

Diocese of Leicester

# PRAYER DIARY

May-August 2026



**Welcome** to the new edition of the Diocese of Leicester Prayer Diary for May to August 2026.

*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*Philippians 4:6-7*

## **Key:**

*Italics:* Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

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

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

Parish ministers are identified as follows:

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

### May

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Fri 1 May

#### **Philip and James, Apostles**

*O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life; that, following the steps of thy holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

*Wusasa (Nigeria)*

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Sat 2 May

#### **Athanasius, bishop, teacher of the faith, 373**

*Almighty ever-living God,  
who raised up the Bishop Saint Athanasius  
as an outstanding champion of your Son's divinity,  
mercifully grant,  
that, rejoicing in his teaching and his protection,  
we may never cease to grow in knowledge and love of you.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.***

*Wyoming (Episcopal Church)*

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Sun 3 May

#### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*Almighty God,  
who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ  
have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life:  
grant that, as by your grace going before us  
you put into our minds good desires,  
so by your continual help  
we may bring them to good effect;  
through Jesus Christ our risen Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

*The Church of North India*

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Mon 4 May **Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro**  
Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

**English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era**

**EPC:** Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan,  
Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan

*Yambio (South Sudan)*

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Tues 5 May **Launde Deanery Minster Community**  
Area Dean designate & Oversight Minister: Revd Crystal McAllister  
Lay Chair: Madeleine Wang  
To support our work with the four church schools, and to nurture mission and ministry across the Minster Community, strengthening our churches while equipping and enabling new leaders. As we seek to discern where God is at work in fresh and emerging ways, we pray that new gifts will be recognised and brought into the light, helping to grow communities shaped by hope.'

*Yangon (Myanmar, Burma)*

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Weds 6 May **Launde Deanery Minster Community PTOs:**  
Ian Gemmell, Jeff Hopewell, Philip Norwood & John Taylor  
*Yei (South Sudan)*

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Thurs 7 May **Loddington**  
Alison Myers (C)  
Give thanks for the regular worshipping community serving this small village and outlying farms and for the local baptisms and weddings over the last year.  
Please pray for the sustaining of our faithful witness in the years to come and our growing relationship with the wider Launde Minster Community.

*Yeri (South Sudan)*

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Fri 8 May

**Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer, c. 1417**

*Triune God, Father and Mother to us all, who showed your servant Julian revelations of your nurturing and sustaining love: Move our hearts, like hers, to seek you above all things, for in giving us yourself you give us all. Amen.*

**UKME Leaders Meeting in Leicester**

*Yewa (Nigeria)*

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Sat 9 May

*Yirol (South Sudan)*

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Sun 10 May

**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

*God our redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us  
to eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Christian Aid Week (10-16<sup>th</sup> May)**

[Christian Aid Week 2026 | Christian Aid](#)

*The Church of Pakistan*

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Mon 11 May

**Diocese of Kiteto**

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

**Rogation Day**

**EPC: India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka**

*Yokohama (Japan)*

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Tues 12 May **Rogation Day.**  
**Gregory Dix, priest, monk, scholar, 1952**

**The Whatborough Group**

Crystal McAllister (C)

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

*Yola (Nigeria)*

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Weds 13 May **Bishop's Leadership Team, meeting today**

**The Coplow Benefice**

Crystal McAllister (C)

Billesdon & Church Langton CE Primary Schools

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

*York (England)*

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Thurs 14 May **Ascension Day**

*Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ  
to have ascended into the heavens,  
so we in heart and mind may also ascend  
and with him continually dwell;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

**Bishop's Study Day – 'Christians and Politics'.**

**Hallaton & Allextion with Horninghold, Tugby, East Norton & Slawston**

Crystal McAllister (C)

Hallaton & Tugby CE Primary Schools

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

*New York (Episcopal Church, USA)*

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Fri 15 May      **Matthias the Apostle (PF)**

**The Langtons and Shangton**

Crystal McAllister (C), Maxine Johnson (R)

Church Langton C of E School

We are planning a Flower Festival of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July, 'Frock and Flowers' in St. Peter's Church. This will also include 'Open Gardens' in Church and East Langton. Plenty going on so please come along and support us. In aid of our Tower project and Air Ambulance. We have been working hard to get this project off the ground.

