



Diocese of Bristol | Cycle of Prayer

July – September 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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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 May 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

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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July

Open our ears, glorious Lord Christ,
to hear the music of your voice
above the chaos of this world;

open our eyes to see the vision of your glory,
for you are our King, now and for ever.

- 1 **W** Henry, John and Henry Venn, priests, evangelical divines
Perth (*Western Australia*) Roger Adrian Herft
Perth - Goldfields Country Region: Tom Wilmot
Perth - Northern Region: Mark Burton
Perth - Southern Region: Kay Goldsworthy
Benefice and Parish of Bedminster
Michael Jeffery (TV); Cathrine Gardiner (C); Anthony Everitt (LM); Tanya Lord (LM); Rachel Oates (LM); Marry Carol Schoberg (LM)
- 2 **Th** **Peru** (*South America*) Harold William Godfrey
St Francis Ashton Gate, see 1st
- 3 **F** **Thomas the Apostle**
Peshawar (*Pakistan*) Munawar Kenneth Rumalshah
St Paul Bedminster, see 1st
- 4 **Sa** **Peterborough** (*Canterbury*) Ian Cundy
Brixworth (*Peterborough*) Francis White
St Aldhelm Bedminster, see 1st

5 S TRINITY 4

- Phulbani** (*North India*) Bijay Kumar Nayak
Sea Sunday
The Mission to Seafarers, formerly called The Missions to Seamen, cares for the spiritual and practical welfare of all seafarers regardless of nationality or faith. Pray for the Port of Bristol Seafarers' Centre at Portbury Dock, for its Chaplain Philip Auden and Honorary Lay Chaplain John Herbert. Remember too Ray Arnel and Nic Collins, the duty managers. Especially at this time pray for all seafarers affected by piracy.
Porvoo: Newcastle (England) and Møre (Norway)
- 6 **M** *Thomas More, Scholar, and John Fisher, bishop*
Pittsburgh (*USA*) Robert William Duncan
Asst Bp: Henry William Scriven
St Michael and All Angels Windmill Hill
David Moss (V); Andrew Josham (LM); Sally Tooze (LM)
Thank the Lord for His goodness to us despite our isolated geographical position. Please pray (1) for those who have attended our confirmation courses that they might find their place within our congregation (2) for the church's vision to hold a "Come and Sing (Handel's) Messiah Concert" as a finale to the Windmill Hill Arts Festival (Oct 4th).
 - 7 **T** **Polynesia** (*New Zealand*) Jabez Leslie Bryce
Bp for Diocese of **Polynesia in New Zealand:** Winston Halapua
Polynesia - Vanua Levu & Taveuni (NZ) Apimeleki Nadoki Qiliho
Polynesia - Viti Leu West (NZ) Gabriel Sharma
St Peter Bishopsworth
Tim Godden (TR); Roy Lane (Hon C); Evalene Wherlock (Hon C);

Lay Ministers: Mike Bridges; Lesley Hooper; Jennifer Neale

8 W Popondota (*Papua New Guinea*) Joseph Kifau Kopapa
St Oswald Bedminster Down

Ian Garrett (PiC)

Please pray for us as we move forward with our Growth Plan: In particular as we review our Sunday Morning Worship service, and as we seek to explore and develop our links with the wider community in this coming year.

Diocesan Board of Education

9 Th Port Elizabeth (*South Africa*) Nceba Bethlehem Nopece
St Anne Brislington

Sarah James (LM)

10 F Port Moresby (*Papua New Guinea*) Peter Ramsden
St Christopher Brislington

Noel Hawkins (V); Paul Hunter (LM); Brenda Munden (LM); Peter Wright (LM)

General Synod

11 Sa Benedict, abbot
Port Sudan (*Sudan*) Yousif Abdalla **OKuku**
St Cuthbert Brislington

Ian Garrett (PiC)

Please pray for us as we move forward with our Growth Plan: In particular as we endeavour to build on our work with children and their families, and as we seek to explore and develop our links with the wider community in this coming year.

General Synod

12 S TRINITY 5

Portsmouth (*Canterbury*) Kenneth Stevenson
Bristol South Deanery

Gwyn Owen (Area Dean)

Please pray for an increase in the Deanery's ongoing commitment to Grow in Commitment to the Lord and from this may His Kingdom grow. May we be open to the Working of the Holy Spirit in all things and not fear change.

