

## Diocese of Hereford . . . Sunday Prayers October to December 2018

### 30TH SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 18

*Give thanks for the successful visit from Muheza of Neema and Benson, the two link visitors who, having finally been successful in gaining a visa were able to enjoy six weeks at the County Hospital, returning home at the end of September.*

Anglican	Church of Uganda: The Most Revd Stanley Ntagali, Archbishop.
Hereford	The nurturing of vocation within our Diocese: those who advise, counsel and direct, and all that is done to train and prepare people for ministry, and within the ministries they offer.
Today	On National Sporting Heritage Day give thanks for all that gives encouragement to take up sports, and enables health and fitness.
Porvoo	Swansea and Brecon (Wales); Leicester (England).

### 7TH OCTOBER - TRINITY 19

*Archbishop Maimbo Mdolwa is visiting the UK this month, including time in Hereford: we pray for safe travel and a successful visit.*

Anglican	The Episcopal Church - The Most Revd Michael Curry, Presiding Bp.
Hereford	Ledbury Deanery: Rural Dean – Robert Ward; Lay Co-Chair – Sheila Mullaney; Sub-Warden of Readers – Chris Blanchard and Clive Evans. Pray for the Cider Churches following the retirement of Howard Mayell. Continue to pray for the emerging Group Ministry.
Today	In Dyspraxia Awareness Week begins today, pray for better awareness of this developmental coordination disorder, often affecting children as they grow and making them appear clumsy.
Porvoo	Liverpool (England); Monmouth (Wales); Haderslev (Denmark).

### 14TH OCTOBER - TRINITY 20

*The Ludlow - Langwasser Deanery link celebrates thirty years this year. Pray for this link and the widening of links between our diocese and Nuremberg, giving thanks for friendships formed and the open discussions on many subjects that take place.*

Anglican	The Church in Wales: The Most Revd John Davies, Archbishop.
Hereford	All that is done to develop and resource the ministry offered in our Diocese, including CMD, the School for Ministry, and the resource centre at the Ludlow Mascall Centre.
Today	Pray for the hospices which serve our Diocese, for all who live with progressive or terminal illness, for chaplains and staff, and for those denied access to effective palliative care.
Porvoo	Truro (England); Tönsberg (Norway); Strängnäs (Sweden).

### 21ST OCTOBER - TRINITY 21

*On 27th October Richard and Karilyn Collins will speak at a meeting held by the Holy Land Group in Leominster about their experiences teaching Palestinian nurses. Pray this may help understanding of the difficult situation in the Holy Land.*

Anglican	The Province of West Africa: The Most Revd Daniel Sarfo, Primate.
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- Hereford Leominster Deanery: Rural Dean – Mike Kneen; Lay Co-Chair – Lydia Davies; Sub-Warden of Readers – Mike Kneen.
- Today On Apple Day, pray for the many apple-growers (and cider-makers) of our Diocese and for all who farm the land.
- Porvoo Växjö (Sweden); Oxford (England).

### 28TH OCTOBER - ST SIMON & ST JUDE (LAST AFTER TRINITY)

*Give thanks for the friendships and links made by teachers visiting Tanzania, which have great value in increasing understanding and sharing cultures. Pray for more links, and for relaxation in visa restrictions so teachers from Tanzania visit the UK.*

- Anglican The Province of the West Indies: The Most Revd John Holder, Abp.
- Hereford Support for ministry and mission within our Diocese: all that is done to help address issues of pastoral ministry, mission and parish development, and to identify and access resources.
- Today On Bible Sunday, pray for the work of the Bible Societies worldwide and for all who translate, study and share the scripture.
- Porvoo Carlisle (England); Stavanger (Norway).

### 4TH NOVEMBER - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY (4TH BEFORE ADVENT)

*Pray for Buhuri Agricultural Institute, for its staff and students, and for the repairs to the dam and water harvesting. Pray for the Bromyard / Buhuri community link, for guidance as to the future direction of the link, and in ensuring support for Buhuri.*

- Anglican Church of Ceylon: Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey (Colombo); Rt Revd Keerthisiri Fernando (Kurunagala).
- Hereford Ludlow Deanery: Rural Dean – Ashley Buck; Lay Co-Chair – vacant; Sub-Warden of Readers – John Beesley.
- Today Give thanks for the stories of Christian courage, commitment and faith that inspire us in the saints. Pray for the safety of those attending bonfire events this weekend, and give thanks for all that draws us together at this darkening time of the year.
- Porvoo Winchester (England); Agder & Telemark (Norway).

### 11TH NOVEMBER - REMEMBRANCE (3RD BEFORE ADVENT)

*On Remembrance Sunday call to mind those who have fallen on the field of battle. Pray for all who are caught up today in the ravages of war, and for the work of the UN and other international organisations. Give thanks too for the friendships established through our links with Nuremberg.*

- Anglican Iglesia Episcopal de Cuba: Rt Revd Griselda Delgado Del Carpio, Rt Revd Ulises Prendes.
- Hereford Ecumenical, interfaith and international links that help define and locate us as a diocese; the things that help encourage a wider vision of faith, call and service in every local church.

