's Adviser for Rural Ministries Andrew Evans

Pray for those in the farming and related industries, especially those who struggle financially to make ends meet in a very competitive market place.

Pray for effective Christian witness in rural areas.

Porvoo: Hereford (England) and Lusitanian Church, Portugal

18M Rogation Day
Northern Michigan (USA) vacant
Ashton Keynes, Holy Cross

We pray for our family service team.
We pray for Joan our lay minister.
We pray for Peter Tuck as he undergoes the EGP course
Archdeacon of Malmesbury: Visitation

19T Dunstan, Abp, monastic reformer, 988

Rogation Day
Northern Michigan
Latton w. Eisey, St John

We pray for discussions within the village regarding the re-ordering of the church that the outcome will be fruitful.

Diocesan visit to Kirchentag at Bremen

20W Alcuin, deacon, abbot, 804

Rogation Day
The Northern Territory (Australia) Gregory Edwin Thompson
Ashley, St James

21Th ASCENSION DAY

Northern Uganda (Uganda) Nelson Onono-Onweng
Crudwell, All Saints
Archdeacon of Bristol: Visitation

22F Northern Zambia (First) Albert Chama

Hankerton, Holy Cross

23Sa Northwest Texas i(USA) 0Wallis Ohl

Oaksey, All Saints

24 S EASTER 7 / SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

North Wilts Deanery

Area Dean: Andrew Evans; Assistant AD: Barry Raven

The deanery is going through a period of profound change as the parishes reform into new groups with no less enthusiasm but considerably fewer stipendiary clergy. Please pray for those who find change difficult and give thanks for the close knit sense of team work and unity in the deanery.

Porvoo: Church of Iceland and Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church

25M The Venerable Bede, monk, historian, 735

Aldhelm, abbot of Malmesbury, Bp of Sherborne, 709
Northwestern Pennsylvania (USA) Sean Walter Rowe
Minety, St Leonard

26T Augustine, First Abp Canterbury, 605

John Calvin, Reformer, 1564
Philip Neri, founder of the Oratorians, 1595
Norwich (Canterbury) Graham James
Lynn (Norwich) James Henry Langstaff
Thetford (Norwich) David John Atkinson
Charlton, St John the Baptist

27W Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island (Canada) Susan Elizabeth Moxley

Malmesbury, St Peter and St Paul with Brokenborough

Please pray: for wisdom and prayerfulness for clergy and lay ministers: Neill Archer (V), Mike Noah, (AM), Lay Ministers: Pete Campbell, Alice Pettit, James Pettit, David Smith, Nigel Pyman, Linda Sullivan

for our new curate Lee Barnes as he prepares to arrive with his family, Mary, Arianna & Nathaniel

for the reshaping of our churches with Corston & Rodbourne as the Malmesbury & Upper Avon Group next month.

for the development of new crèche facilities and our ministry with the very young
Archdeacon of Bristol: Visitation

28Th Lanfranc, monk, Abp, scholar, 1089

Nsukka (Nigeria) Jonah Ilonuba

Brinkworth, St Michael and All Angels see also 31st May

Derek Ormston (R) David Tarr and Gina Compton (Lay Ministers)

Links: Pastor Amos and the Parish of Lake Bunyonyi, Kabale, Uganda

Give thanks for the contextual training scheme for rural ministry through Trinity College, Bristol, which commenced last September. Pray for more students to opt in for the future. May the two-way enriching process that has started be continued.

Pray that we will play our full part in the new 'Woodbridge Group', which will be inaugurated on July 5th. May we cope with the change, be challenged by new opportunities, and be people of hope as we prepare for a 'mission' in the Autumn for the whole group.

Diocesan Advisory Committee

29F Nyahururu (Kenya) Charles Gaikia Gaita

Dauntsey St James the Great see also 31st May

Derek Ormston (Rector) David Tarr and Gina Compton (Lay Ministers)

Links: Pastor Amos and the Parish of Bunyonyi, Kabale, Uganda.

Continue to give thanks for our Village School (CEVC) federated with Brinkworth. For our Headteacher, Sarah Finlay-Cobb, staff, governors, pupils, and parents.

Pray that we may reach out to the community that we may grow, and that we play our part fully in the 'Woodbridge Group', coping with the change and the new opportunities this will give us.