General Synod

Porvoo: Skara (Sweden) and Wakefield (England)

13 M Pretoria (*South Africa*) Johannes T Seoka
St Luke Brislington

Debbie Dewes (PiC); Rosemary Spada (LM); Gillian Sayers (LM)

During the autumn St Luke's is having a series of sermons on mission to prepare for an Alpha course in the new year. We are also forming a bereavement team to meet the needs of the parish. Please pray for us that we would discern God's work and join in with his mission in this place.

General Synod

14 T John Keble, priest, poet
Puerto Rico (*Province IX, USA*) David Andres Alvarez-Velazquez
St Andrew Hartcliffe

Richard Martin (V); Nicholas Ruskin (LM)

Give thanks for loyal congregation open to change but valuing tradition. Also for the opportunities given to many community groups who use the church hall facilities Pray for readiness to engage with the opportunities of the Diocesan Strategy and the challenges of being a missional church in a demanding community. Pray for the Enough404 youth work project achieving amazing transformation amongst the unchurched young.

General Synod

15 W Swithun, bishop; *Bonaventure, friar, bishop, teacher of the faith*

Pune (North India) Vijay Bapurao Sathe

Christ Church Hengrove

Noel Hawkins (PiC); Katherine Bradley (LM)

Liturgy Committee

16 Th *Osmund, bishop*

Qu'Appelle (Canada) Gregory Kerr-Wilson

St Barnabas Filwood Park

The Ministry Development Team: Alister Palmer (vicar), Ann Grinnell (LLM), Sandra Weaver (LLM), Lorna Payne (Churchwarden), Trevor Dean (ordinand in training), Tracey Pool (Tree of Life Project worker).

The newly formed Parish of Filwood Park in Knowle West has two church centres, St Barnabas and Holy Cross, a mile apart.

Pray for ...

* all involved in the regeneration programme which will reshape the community in years to come. The consultation process is underway and the Knowle West churches are deeply involved in it.

* Knowle West Churches Together as they continue to serve the community through the Filwood Hope outreach centre offering advice, counselling and support.(continued tomorrow)

Diocesan Synod (note: the July meeting has been cancelled)

17 F **Quebec (Canada)** Archbishop Alexander Bruce Stavert

Bp Coadjutor of Quebec: Dennis Drainville

Holy Cross Filwood Park *(continued from 16th)*

Pray for...

* the Tree of Life Venture which integrates concern for the environment, personal and communal well-being, peace and justice with an exploration of Christian spirituality.

* the current development of a fully integrated partnership with the Baptist Church.

* the 'Village of God Well' meetings which draws together Christians living, working or worshipping in the estate.

18 Sa *Elizabeth Ferard, deaconess, founder of the Community of St Andrew*

Quincy (USA) Keith Lynn Ackerman

St Martin Knowle

Steve Hawkins (PiC)

Please pray for Fr Steve Hawkins and the people of St Martin's as they try to discern God's purposes for them as the Body of Christ. In particular please hold in your prayers our Children and Young People and the Alpha Courses we are running.

19 S TRINITY 6

Raiwind (*Pakistan*) Samuel Azariah

Diocesan Church House

Pray for: Lesley Farrall (Diocesan Secretary); Sally Moody (Asst. Diocesan Secretary); Nigel Sherratt (Office Manager).

Pray for all who work in Church House as they deal day by day with challenging and ever changing issues.

Porvoo: Lithuania, and Derry & Raphoe (Ireland)

20 M *Margaret of Antioch, martyr;*

Bartolomé de las Casas, Apostle to the Indies

Rajasthan (*North India*) Collin Christopher Theodore

Holy Nativity Knowle James Brown (V); Stuart Boyd (C)

Pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury and his visit to Bristol Cathedral today

21 T **Rayalaseema** (*North India*) K B Yesuvaraprasad

St Mary Redcliffe with Temple

Simon Taylor (PiC), Wendy Hough (Parish Missioner), Hester Jones (C), Glenys Spencer (LLM)

Please pray for our continued work on our Agenda for Growth, and in particular for our review of worship, our outreach to local residents and our welcome to visitors and tourists. Pray also for our growing group of young children and for our organ appeal.