*Western New York (Episcopal Church, USA)*

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Sat 16 May      **Caroline Chisholm, social reformer, 1877**

**Welham, Glooston and Cranhoe and Stonton Wyville**

Crystal McAllister (C)

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

*Ysabel (Melanesia)*

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Sun 17 May      **Sunday after Ascension Day**

*O God the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ  
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:  
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,  
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us  
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

*The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea*

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Mon 18 May      **Diocese of Wyoming**

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

**EPC:** Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal

*Yukon (Canada)*

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Tues 19 May **Dunstan, archbishop, monastic reformer, 988**

**Six Saints circa Holt**

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

*Zaki-Biam (Nigeria)*

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Weds 20 May **Alciun, deacon, abbot, 804**

**Gaulby**

Crystal McAllister (C), Hilary Painter (R)

The Gaulby Group continues to welcome people into our worshipping community week by week and to our online Saturday service. Our Teas on Summer Saturdays begin at the start of May when we look forward to greeting friends old and new.

*Zambezia (Mozambique)*

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Thurs 21 May **Helena, protector of the holy places, 330**

**Gartree Deanery**

Area Dean: Steve Bailey; Assistant Area Dean: Alison Iliffe; Lay Chair: Liz Smith

Join us in praying for one more person to come to each church in the Deanery each week, and that we would be ready to welcome all who come through our doors.

*Zambia (Central Africa)*

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Fri 22 May **Gartree Deanery PTOs:**

Tricia Allsopp, Pip Clements, Graham Collingridge, Susan Cooper, Brian Davis, David Faulks, Martin Hathaway, Rob Hay, Alistair Helm, Mary Ireland, Michael Johnson, Alan Pyke, Cynthia Thompson, Liz Varley & Jack Wixon

Eastern Zambia (Central Africa)

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Sat 23 May     **Called Together Lay Ministry Service**  
*Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.*  
**Amen.**

*Northern Zambia (Central Africa)*

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Sun 24 May     **Pentecost Sunday**  
*God, who as at this time  
taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

*The Episcopal Church in the Philippines*

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Mon 25 May     **Diocese of Trichy**  
Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

**The Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian, 735.  
Aldhelm, bishop, 709**

**EPC: Indian Ocean Islands**

*Zanzibar (Tanzania)*

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Tues 26 May **Augustine, archbishop, 605.**

**John Calvin, reformer, 1564**

**Philip Neri, founder of the Oratorians, spiritual guide, 1595**

**Foxton with Gumley & Laughton**

We try to encourage people to attend our family services. Our annual clutter sale is on May 16th at 2pm in Robert Monk Hall to raise funds for the church. On May 17th we are holding a choral evensong with the Leicester Cathedral Choir at 4pm in church.

*Zaria (Nigeria)*

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Weds 27 May **Wistow, Fleckney & Kilby**

Philip O'Reilly (C), Paul Garner (R)

Kilby St Mary's & Fleckney CE Primary Schools

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

*Zimbabwe (Central Africa)*

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Thurs 28 May **Promoting Unity Working Group**

**Lanfranc, monk, archbishop, scholar, 1089**

**Market Harborough and The Transfiguration - Little Bowden with Lubenham and Great Bowden**

Alison Iliffe, Hils Corcoran, Vicky & Phil Bryson (C), Susan Cooper, Alistair Helm, Cynthia Thomson, Diane Johnson (PTO), Alastair Michaelwaite (AM) Elizabeth Allen (PA-PTO), Angela Hill (PA-PTO),

All Saints' Lubenham, Market Harborough CE Primary School & Gt Bowden Academy. Little Bowden (Community) Primary School.

*Ziwa Rukwa (Tanzania)*

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Fri 29 May **St Dionysius, Part of Harborough Team**

Phil Bryson (C)

At St Dionysius we give thanks for our strong links with our church school, and for the growth of our choir since the appointment of a director of music. We pray for growth in our regular links with children and families including in regular acts of worship.