Bishop's Staff

30Sa Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906

Joan of Arc, visionary, 1431

Apolo Kivebulaya, priest, evangelist, (Uganda and Congo) 1933

Offa (Nigeria) Gabriel Akinbolarin Akinbiyi

Great Somerford, Little Somerford, Seagry and Corston with Rodbourne

Guy Oswald (R); Tim Harle (LM); Heather Lee (LM)

Give thanks to God for the way in which all these parishes have worked together so well since January 1984. Praise him, too, for the joint Family Services and for the United Services with the Methodists.

Please pray for the staff, governors and children of the Seagry and Somerfords' Walter Powell Church Primary Schools' Federation.

Please pray, too, that the valiant attempts to keep the present Parish Newsletter going after Guy's retirement in June will be successful

31 S PENTECOST

Ogbomoso (Nigeria) Matthew Osunade

Renewal of the Church in the power of the Spirit

Pray for the Woodbridge Group of parishes in the North Wiltshire Deanery, to be inaugurated on 5th July. Pray for Richard East (Area Rector) and for Barry Raven and Derek Ormston who will be accepting additional responsibilities in the Group. Pray too for Heather Lee (LM). Give thanks for the continuing commitment of students from Trinity College Bristol.

Porvoo: Chichester (England) and Mikkeli (Finland)

June

Creator God,
send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world,
that the whole creation,
in its groaning and striving,
may know your loving purpose
and come to reflect your glory;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 M Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Ogoni (Nigeria) Solomon Gberebgara

Great Somerford, St Peter & St Paul **see also 31st May**

The parish consists of a village and two hamlets nearby, Startley and Seagry Heath. Praise God for the increase in the number of Baptisms at our Family Services. Please pray that our services will attract more families and newcomers. Please pray, too for a smooth transition to the Woodbridge Group of Churches next month.

Little Somerford, St John the Baptist see also 31st May

Praise God for more frequent Baptisms at our main services. Please pray that as a result of this more families and newcomers will be drawn to worship God here. Please pray, too, for a smooth transition to the Woodbridge Group of Churches.

Mission & Pastoral Committee

2 T Ohio (USA) Mark Hollingsworth

Lea & Cleverton, St Giles see 31st May

3W Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7, 1977

Oji River (Nigeria) Amos Amankechinelo Madu

Garsdon, St Giles see 31st May

Bristol/Uganda Link Committee

4Th Petroc, abbot, 6th century

Christian Malford, All Saints

Geoff Hewitt (PiC)

Please pray for our "Church in the Week" initiative to promote active involvement in Christian living through home groups. Please pray for our work with families through "First Thursday", Family Services and Children's Church.

Please pray too for our new lay minister Dawn Beresford and for Evelyn Bone as she begins her priestly ministry in June.

The new Draycot Benefice begins on 21 June. Please pray for God's blessing on the exciting possibilities of this new situation.

5F Boniface, Bp & martyr

Oke-Osun (Nigeria) Nathaniel Fasogbon

Kington Langley, St Peter see 4th

6 Sa Ini Kopuria, founder, Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945

Okigwe North (Nigeria) Godson Ukanwa

Sutton Benger, All Saints see 4th

7 S TRINITY SUNDAY

Trinity Theological College Principal, George Kovoov

1. Praise God for growth in faculty, students and courses.

2. Pray that our recruitment of ordinands and independent students will grow.

3. Pray that Trinity will be a rich resource for the city of Bristol, its civic bodies and the Churches here.

Porvoo: Linköping (Sweden) and Argyll & the Isles, (Scotland) and Connor (Ireland)

8 M Thomas Ken, Bp, nonjuror, hymn writer, 1711

Okinawa (Japan) David Shoji Tani

Tytherton Kellaways, St Giles *see 4th*

- 9 T** Columba, abbot, missionary, 597
Oklahoma (USA) Edward J Konieczny
Seagry, St Mary the Virgin

There are two villages in the parish, Upper and Lower Seagry. Praise God for the success of the Seagry Talks during the last year. Please pray that the Family Service on the first Sunday and the Family Communion Service on the third Sunday will attract more families and newcomers. Please pray, too, for a smooth transition to the Draycot Benefice.