*Bishop's Staff ; Bishop's Council/Directors ;
Bishop's Advisory Group on Ministry of Healing*

22 W **Mary Magdalene**

Recife (*Brazil*) Sebastio Armando Gameleira Soares

Assistant Bishop: vacant

Christ the Servant Stockwood

Gwyn Owen (V); Andrew Schuman (C and PP)

We pray that we as a whole church will grow in the Holy Spirit of God and follow in the example of Jesus in all things. We pray especially for those who are exploring their gifts and calling and for Rev'd Andy as he grows in his leadership with us.

Diocesan Finance Committee

23 Th **0Bridget, Abbess**

Rejaf (*Sudan*) Michael Sokiri Lugor

St Nicholas Whitchurch

Please pray for both St Nicholas and St Augustine's as they work toward the shape of their future ministries in their separate church councils. That they may be guided well to do God's will and to find a clear direction.

24 F **Remo** (*Nigeria*) Michael Fape

St Augustine Whitchurch

Please pray for both St Nicholas and St Augustine's as they work toward the shape of their future ministries in their separate church councils. That they may be guided well to do God's will and to find a clear direction.

25 Sa **St James the Apostle**

Renk (*Sudan*) vacant

26 S TRINITY 7

Rhode Island (USA) Geralyn Wolf
Legge House - Diocesan Youth Residential Centre
Manager: Chris Offord

Legge House is the diocesan youth residential centre and welcomes groups from all over the diocese and further afield. Over the past few years the centre has welcomed more and more visitors both for residential stays as well as adults for day conferences. As with many other businesses this has been a difficult year with groups cancelling their bookings as a result to the economic situation. There are also signs of hope as some new groups have made bookings. Please pray for Legge House, for Chris our manager, for the staff and for the groups of children and young people who come here.

Porvoo: Bristol (England) and Helsinki (Finland)

27 M *Brooke Foss Westcott, bishop, teacher of the faith*

Rift Valley (Tanzania) John Daudi Lupaa
South Bristol Deanery Link with Uganda

Give thanks for the fellowship which has grown over the years with the Dioceses of Mbale and North Mbale

28 T **Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)** Celso Franco de Oliveira
Coadjutor (Rio de Janeiro) Filadelfo Oliveira Neto

St Peter's Hospice, Bristol
Brenda Dowie (Chaplain)

Pray for the patients being cared for at this time and their relatives being supported by the hospice. Remember all the staff the nurses, doctors, and the many support staff who seek to make the care offered at the hospices life enhancing. Also remember the fundraising and shops department without whom the work of the hospice could not go on. Finally give thanks for the volunteers who provide so much support in so many ways.

29 W Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord

Rio Grande (USA) vacant
Prospect Hospice, Wroughton

Canon Michael Johnson (Anglican) Deacon Laurence Moss (RC), Ros Wheble (Free Churches)

Prospect Hospice houses the hospice in-patient unit and the day hospice as well as the specialist nurses, the family support and bereavement team, the Hospice and Home team, the occupational and physiotherapists and the hospice's domestic, fundraising and administrative staff. Please pray for the staff, the director, the volunteers, the patients and for those from all over north Wiltshire who look to the hospice for care and support.

30Th William Wilberforce, social reformer

Ripon and Leeds (York) John Richard Packer
Knareborough (Ripon and Leeds) James Harold Bell

Anti-slavery Society Director: Aidan McQuade Anti-Slavery International, founded in 1839, is the world's oldest international human rights organisation and the only charity in the United Kingdom to work exclusively against slavery and related

abuses. Pray for our work at local, national and international levels to eliminate the system of slavery around the world.
Diocesan Advisory Committee

- 31 F** *Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus*
Riverina (New South Wales) Douglas Stevens
RSCM Area Chairman: Andrew Kirk; Tutor: David Ogden
The Royal School of Church Music is an educational Christian charity encouraging and enabling the best use of music in worship, church life, and community Pray for the courses and training events for choristers, organists and choir trainers

August

Most high and holy God,
enthroned in fire and light,
burn away the dross of our lives
and kindle in us the fire of your love,
that our lives may reveal the light and life
we find in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1 Sa Rochester** (Canterbury) Michael Nazir-Ali (to retire on 1st September)
Tonbridge - (Rochester) Brian Colin Castle
Initial Ministerial Education Derek Chedzey
Please pray for those who are presently training as Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMS) and as Ordinands. Remembering especially the first cohort of Ordained Local Ministers (OLMs) training at Trinity College. Pray also for those seeking their curacies and those parishes looking to receive training curates. Pray to for the tutors who work as volunteers training our LLMS