*Zonkwa (Nigeria)*

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Sat 30 May     **Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906**

**Joan of Arc, visionary, 1431**

**Apolo Kivebulya, priest, evangelist, 1933**

*Zululand (Southern Africa)*

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Sun 31 May     **Trinity Sunday**

*Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee, that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities, who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. **Amen.***

*The Anglican Church in Rwanda*

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## June

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Mon 1 June     **Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro**

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

**Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth**

Mighty God,

by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary

and greeted her as the mother of the Lord:

look with favour on your lowly servants

that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name

and rejoice to acclaim her Son our Saviour,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**EPC:** Angola, Mozambique

*Aba (Nigeria)*

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Tues 2 June     **Transfiguration St Hugh & St Nicholas Part of Harborough Team**  
Alison Iliffe (C), Elizabeth Allen (PA-PTO), Alastair Michaelwaite (AM)  
We shared the Christmas story with zipwiring owls in church and singing in the community. We are experiencing Easter with school, families and messy church. Prayer requests for 'buildings stuff' and our mission and care as we share Gods love, with our usual holy chaos.  
*Aba Ngwa North (Nigeria)*

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Weds 3 June     **Meeting of the joint IWC and Resourcing Churches Programme Board**  
  
**Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7, 1977**  
  
**Great Bowden St Peter & St Paul; Part of Harborough Team**  
Hills Corcoran (C)  
Please pray for our C of E school, as we embed our new school vision, and values, based on Isaiah 58. May we celebrate our diversity, and enable all, particularly those who are more vulnerable, to flourish. May we reflect compassion, courage and joy.  
*Abakaliki (Nigeria)*

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Thurs 4 June     **Corpus Christi**  
*Lord Jesus Christ, we come before You today,  
we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Body and Blood  
through which we get strengthened body, soul and mind.  
We solemnly pledge that we will offer You  
our undivided love and also service  
to our brothers and sisters as it is Your Holy will.  
We pray this in the Name of the Father,  
and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*  
  
**All Saints, Lubenham; Part of Harborough Team**  
Pip Clements (PTO)  
Lubenham All Saints Primary School.  
We give thanks for small but steady growth, the continued work of Lubenham Lambs pre-school Church group. Discernment for our part in Minster Communities. Currently preparing for our Open Gardens on 7th June.  
  
*Aberdeen and Orkney (Scottish Episcopal Church)*

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# Diocese of Leicester - Prayer Diary

## May - August 2026



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Fri 5 June      **Boniface, bishop, martyr, 754**

*Abuja (Nigeria)*

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Sat 6 June      **Diocesan Synod Meeting**

**Ini Kopuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945**

*Abyei (South Sudan)*

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Sun 7 June      **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
mercifully accept our prayers  
and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
we can do no good thing without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in the keeping of your commandments  
we may please you both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

**Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711**

*The Scottish Episcopal Church*

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Mon 8 June      **Diocese of Kiteto**

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

**Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 597**

**Retired Clergy Tea Party**

**EPC: Eswatini, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa**

*Accra (West Africa)*

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Tues 9 June **Great Glen**

*Pray for our local schools as we seek to continue working well with them.  
Pray for an increase in those supporting the work of the church here.*

*Adelaide (Australia)*

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Weds 10 June **Bishop's Leadership Team meeting today**

**Oadby & Great Glen Team Ministry**

Steve Bailey, Linda Harwood, James Norris (C), Roger Flowers (AM),  
Angela Allen (R), Colin Chettle (R)

Pray for us as we reshape the team and engage with the Minster  
Community process that we can all grow together in mission.

*Afikpo (Nigeria)*

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Thurs 11 June **Barnabas the Apostle**

**St Peter's, Oadby**

Give thanks for the children who have recently joined the choir. Pray for  
our musical provision and for all who contribute towards it in its many  
varied forms.

*North Africa (Alexandria)*

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Fri 12 June **St Paul's, Oadby**

Steve Bailey (C)

Give thanks for Felicity Wilson who has recently joined us as our new  
Youth, Children and Families worker. Pray for her to settle in quickly to  
this new role.