- Today All serving members of our armed forces, and forces chaplains; the Royal British Legion, service organisations and all who have served; also for those damaged or bereaved by war.
- Porvoo Norwich (England); Luleå (Sweden).

### 18TH NOVEMBER - 2ND BEFORE ADVENT

*Pray for students at St Mark's Theological College in Dar es Salaam, in the first term of a new academic year, especially those sponsored by parishes in our Diocese.*

- Anglican Bermuda (Extra-Provincial) - Rt Revd Nicholas Dill.
- Hereford Pontesbury Deanery: Rural Dean – Giles Tulk; Lay Co-Chair – Jill Jones; Sub-Warden of Readers – Nancy Cleaton. Pray for the Westbury Group and Pontesbury which are vacant.
- Today Pray for all bereaved by road traffic accidents, for those living with injuries or trauma, for members of the emergency services, and for Roadpeace service today at the Cathedral and elsewhere.
- Porvoo Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church; Rochester (England).

### 25TH NOVEMBER - CHRIST THE KING (NEXT BEFORE ADVENT)

*Give thanks that Brigitte Malik was made an Ecumenical Companion of Hereford Cathedral in September, and pray that this honour may serve to help strengthen our links with Lutherans in our link diocese of Nuremberg and more widely.*

- Anglican The Lusitanian Church (Portugal): Rt Revd José Jorge De Pina Cabral.
- Hereford Communications within and as outreach from our Diocese: pray for all who provide news and comment, and share stories of faith.
- Today On White Ribbon Day pray for the elimination of violence against women, and for all trapped in situations of domestic violence.
- Porvoo St Edmundsbury & Ipswich (England); Aberdeen & Orkney (Scotland).

### 2ND DECEMBER - ADVENT 1

*Pray for the planned orphanage for street children in Newala Diocese, and that it may find funding. Pray for street children there and around the world.*

- Anglican Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain: Rt Revd Carlos López-Lozano.
- Hereford Ross and Archenfield Deanery: Rural Dean – Mark Johnson; Lay Co-Chair – vacant; Sub-Warden of Readers – Rev Chris Blanchard.
- Today Pray that we may use the season of Advent well, despite the Christmas glitter around us. On the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery pray for all who continue to live in conditions of real slavery today.
- Porvoo St Andrews, Dunkeld & Dunblane (Scotland); Porvoo (Finland).

### 9TH DECEMBER - ADVENT 2

*Pray for Focus 9/9, a programme of the Church of South India aiming to 'assure the future' of the girl child, and reduce female foeticide.*

Anglican Hereford	Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial): Rt Revd Timothy Thornton. Pray for the highest standards of safeguarding across our churches, in work with children, the elderly and vulnerable adults, and as we select and make appointments, and for the work of Mandy McPhee.
Today	On International Anti-Corruption Day, pray for societies marred by corruption, and for vigilance and a spirit of service.
Porvoo	Chester (England); Kuopio (Finland).

### 16TH DECEMBER - ADVENT 3

*Pray for the Eden Group as they encourage more people to grow nourishing and sustainable food crops to feed schools and communities, and for the training programme in Tanzania.*

Anglican Hereford	Kivu (Rwanda) - The Rt Revd Augustin Ahimana. Telford Severn Gorge Deanery: Rural Dean – Ian Naylor; Lay Co-Chair – vacant; Sub-Warden of Readers – Garry Ward.
Today	Many churches will be holding carol services or hosting community events this and/or next Sunday, and on other days between: pray we may reach those who come to these events but are otherwise “unchurched” with the good news of Jesus.
Porvoo	Southwell & Nottingham (England); Borg (Norway).

### 23RD DECEMBER - ADVENT 4

*Our companion links are an important part of what defines us as a Diocese, and the contacts and friendships built by visits, exchanges and other communication with our partners in Germany and Tanzania expand our vision and inform our ministry. As this year draws towards its close, give thanks for the years of companionship so far, and for the sense of belonging together in Christ that derives from our links with Nuremberg, Tanga, Dar es Salaam, Masasi and Newala. Pray for resilient faith and clarity of vision as we face together the new challenges future days may bring.*

Anglican Hereford	Kubwa ( Abuja, Nigeria) - The Rt Revd Duke Akamisoko. Pray that at every level of church life in our Diocese we may welcome and affirm the rights, abilities and participation of all, regardless of age, gender or background; pray for all that encourages and enables a gender inclusive ministry.
Today	Pray for all who will be travelling over this time to visit family and friends; also for those who will be away from family over Christmas, including those who serve in our armed forces, work within the emergency services, or in essential industries.
Porvoo	Oslo (Norway); Durham (England); Moray Ross & Caithness (Scotland).