2S TRINITY 8

Rochester (USA) Prince Singh
Mission and Ministry
Pray for the new teams concerned with the mission of the church: Standard Ministry and Training, led by Bishop Lee, and Strategic Development, led by Tim McClure.
Porvoo: Portsmouth (England) and Stockholm (Sweden)

- 3 M Rockhampton** (Australia) Godfrey Charles Fryar

- 4 T** *Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, spiritual guide*
Rokon (Sudan) Francis Loyo
Advisers for Licensed Ministry
Samantha Rushton. Ray Brazier

- 5 W** Oswald, king, martyr
Ruaha (Tanzania) Donald Leo Mtetemela
Adviser for Collaborative Ministry
George Rendell

- 6 Th The Transfiguration of Our Lord**
Rumbeck (Sudan) Alapayo Manyang Kuctiel

1st Assistant: Isaac Dhieu Ater
2nd Assistant: Micah Dawidi
Pastoral care of clergy and their families
Stuart Taylor

7 F *John Mason Neale, priest, hymn writer*
Rupert's Land (Canada) Donald Phillips
Licensed Lay Ministry Training
Anne Claar Thomasson-Rosingh

8 Sa Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of Preachers
Ruvuma (Tanzania) Maternus Kapinga
Adviser on Evangelism
Paul Rush

9 S TRINITY 9

Ruwenzori (Uganda) Benezeri Kisebo
Diocesan Finance Committee

Members: David Froude, Edward Buchan, Ven Tim McClure, Ven Alan Hawker, Rev Canon Peter Bailey, Rev Canon Rob Burles, Alan Crofts, Rev David Harrex, Patrick O'Connor, Nick Orman

Staff: Lesley Farrall, David Hargrave, Matthew Hall

Please pray for the Committee as it oversees the financial affairs of the Diocese, which are increasingly complex and needing careful attention at all times.

Please also give thanks for the many years of service on this and other Committees by Christopher Smith, who has recently stood down as Vice-Chairman of the Board

Porvoo: Ripon and Leeds (England) and Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh (Ireland)

10 M Laurence, deacon, martyr
Sabah (South East Asia) Albert Vun Cheong Fui
Suffragan: Chen Fa Yong
Diocesan Worship and Liturgy Committee
Gill Behenna

Pray for the worship of the diocese that it may truly enable people to come closer to God and become disciples of Jesus Christ.

The DWLC committee as they arrange and deliver training in the diocese and respond to requests for help

11 T Clare of Assisi, founder of poor Clares
John Henry Newman, priest
Chaplain to the Deaf Community

Gill Behenna

Pray for confidence for Deaf people to be able to share their faith with others.

The Deaf Church in Bristol

Services interpreted into Sign Language at St Mary's Shirehampton, Christ Church Clifton and St Paul's Chippenham

Monthly service in sign language at St Barnabas, Swindon.

Sabongidda-Ora (Nigeria) John Akao
The Healing Ministry

Ros Wilson

This year the diocesan advisory group on the Church's Ministry of Healing is developing a 5 year plan for training, teaching and the purpose for the annual conferences. 2009 will be the first Ecumenical Conference on October 17th at Bristol Cathedral . Please pray that the Lord will guide us through this process, that the conference will be well publicised and that there will be a spirit of unity and sharing across the denominations.

12 W Saldanha Bay (South Africa) Raphael Hess

Children's Society

The Children's Society is a leading children's charity committed to making childhood better for all children in the UK. Pray for all children in need.

13Th Jeremy Taylor, bishop, teacher of the faith;

Florence Nightingale, nurse, social reformer;

Octavia Hill, social reformer

Salisbury (Canterbury) David Stancliffe

Ramsbury (Salisbury) Stephen Conway

Sherborne (Salisbury) Timothy Martin Thornton

Women in Ordained Ministry

Christine Froude

Please pray for the ongoing debate at General Synod about women and the episcopate and especially for Archbishop Rowan as he seeks to hold together those of different persuasions..

Thank God for all those areas of our Diocese in which women and men work effectively together.