*Agra (North India)*

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Sat 13 June

*Aguata (Nigeria)*

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Sun 14 June     **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
*Lord, you have taught us  
that all our doings without love are nothing worth:  
send your Holy Spirit  
and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues,  
without which whoever lives is counted dead before you.  
Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

**St Philips Centre 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration service**

*Church of the Province of South East Asia*

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Mon 15 June     **Diocese of Wyoming**  
Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

**Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer, 1941**

**EPC:** Botswana, Zimbabwe

*Ahoada (Nigeria)*

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Tues 16 June     **Richard, bishop, 1253**

**Joseph Butler, bishop, philosopher, 1752**

**Kibworth , Smeeton, Saddington.**

A lot happening locally with children and youth activities. Services at 10.30 and 4.00pm with choir and organist. Some great Easter services, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday Stations of the Cross, and Easter Sunday.

*Aipo Rongo (Papua New Ginea)*

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Weds 17 June **Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, social reformers, 1913 and 1936**

**Glen Magna cum Stretton Magna, Carton Curlieu & Burton Overy**

Roger Flowers (AM), Angela Allen (R), Revd Bernard Higgins (PTO),

Pray for our local schools as we seek to continue working well with them.

Pray for an increase in those supporting the work of the church here.

*Ajayi Crowther (Nigeria)*

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Thurs 18 June **Bernard Mizeki, martyr, 1896**

**Cornerstone Team**

**St Luke's, Thurnby (with St Mary's, Stoughton and Living Hope,  
Thurmaston)**

Tom Devas (C)

We have a heavenly Father who invites us to ask, seek, and knock. Pray for 2026 to be marked by joyful obedience and firm faith, for every person coming to faith, joining our churches, and stepping up to serve that we would see "one more", and that we might strengthen our team of churches and renew our mission partners.

*Akobo (South Sudan)*

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Fri 19 June **Sundar Singh, holy man, evangelist, teacher of the faith, 1929**

**Cornerstone Team**

**St. Catharine's Houghton-on-the-Hill**

Steve Ransley (C)

Really grateful for the Alpha course and one lady in her 90s who has been coming along and is so close to trusting in Jesus Christ. Also, Explore keeps going (our afternoon gathering for families who are not yet Christians). We also have 21 children who attend our weekly after school club which is a real privilege.

*Akoko (Nigeria)*

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Sat 20 June

*Akoko Edo (Nigeria)*

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Sun 21 June **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.***

*The Church of South India*

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Mon 22 June **Diocese of Trichy**

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

**Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c250**

**EPC:** Malawi, Zambia

*Akot (South Sudan)*

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Tues 23 June **Etheldreda, abbess, c678**

**Wigston**

David Cowie (C); Jenny Barradell (PA)

All Saints CofE School, Wigston Magna.

We give thanks for renewed ministry, praying for vision that will direct our energy into our local communities as we share the Good News of Jesus. We give thanks for the beginnings of connecting well with our local primary schools.

*Akure (Nigeria)*

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Weds 24 June **Birth of John the Baptist**

*Almighty God, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by the preaching of repentance:  
lead us to repent according to his preaching  
and, after his example,  
constantly to speak the truth, boldly to rebuke vice,  
and patiently to suffer for the truth's sake;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

**Goscote Deanery**

Area Dean: Rob Gladstone; Assistant Area Dean: Roz Harper Lay Chair: Stephen Gamble

For the Deanery, that the emerging Minster Communities will flourish in mission and discipleship

*Alabama (Episcopal Church, USA)*

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Thurs 25 June **Goscote Deanery PTO:**

Nigel Elliott, Kerry Emmett, Nicky McGinty & Alison Prince.

*Alaska (Episcopal Church, USA)*

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Fri 26 June **Ember Day**

**Rothley**

Rob Gladstone, Sneha Ninan (C), Valerie Joyce (R-PTO), David Wilson (AM), Andrew Willetts (AM)

Rothley CE Primary School

For Rothley - please pray that the Lord will grow his church here over the summer, especially for a group of families going on a residential in May; for the establishment of a witnessing worshipping presence in Broadnook Garden Village

*Saint Albans (England)*

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Sat 27 June      **Cyril, bishop, teacher of the faith, 444**

**Sileby, Cossington & Seagrave**

Duncan Beet, Heather Hall (C), John Dean (R-PTO), John Hewer (R), Sheila Langley (AM), Andrew Marshall (AM)

Cossington CE Primary School

Give thanks to God, show a significant rise in 2025 - 2026. We have carried out nine total immersion baptisms, three children were baptised, had a confirmation, and I've seen new people coming to church most weeks.