- 10W Okrika (Nigeria)** Tubokosemie Abere
Gauzebrook Group of Churches

Andrew Evans (R); Eve Pegler (C); Sarah Evans (C); Sue Harvey (LM); Henrietta Matters (LM) ; John Metters (LM)

For our vision to become Acts 2 based churches.

For those following the Cover to Cover bible study challenge, that scripture might be opened in new and exciting ways

Praise God for the many exciting and challenging things that are happening in our group of 8 rural churches.

- 11Th Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)**

Oleh (Nigeria) Jonathan Francis Ekokotu Edewor
Sherston, Holy Cross

Andrew Evans (PiC); Eve Pegler (C); Sue Harvey (LM)

Pray for Sue Harvey as she explores OLM

Area Deans/Lay Chairmen

- 12F Barnabas the Apostle (transferred if Corpus Christi is celebrated)**

Olympia (USA) Gregory H Rickel

Suffragan: Bavi Edna Rivera

Alderton, St Giles

Andrew Evans (PiC)

For those following the Cover to Cover bible study challenge, that scripture might be opened and understood in new and exciting ways.

- 13Sa On the Niger (Nigeria)** Ken Okeke

Easton Grey

For our first joint Alpha Course which runs through March to May.

- 14 S TRINITY 1**

Ondo (Nigeria) George Lasebikan

Diocesan Adviser for Licensed Ministry: Sam Rushton

Please pray for all those willing to put themselves forward for ministry, whether Lay or Ordained, that God will keep their feet securely on the path he has set for them.

Porvoo: Diocese in Europe and Down and Dromore (Ireland)

- 15M Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer, 1941**

Ontario (Canada) George Bruce

Foxley w Bremilham

For Sarah Evans as she prepares for her priesting in June.

- 16T** Richard of Chichester, Bp, 1253

Joseph Butler, Bp, philosopher, 1752

Oregon (USA) Johncy Itty

Luckington, St Mary

For those studying on the Equipping God's People course;
Chris Newton-Evans, Julia Evans, Steve Slarke.

17W *Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, social reformers, 1913 and 1936*
Orlu (Nigeria) Bennett Okoro
Stanton St Quintin, St Giles
Pray for Sue Harvey as she explores OLM

18Th *Bernard Mizeki, martyr, 1896*
Osaka (Japan) Samuel Osamu Ohnishi
Hullavington, St Mary Magdalene
For Ness and Alan as they explore calls to ordained ministry
Praise God for the many exciting and challenging things that are happening in our group of 8 rural churches

19F *Sundar Singh, sadhu (holy man), evangelist, teacher, 1929*
Osun (Nigeria) James Afolabi Popoola
Norton, All Saints
Praise God for the many exciting and challenging things that are happening in the Gauzebrook group of 8 rural churches

20Sa *Ottawa (Canada) John Holland Chapman*
Corston All Saints & Rodbourne, Holy Rood
The parish consists of the village of Corston and the hamlet of Rodbourne nearby.
Praise God for the success of the Rodbourne Festival last August and for all the hard work which went into the preparations for it. Please pray that the Family Service at Rodbourne on the third Sunday will attract more families and newcomers. Please pray, too, for a smooth transition to the Malmesbury and Upper Avon Group of Churches.

21 S TRINITY 2

Oturkpo (Nigeria) David Bello
CMS/USPG

Canon Timothy Dakin (Gen Sec. CMS)
Bp Michael Doe (Gen. Sec. USPG)

Give thanks for the continued support of these mission agencies working to support the Church in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe. Pray that the giving of the Church in the UK and Ireland may match the vision of CMS and USPG.

Porvoo: Ely (England) and Härnösand (Sweden)

22M *Alban, first martyr of Britain, c. 250*
Owerri (Nigeria) Cyril Chukwunonyerem Okorochoa
Church Army

We're about sharing faith through words and action to transform lives by making Jesus famous. Our focus is on the 7 out of 10 people who have little or no meaningful contact with church.

We give thanks to God for the many parishes supporting our work with their prayers and generous gifts. We are grateful for the gracious and dedicated service of so many parish representatives who raise funds for Church Army.

23T *Etheldreda, abbess, c. 678*
Owo (Nigeria) James Adedayo Oladunjoye
New College, Swindon

Chaplaincy Team (LEP): Derek Ormston (Leader); Bob Doyle (RC); Shirley Danby (Anglican); Ed Poole (Anglican); Paul Knight (Baptist); Simon Hills (Youth for Christ).