14 F Maximilian Kolbe, friar, martyr

Sambalpur (North India) Christ Kiron Das

Church House: Property Department Sally Moody

15Sa The Blessed Virgin Mary

San Diego (USA) James Mathes

Child Protection Carolyn Buckeridge

A task which is quite lonely, by necessity, with a great deal of confidentiality and trust required all round. Pray for the continued implementation of the diocesan good practice guidelines.

16 S TRINITY 10

San Jaoquin (USA) Jerry Lamb

Diocesan Strategy

Pray that throughout the diocese the People of God may be empowered to advance the Kingdom of God.

Porvoo: Turku (Finland) and Edinburgh (Scotland)

17 M Santiago (Philippines) Alexander Wandag

Growth

Pray that the church in each place may grow in commitment to God, in partnership with others, in influence in the wider community, and in numbers of those who turn to Christ.

18 T Sao Paulo (Brazil)

Leadership

Pray for the discernment and development of those who have the gifts of leadership throughout the diocese.

19 W Saskatchewan (Canada) Michael Hawkins

Strategy Delivery Team

Pray for the oversight and support these members of the Bishop's Staff can give in each deanery.

20 Th Bernard, abbot, teacher of the faith

William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army

Saskatoon (Canada) Rodney Osborne Andrews

Area Deans

Pray for the Area Deans as they respond to their greater responsibilities

21 F Sebei (Uganda) Augustine Joe Arapyona Salimo

Vacancies George Rendell

Give thanks that 'Vacancy Development' is giving parishes the opportunity to think about how they organise themselves in ways that enable more people to be involved in Mission and Ministry. Pray for those parishes in vacancy. Pray for the appointment of a colleague to join the vacancy development team.

22 Sa Sekondi (West Africa) John Kwamina Otoo

Church Schools

God, help us to recognize the importance of early years,
When emotions may be coloured for life,
When trust or fear may become dominant,
When the pattern of relationships with others is shaped,
And grant especial grace to those whom you have called to teach children during such truly tender years. *Oliver Tomkins*

23 S TRINITY 11

The Anglican Church of Korea Presiding Bp: Francis Kyung Jo Park

Coadjutor Bp of Seoul: Paul Keun-Sang Kim

Diocesan Board of Education

Jackie Waters-Dewhurst Director of Education; Jane Brookman (Asst. Director);
Katy Staples (Adviser to Schools); Daniel Jones (Youth and Children's Adviser)

Pray for the developing vision of education underpinned by Christian values.

Porvoo: York (England) and Esbo (Finland)

24 M Bartholomew the Apostle

Seychelles (Indian Ocean) I Santosh Marray

The Churches' Council for Industry and Social Responsibility Jon Doble

25 T Sheffield (York) John Nicholls

Doncaster (Sheffield) Cyril Guy Ashton

Industrial Chaplains

26 W Shinyanga (Tanzania) Charles Kija Ngusa

Diocesan Communications

Sam Cavender

27 Th Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo
Shyira (*Rwanda*) John Rucyahana Kabango
Marriage and Family Life Adviser Alison Paginton

28 F Augustine, bishop, teacher of the faith
Shyogwe (*Rwanda*) Jered Kalimba
St Mary Redcliffe and Temple School

29 Sa Beheading of John the Baptist
Sialkot (*Pakistan*) Samuel Sand Masih Perviaz
Bristol Cathedral School

30 S TRINITY 12

The Province of South East Asia Abp John Chew

Suffragan: Rennis Poniah

Music at Bristol Cathedral

Please pray for all those who are concerned for musicmaking in the life of the Cathedral - Mark Lee, the Master of Choristers and Organist, Paul Walton, the Assistant Organist, David Bednall, the sub-organist and Canon Wendy Wilby, the precentor. Remember too the Cathedral Choir and Bristol Cathedral Choir School, a new and developing Academy, which the choristers attend. Pray that our music will open hearts to God and refresh weary souls.

Porvoo: Salisbury (England) and St Asaph (Wales)

31 M Aidan, bishop, missionary
Sittwe (*Myanmar*) Barnabas Theaung Hawi
Suffragan Bishop of **Sittwe**: Sein Aung
Church Musicians

Give thanks for organists, other instrumentalists and singers who lead the worship in our parishes by their ministry of music.

September

O Lord of hosts, purify our hearts that the King of glory may come in, your Son, Jesus our redeemer.