*Albany (Episcopal Church, USA)*

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Sun 28 June      **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
grant this, heavenly Father,  
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

*The Anglican Church of South Africa*

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Mon 29 June      **Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro**

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

**Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**EPC:** Kenya, Tanzania

*Algoma (Canada)*

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Tues 30 June    **Syston and East Goscote,**  
Ros Harper (C), Sue Essex (AM), John Hewer (R), Sheila Langley (AM)  
SS Peter & Paul School, Syston  
We give thanks for God's faithfulness and for new shoots that are growing.  
Please pray for our ongoing work with children and families as we seek to  
strengthen links between church, school and home.

*All Saints (Kenya)*

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## July

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Weds 1 July    **Lay Licensing of Ordinands**

**Henry, John and Henry Venn, priests, evangelical divines, 1797, 1813, 1873**

**Barkby**  
Biddy Saunders (C)  
Loving God, we humbly seek Your blessing upon our agricultural community, the farmlands and new homes surrounding our village. Grant us fruitful harvests, unite us in our differences, and keep us steadfast in Your loving care. Guide us always. Amen.

*Aluakluak (South Sudan)*

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Thurs 2 July    **Rearsby**  
Biddy Saunders (C)  
*Father God, bless our village church and our school, strengthen us whilst we are without clergy, guide our hearts and fill our gatherings with your presence. May we shine Your light, serve our village community and glorify Your name. Amen.*

*Igreja (Brazil)*

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Fri 3 July

### **Thomas the Apostle (PF)**

*Almighty and ever living God, who didst strengthen thine apostle Thomas with sure and certain faith in thy Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in thy sight; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

**Amen.**

### **Queniborough**

Biddy Saunders (C)

*Gracious Lord, we ask for your guidance and blessing on St Mary's, Queniborough as we join the minster community. Give us a spirit of hope, cooperation and togetherness as we seek to grow your kingdom here on earth. Amen.*

*Amichi (Nigeria)*

Sat 4 July

*Amritsar (North India)*

Sun 5 July

### **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church  
is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

*The Anglican Church of South America*

Mon 6 July

### **Diocese of Kiteto**

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

### **Thomas More, scholar and John Fisher, bishop, martyrs, 1535**

**EPC:** Sudan, South Sudan, Udanda

*Andaman and Car Nicobar Islands (North India)*

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Tues 7 July      **Thurmaston: St Michael & All Angels**  
Dave Beck (LAM); Sam Bone (LAM)  
Church Hill School, Thurmaston  
Please pray for our Bible Study Group, those new to the congregation, the newly baptised, those preparing for baptism, our Locally Authorised Ministers, and visiting clergy.

*St Andrew, Dunkeld and Dunblane (Scotland)*

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Weds 8 July      **Bishop's Leadership Team meeting today**  
  
**Birstall and Wanlip**  
Lesley Walton (AM), Amanda Digman, Rachael Brind-Surch (C), Lesley Walton (AM) Kerry Emmett (PTO)  
Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.

*Central and South Angola (Mozambique)*

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Thurs 9 July      **The Deanery of Akeley East (Loughborough)**  
Area Dean: Colin Resch Lay Chairs: Deb Green & Charlotte Dodson  
Even before the election of new Synod members, our deanery has undergone a complete change of team. Please pray for us as we work out how we do things and what it is that God is calling us to be and do in this deanery.

*Ankole (Uganda)*

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Fri 10 July      **The Deanery of Akeley East (Loughborough)**  
PTO: John Bird, Ruth Brooker, Martin Charles, Steve Delaforce, Charles Dobbin, Susan Forshaw, Paul Hackwood, Frances Knight, Rob Miles, David Newman, Simon Richards, Simon Richardson, David Stoter, Chris Taylor, Eric Whitley, Rosie Whitley & Peter Yorkstone.

*North Ankole (Uganda)*

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Sat 11 July      **Benedict, abbot, c550**

**Soar Valley Minister Community**

Clive Watts (Oversight Minister)

Pray for the thirteen churches of the Soar Valley Minster Community as we grow together, exploring how we can learn from each other, share in mission, minister to our communities and engage in deeper ways with our schools, children, young people and families.