Give thanks for a successful Ofsted inspection earlier this year where, amongst others, Student Services-which includes the Chaplaincy- were stated as 'outstanding' for the first time!

Continue to give thanks for our growing involvement in such as Diversity Week; Equal Opportunities Group; Social & Community Cohesion working party; the Student Services Team; Christian Union; 'Faith Matters' group; working with Access students;

offering pastoral care to staff and students; encouraging outside groups and individuals from faith communities into College etc. (see also 25th)

Bishop's Staff

24W Birth of John the Baptist

Oxford (Canterbury) John Pritchard

Buckingham (Oxford) Alan Thomas Lawrence Wilson

Dorchester (Oxford) Colin William Fletcher

Reading (Oxford) Stephen Geoffrey Cottrell

Ember Day

Pray for those in training for ministry

25Th Oyo (Nigeria) Jacob Fasipe

Colleges of Further Education

Pray for Chaplaincy Teams in FE Colleges.

Pray for the SW Fbfe (National Faiths Board in Further Education) sessions enabling those in FE Colleges of all faiths to come together.

Diocesan Advisory Committee

26F Panama (Central America) Julio Murray

Ember Day

Pray for those to be ordained this Petertide, for their families, and for the parishes in which they will serve.

27Sa Cyril, Bp, teacher, 444

Paraguay (South America) John Alexander Ellison

Ember Day

Pray for those to be ordained to the Diaconate today.

Nicholas Adams, Lee Barnes, Erica Bebb, Hilary Blancharde, Leighton Carr, Shirley Danby, Tanya Lord, Jo Northey, Caroline Yandell.

28 S TRINITY 3

Patna (North India) Philip Phembuar Marandih

Pray for those to be ordained to the priesthood today:

Philip Ashby, Evelyn Bone, Simon Dunn, Sarah Evans, Cathrine Gardiner, Elizabeth Kesteven, Arthur Woo

Porvoo: Saint Albans (England) and Syd-Hålogaland (Norway)

29M Peter and Paul, Apostles

or Peter the Apostle

Pelotas (Brazil) Renato Raatz

Pray that we may share the hunger of the apostles to share the riches of the Good News of Jesus.

30T Pennsylvania (USA) Charles Ellsworth Bennison

Pray for all church officers and pastoral carers.

To be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday 27th June:

Nicholas Adams The East Bristol Partnership: Benefice and Parish of St John, Fishponds and the Benefice and Parish of All Saints, Fishponds and the Benefice and Parish of St Mary, Fishponds and the Benefice and Parish of St Aidan with St George, Bristol and the Benefice of St Ambrose and St Leonard, East Bristol and the Benefice and Parish of St Michael, Two Mile Hill.

Lee Barnes the Benefice and Parish of Malmesbury with Westport and Brokenborough

Erica Bebb the Benefice and Parish of St Edyth, Sea Mills

Hilary Blancharde the Benefice and Parish of Holy Trinity, Horfield

Leighton Carr Details of parish not finalised at time of going to press

Shirley Danby the Benefice of Cricklade with Latton and in the parishes of Ashton Keynes and The Leigh, both of which are in the benefice of Ashton Keynes, Leigh and Minety

Tanya Lord the Benefice and Parish of St Matthew and St Nathanael, Bristol

Jo Northey the Benefice and Parish of Christ Church, Swindon

Caroline Yandell the Benefice and Parish of St Peter, Henleaze

To be ordained to the priesthood on Sunday, 28th June:

Philip Ashby Stratton St Margaret with South Marston and Stanton Fitzwarren

Evelyn Bone Draycot

Simon Dunn Stoke Gifford (based at Christ the King, Bradley Stoke)

Sarah Evans Hullavington, Norton, and Stanton St Quintin, and also Sherston Magna, Easton Grey, Luckington, Alderton, and Foxley with Bremilham, together known as the Gauzebrook Group of Parishes

Cathrine Gardiner Bedminster

Elizabeth Kesteven The City of Bristol

Arthur Woo Highworth with Sevenhampton and Inglesham and Hannington and the Benefice of Broad Blunsdon