1 T *Giles of Provence, hermit*
Sodor & Man (*York*) Robert Paterson
Christ Church with St Mary's Swindon

Administrator: Ailsa Palmer. Director of music, Tim Eyles ; Lay ministers: Margaret Williams, Teresa Michaux, Trevor Day, Norma McKemey, Daphne Hardwick, Ann Macmillan, Genny Williams, Carol Simmons. Methodist Minister: Revd Ajay Sing. URC pastoral minister: Revd Geoff Gleed; Vicar: Revd Simon Stevenette,

Our Bible verse for the year is 'Be Strong Take Heart All Who Hope In The Lord' psalm 31.24. Please pray for our growing Christian community that we will do as the psalmist says and grow in Christian confidence fulfilling our God given vocation individually and together, as the people of God. The recession is biting hard in Swindon and we have recently set up a rough sleepers night shelter. Our work in local schools continues apace. Please pray for our leadership team as we

prepare to welcome our new Curate Jo Northey and Methodist minister Mark Barrett and take advantage of the many occasional offices which come our way.

2 W *Martyrs of Papua New Guinea*

Sokoto (Nigeria) Augustine Omole

St John the Baptist & St Helen, Wroughton

Michael Johnson (V); Richard Banham (C) Lay Ministers: Barbara Abrey, John Godfree, Readers Emeriti: Marion Colton, Ron Stevens.

Our growth strategy is now in its seventh year and we are focussing on hospitality and welcoming all who come to the church and well as reaching out into the community. Please give thanks for all who are training for any sort of ministry and for a growth in understanding of how God is calling each member of the church to service. Please pray for us as we seek to serve our community.

3 Th Gregory the Great, bishop, teacher of the faith

Soroti (Uganda) Charles Bernard Obaikol-Ebitu

Swindon New Town David McConkey (TR); Christopher Kinch (C)

Pray for our continuing ministry to the town centre of Swindon, and for the development of our ministry to all who live in the parish. Pray for steadfastness in catholic faith, and for all those drawn to our churches (St Mark, St Saviour, St Luke) because of liturgy, music and the proclamation of the faith once delivered to the saints.

4 F *Birinus, bishop*

South Carolina (USA) Mark Lawrence

All Saints Swindon

Alastair Stevenson (V); Angela Overton-Benge (Associate Minister and Industrial Chaplain) Brenda Young (LM)

5 Sa **South Dakota (USA)** Creighton L Robertson

St Barnabas Swindon

Alastair Stevenson (V); Angela Overton-Benge (Associate Minister and Industrial Chaplain) Brenda Young (LM)

6 S TRINITY 13

Church of South India Moderator: John Wilson Gladstone

Swindon Deanery

Rob Burles (Area Dean), Peter Eastwood (Lay Chair)

Give thanks for a successful 2nd year of Street Pastors Swindon; pray for sufficient new recruits for the autumn. Give thanks for continued growth in some of the churches of the Deanery; pray for the successful recruitment of a pioneer minister for Pinehurst, and outreach to the new homes now being occupied to the south of the town. Pray for the continuing discussions over forming a deanery strategy.

Porvoo: Tuam Killala and Achonry (Ireland) and Bath and Wells (England)

7 M **SouthRwenzori (Uganda)** Jackson Nzerebende Tembo

St Augustine Swindon

Alastair Stevenson (V); Angela Overton-Benge (Associate Minister and Industrial Chaplain) Janet Done (LM); Neil Fisher (LM)