*Northwest Ankole (Uganda)*

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Sun 12 July      **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*Merciful God,*

*you have prepared for those who love you  
such good things as pass our understanding:*

*pour into our hearts such love toward you*

*that we, loving you in all things and above all things,*

*may obtain your promises,*

*which exceed all that we can desire;*

*through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,*

*who is alive and reigns with you,*

*in the unity of the Holy Spirit,*

*one God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

*Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

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Mon 13 July      **Diocese of Wyoming**

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

**EPC:** Eritrea, Ethiopia

*South Ankole (Uganda)*

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Tues 14 July **John Keble, priest, poet, 1866**

**The Barrow and Wolds Group**

Clive Watts, Bob Edge (C), Pam Knowles (R-PTO), Rex Shaw (R), David Spencer (AM) Mike Hyde (R) and Jay Jones (AM)

Barrow-upon-Soar CE Primary School; Wymeswold CE Primary School

Pray for the four churches of the Barrow and Wolds Group as we explore how we can better reach out in mission to children, young people and families, and as we learn together how mission and ministry can develop as part of our new Soar Valley Minster Community.

*West Ankole (Uganda)*

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Weds 15 July **Swithun, bishop, c862**

**Bonaventure, friar, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1274**

**Castle Donington, and Lockington cum Hemington**

**Catherine Stray, Susan Forshaw, Peter Fox, April Sly, Rachel Lacey,**

St Edward's CE Primary School, Castle Donington

We give thanks for willing hands, lay ministers and retired clergy who are helping us to continue God's work in our benefice whilst we are in vacancy. We also give thanks for new school connections and growing children and families activities, and we pray that our upcoming church building projects will soon be a benefit to our community.

*Antananarivo (Indian Ocean)*

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Thurs 16 July **Osmund, bishop, 1099**

**Emmanuel, Loughborough**

**Michael Broadley, Kat Marjoribanks Associate Priest (C), Codra Kupara-Spencer (R),**

Loughborough CE Primary School

Please pray that we continue to grow in our discipleship in Jesus Christ as well as continue as a Resource Church in partnership with the Good Shepherd and St Barnabas Grange Park as we discern together where to plant next.

*Antsiranana (Indian Ocean)*

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Fri 17 July

**Good Shepherd.**

Michael Broadley (C), Jackie Rotter (R-PTO), Paul Chung (AM),  
Please pray for The Fold (intergenerational service) as well as the  
continued renewal of the congregation for all ages. Please also pray for  
the new, embryonic church plant, in the Beacon Academy area especially  
for wisdom and increased discernment.

*Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa (New Zealand)*

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Sat 18 July

**Elizabeth Ferard, deaconess, founder of the Community of St Andrew,  
1883**

**St Barnabas, Grange Park (BMO)**

Ben Gardner (C), Alex Howlett (AM)

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

*Araucania (Chile)*

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Sun 19 July

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

*Episcopal Church of Sudan*

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Mon 20 July

**Diocese of Trichy**

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

**Margaret of Antioch, martyr, 4<sup>th</sup> cent.**

**Bartolomé de la Casas, Apostle to the Indies, 1566**

**EPC:** Djibouti, Somalia

*Arctic (Canada)*

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Tues 21 July **Belton, Diseworth, Hathern, Kegworth, Long Whatton and Osgathorpe.**  
Simon Stevens (PTO), Peter Yorkstone (PTO), Sue Hack (R), Tim Aldsworth (R), Sue Hack (R)  
Belton, Diseworth, Hathern & Long Whatton CE Primary Schools  
Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.

*Argentina (South America)*

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Weds 22 July **Mary Magdalene (PF)**  
*Almighty God,  
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body  
and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:  
forgive our sins and heal us by your grace,  
that we may serve you in the power of his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

*Northern Argentina (South America)*

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Thurs 23 July **Bridget, abbess, 1373**

**Loughborough All Saints with Holy Trinity**  
Emily Sharman (C), Penny White (AM), Phil Harper (AM), Penny Pullan (O)  
Martyn Davison (R-PTO), Richard Harries (R-PTO), David Newman (PTO), Bob Smith (R), Charles Dobbin (PTO), Angela Tarry (C)  
Please pray for our inclusive, intercultural and intergenerational church. We hope to raise and equip new leaders and volunteers, especially GMH leaders, who will help us to deliver the gospel message to our schools, young people, asylum seekers and care homes.

*Argyll and The Isles (Scotland)*

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Fri 24 July **St Mary in Charnwood, Nanpantan**  
Adele Adshead (C), Dave Rollett (C), Helena Wilkinson (AM), Hazel Wragg (Intergenerational Pioneer)  
Please pray for faith to grow through our new Messy Church Goes Wild, meeting at the Scout Hut and in our Woodland; also for good contacts to be made through the Gospel Giveaway and with people moving into local housing developments.

*Arizona (USA)*

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Sat 25 July      **James the Apostle**

*Arkansas (USA)*

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Sun 26 July      **8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern  
both our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws  
and the works of your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

*The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

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Mon 27 July      **Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro**

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

**Brooke Foss Westcott, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1901**

**EPC:** Burundi, DRC, Rwanda

*Armagh (Ireland)*

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Tues 28 July      **Beacon in the Forest Minister Community**

Adele Adshead (Transitional Oversight Minister)

Please pray for the appointments of the Oversight and Growing Faith Ministers to facilitate the vision outlined in our proposal. Give thanks for our lay ministers and volunteers and pray for more people to be hearing God's call to lead in ministry and mission.

*Armidale (Australia)*

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Weds 29 July **Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord**

**Mountsorrel Christ Church & St Peter**

Colin Resch (C), Mel Rowley (AM), Linda Vesty (Inter-generational Worker), Alison White (Children & Family Worker), Kat Jenkins (Youth Worker)

Christ Church & St Peter's CE Primary School, Mountsorrel.

Pray for those in our parishes who are seeking to know more about the Christian faith. Pray for a good take up on our Christian basics course (Glen Scrivener's '321') running this autumn.

*Arochukwu (Nigeria)*

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Thurs 30 July **William Wilberforce, social reformer, anti-slavery campaigner, 1833**

**Oludah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, anti-slavery campaigners, 1797 and 1846**

*Aru (Congo)*

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Fri 31 July **Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556**

*Aseba (Nigeria)*

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## August

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Sat 1 Aug

*Asante-Mampong (West Africa)*

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Sun 2 Aug

**9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*Almighty God,*

*who sent your Holy Spirit*

*to be the life and light of your Church:*

*open our hearts to the riches of your grace,*

*that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit*

*in love and joy and peace;*

*through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,*

*who is alive and reigns with you,*

*in the unity of the Holy Spirit,*

*one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

*The Church of the Province of Uganda*

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Mon 3 Aug

**Diocese of Kiteto**

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

**EPC:** Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tomé

*Saint Asaph (Wales)*

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Tues 4 Aug

**Jean-Baptiste Vianney, curé d'Ars, spiritual guide, 1859**

**St Leonard's, Swithland**

Steve Delaforce (AP), Gary Lee (LAM), Olga Harris (LAM) & Jennifer De Hever (LAM)

Swithland St Leonard's CE Primary School.

Strengthening links with our School; outreach into our village, welcoming newcomers and working together with the Village Monday Club. That our new services of Morning Praise and Celtic Praise will attract new people. Exploring collaboration and cover within the recently formed Soar Valley Minister Community.

*Athabasca (Canada)*

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Weds 5 Aug

**Bishop's Leadership Team meeting today**

**Oswald, king, martyr, 642**

*Atlanta (USA)*

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Thurs 6 Aug

**The Transfiguration**

**Quorn United Church**

Dawn Daly (AM), Steve Delaforce (AP), Karen Beecham (Methodist)  
St Bartholomew's CE Primary School; Rawlins College (Academy)

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

*Attooch (South Sudan)*

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Fri 7 Aug      **John Mason Neale, priest, hymn write, 1866**

**Shepshed & Oaks in Charnwood**

John Bird (PTO); Chris Taylor (PTO); Richard Rock (AM); Diane Melton (PA)  
St Botolph's CE Primary School; Newcroft Primary School  
Praying for our mission, ministry and service to our local community.