Mission and Pastoral Committee

- 8 T The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
South West Tanganyika (*Tanzania*) vacant
St Peter Penhill Carol Stone (PIC); Hugh Milsom (LM)
 Please pray for the future ministry in Penhill.
Strategy Group
- 9 W Charles Fuge Lowder, priest**
South Western Brazil (*Brazil*) Jubal Pereira Neves
St Philip Upper Stratton
 Carol Stone (V); Hugh Milsom (LM)
- 10 Th Southeast Florida (USA)** Leopold Frade
Parish of Dorcan
 Tony Knapp (TR), Derek Collins (Methodist), Beth Brown (seconded TV), Beth Lamb (LM), Barbara Wilcox (LM), Neil Marshall (Methodist LP), Alex Scott (Methodist LP); also Stuart Fisher (on EGP, applying OLM), Paul Tayler (on EGP).
 An Anglican-Methodist partnership with 3 congregations: St Paul's, St Timothy's, Eldene, serving 18000 in Covingham, Nythe, Eldene, Liden. Give thanks for growth of cell groups; also work with schools through Abi Corry our schools worker + much lay involvement. Pray for Holiday Club up to 100 children
Diocesan Advisory Committee
- 11 F Southeastern Mexico** (*Mexico*) Benito Juarez-Martinez
Benefice and Parish of Parks and Walcot, Swindon
 Rob Burles (TR), Jeremy Rigden (RC), Janet Evans (Meth Min)
 Last summer our Curate left to take up a post as Vicar of 5 villages in mid-Wales; give thanks for all he taught us. Give thanks for the positive responses from new residents when they receive a welcome pack. Continue to give thanks for and ask for God's blessing upon Abi our schools worker
- 12 Sa Southern Brazil** (*Brazil*) Orlando Santos de Oliveira
Parks, St John
 Rob Burles (TR), Betty Spence (LM)
 Give thanks for a successful Alpha course recently; pray for 'Tea and Toast' a support service for young mums which the church has now run for a year. Give thanks with us as St John's celebrates its 50th birthday this year; pray that the community will join in the celebrations.
- 13 S TRINITY 14**
Southern Highlands (*Tanzania*) John Mwela
Racial Justice: Every year in the second week in September, Churches Together calls all Christians in Britain and Ireland to work and pray for racial justice.
Porvoo: Sheffield (England) and Sodor and Man (England)
- 14 M Holy Cross Day**
Southern Malawi (*Central Africa*) James Tengatenga
Walcot, St Andrew
 Rob Burles (TR), Janet Leckie (LM)
 Due to ill-health & a recent move, Janet has not been active for the last year; pray that she recovers & knows God's will for her future. Give thanks for the start of a monthly lunch club by the Alzheimer's Society. 'Coffee in the Community' worked

well but has now ceased as the community shop has taken over the library; pray that the congregation might find other ways to reach out to the local community.

- 15 T** Cyprian, bishop, martyr
Abp Elect of Central Africa and **Bp Elect of Upper Shire** (*awaiting details*)
St Mary the Virgin Bishopstone and Hinton Parva
Robin Cardwell (V); Richard Gaines (LM); Mary LeCoyte (LM)
For the Benefice of Lyddington and Wanborough and Bishopstone with Hinton Parva. Two lay ministers, five churchwardens, one Vicar. We are four small congregations, centred on four beautiful old church buildings, with all the burden of up-keep and administration which this involves. We have three energetic church councils and a new benefice council to lead our church life. Please pray for us as we look for new ways to encourage people to welcome the kingdom of heaven, in a time when the old ways of being the church are dwindling away rapidly, with all the challenges and pain that this entails.
- 16 W** Ninian, bishop; Edward Bouverie Pusey, priest
Southern Nyanza (*Kenya*) James Ochiel
All Saints Lyddington see 15th
Finance Committee
Church's Ministry of Healing
- 17 Th** **Hildegard, abbess, visionary**
Southern Ohio (USA) Thomas E Breidenthal
Suffragan: Kenneth Lester Price
St Andrew Wanborough see 15th
Area Deans
- 18 F** **Southern Philippines** (*Philippines*) Danilo Bustamante
St Margaret Stratton St Margaret
Stratton Team Ministry
Victor Howlett (TR); Vicky Fleming (TV); Richard Burston (Hon C); Phil Ashby (Hon C); Lay Ministers: Dan Read, Chris Burston & Rob Stewart.
Please pray for our initiatives of reaching out into our communities especially 'Jump Start Sunday' at Colebrook Junior School and Meeting Point and Saturday Scene at South Marston. Pray for our involvement in local schools and the future development of our Youth and Children's Ministries.
- 19 Sa** *Theodore, archbishop*
Southern Virginia (USA) Herman Hollerith
St Mary Magdalen South Marston see 18th

20 S TRINITY 15

Southwark (*Canterbury*) Thomas Frederick Butler
Croydon (*Southwark*) Nicholas Baines
Kingston-upon-Thames (*Southwark*) Richard Ian Cheetam
Woolwich (*Southwark*) Christopher Thomas Chessun
Children and Youth Work in the Diocese
Pray for all involved with children and young people. Pray for the children of the church, and for their homes and families.
Porvoo: Swansea and Brecon (Wales) and Leicester (England)