*Auckland (New Zealand)*

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Sat 8 Aug      **Dominic, priest, founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221**

*North West Australia*

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Sun 9 Aug      **10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*Let your merciful ears, O Lord,  
be open to the prayers of your humble servants;  
and that they may obtain their petitions  
make them to ask such things as shall please you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

*The Episcopal Church (USA)*

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Mon 10 Aug      **Diocese of Wyoming**

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

**Laurence, deacon, martyr, 258**

**EPC:** Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea

***Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister through the  
Diocesan Secretary's Office***

*Aweil (South Sudan)*

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Tues 11 Aug **Clare of Assisi, founder of the Poor Clares, 1253**

*Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister through the Parish Transition & Ministry Development Department*

*Awerial (South Sudan)*

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Weds 12 Aug **Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister through the MC & SGBT Team**

*Awgu / Aninri (Nigeria)*

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Thurs 13 Aug **Jeremy Taylor, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1667**

**Florence Nightingale, nurse, social reformer, 1910**

**Octavia Hill, social reformer, 1912**

*Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister through Resource Churches*

*Awka (Nigeria)*

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Fri 14 Aug **Maximillian Kolbe, friar, martyr, 1941**

*Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister through the Archdeacons Office including Diocesan Counsellors and the Social Responsibility Panel*

*Awori (Nigeria)*

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Sat 15 Aug **Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister in the Net Carbon Zero Team**

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Ayod (South Sudan)*

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Sun 16 Aug

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

***Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister in our Communications Team***

*The Church in Wales*

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Mon 17 Aug

**Diocese of Trichy**

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

***Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister through the Property Department***

**EPC:** Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

*Badagry (Nigeria)*

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Tues 18 Aug

***Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister through our Intercultural Worshipping Communities & Racial Justice Team***

*Bahamas and The Turks and Caicos Islands (West Indies)*

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Weds 19 Aug

***Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister through our Church Buildings Team***

*Ballarat (Australia)*

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Thurs 20 Aug **Bernard, abbot, teacher of the faith, 1153**

**William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army, 1912,  
1890**

***Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister through our  
IT Department***

*Bangor (Wales)*

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Fri 21 Aug ***Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister through our  
Finance Department***

*Banks and Torres (Melanesia)*

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Sat 22 Aug ***Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister through our  
Generous Giving Team***

*Barbados (West Indies)*

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Sun 23 Aug **12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**  
*Almighty and everlasting God,  
you are always more ready to hear than we to pray  
and to give more than either we desire or deserve:  
pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy,  
forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid  
and giving us those good things  
which we are not worthy to ask  
but through the merits and mediation  
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

***Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister through the  
Cathedral***

*The Church of the Province of West Africa*

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# Diocese of Leicester - Prayer Diary

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Mon 24 Aug **Diocese of Mount Kilimanjaro**  
Please pray for our sisters and brothers in our partner diocese.

*Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister through our Safeguarding Team*

**Bartholemew the Apostle**

**EPC:** Liberia, Sierra Leone

*Bari (Nigeria)*

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Tues 25 Aug *Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister through St Martins House & Lodge*

*Baringo (Kenya)*

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Weds 26 Aug *Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister through our Diocesan Board of Education*

*Barisal (Bangladesh)*

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Thurs 27 Aug **Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387**

*Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister through the St Philip's Centre*

*Barrackpore (North India)*

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Fri 28 Aug **Augustine, bishop , teacher of the faith, 430**

*Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister at Launde Abbey*

*Bath & Wells (England)*

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Sat 29 Aug **Beheading of John the Baptist**

*Diocesan Staff Cycle of Prayer: For all who work and minister at Bishop's Lodge*

*Bathurst (Australia)*

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# Diocese of Leicester - Prayer Diary

## May - August 2026



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Sun 30 Aug

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

*Almighty God,  
who called your Church to bear witness  
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:  
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,  
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;  
through him who was lifted up on the cross,  
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.***

*The Church in the Province of the West Indies*

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Mon 31 Aug

**Diocese of Kiteto**

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

**Aidan, bishop, missionary, 651**

**EPC:** Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bisseau, Senegal

*Bauchi (Nigeria)*

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