- 21 M Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**
Southwell & Nottingham (York) George Henry Cassidy
Sherwood (Southwell & Nottingham) Anthony Porter
St Leonard Stanton Fitzgerald *see 18th*
- 22 T Southwest Florida (USA)** Dabney T Smith
St Michael Highworth and St James Sevenhampton
 Geoffrey Sowdon (V); John Rees (SSM); Arthur Woo (C); Lay Ministers: Jean Ashton; Hilary Fortnam; Philip Bradley; C Kirke; Rob Stewart
 Please pray for us at a time of change to the pattern of our services. Pray too that the right person will apply for the position of Youth & Schools Worker.
Bishop's Staff
Bishop's Council/Directors
- 23 W Ember Day**
Southwestern Virginia (USA) Frank Neff Powell
St John the Baptist Hannington *see 22nd*
- 24 Th Spokane (USA)** James Edward Waggoner
St Leonard Broad Blunsdon *see 22nd*
Liturgy Committee
- 25 F Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer;**
Sergei of Radonezh, monastic reformer, teacher of the faith
 Ember Day
Springfield (USA) Peter Hess Beckwith
St Mary Rodbourne Cheney
 Nick Lines (I). Ruth Hursey (LM), Chris Coombs (LM), Terry & Pancha Barratt (UK - SAMS), Meg Guillebaud (Rwanda - CMS), Ruth Brett (Middle East Christian Outreach)
 Please give thanks and pray for the work of Swindon Night Shelter which uses the church as a hostel; for the process of growth for many new fringe members into committed disciples; that growing commitment and practical love may make us indispensable to the local community and give needy people hope in Christ. Pray too for guidance and blessing on new developments at Pinehurst
- 26 Sa Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army**
 Ember Day
St Albans (Canterbury) Christopher Herbert
Bedford (St Albans) Richard Neil Inwood
Hertford (St Albans) Christopher Richard James Foster
St John Haydon Wick
 Raymond Adams (V)
 We have two major strands at present. Living Stones is about the structures of the church. We want to develop a new leadership team, and encourage effective leadership throughout the church. Living Water, led by Martin Cavander from Resource, is about the importance of the Holy Spirit
Diocesan Synod
- 27 S TRINITY 16**
St Andrews Dunkeld & Dunblane (Scotland) David Robert Chillingworth
Anglican Consultative Council Canon Kenneth Kearon

The ACC is one of the Instruments of Unity for the Anglican Communion, together with the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Primates' Meetings, and the Lambeth Conference. Pray for the unity and mission of the Anglican Communion, for the implementation of the resolutions adopted at the ACC meeting in Jamaica in May this year, and for Kenneth Kearon in his role as Secretary General of the Anglican Communion

Porvoo: Liverpool (England) and Monmouth (Wales)

28 M St Asaph (Wales) John Stewart Davies

St Andrew North Swindon:

Mike Haslam (PiC); B Brown (Priest Missioner); B Sweetman (Baptist Minister); L Slattery (RC priest)

29 T Michael and All Angels

St David's (Wales) John Wyn Evans

Parish of West Swindon and the Lydiards

Please pray for: Anne Carter, Dick Gray and Tudor Roberts in this Ecumenical Partnership. Pray for the Consultation process of finding a new team leader. Give thanks for encouragements, e.g The Community Café at Toothill Church, Healthy Church Process at Holy Trinity Shaw, new members and growth at Westlea, children's work at All Saints and a sense of hope for the future at St Mary's

30 W Jerome, translator of the Scriptures, teacher of the faith

St Edmundsbury & Ipswich (Canterbury) William Nigel Stock

Dunwich (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) Clive Young

St Mary, Purton

Jane Haslam (PiC); J Partridge (Methodist Minister)

The Diocesan Prayer for Growth

Gracious God,

Grant us the imagination

to see fresh possibilities for growth

and the passion to bring them to birth.

Deepen our commitment to your ways;

Expand our partnership in your cause;

Increase our influence for your purpose;

And add to the numbers of those who
acclaim you as Lord.

Lead us from the fear of failure

to that confidence which flows from faith

and to lives of fruitfulness and joy.

In the power of your Spirit

help us create communities of wholeness

with Christ at the centre;

for in his Holy name we ask.

Amen.