

Diocese of Hereford . . . Sunday Prayers January to March 2019

30TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS 1

At the New Year we pray with the Christmas Angels for "Peace on Earth". Pray for an end to the conflicts in Syria, Yemen, Sudan, The Democratic Republic of the Congo, Palestine (especially Gaza), and Myanmar / Burma.

- Anglican Kyushu (Japan) - Rt Revd Luke Ken-ichi Muto.
Hereford Abbeydore Deanery: Rural Dean – Nicholas Lowton; Lay Co-Chair – Philip Wilcocks; Sub-Warden of Readers – Vacant. Rural Pioneer Priests serving across the Deanery: Nicholas Lowton, Mark Godson, Simon Lockett, Hilary Morgan, Luci Morriss.
Today Pray for road safety over this holiday period when many travel in poor weather conditions, and for the emergency services.

6TH JANUARY - THE EPIPHANY

Pray for Drs Mark and Kate Szymankiewicz, in Muheza, Tanzania with their three young children from last November until March. The work is challenging, and children need to cope with the heat, lack of water, and their African school.

- Anglican The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia: Most Revd Philip Richardson - Bishop of Taranaki and Primate; Most Revd Don Tamihere - Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate; Most Revd Fereimi Cama - Bishop of Polynesia and Primate.
Hereford Pray for the prayer life of our Diocese, and for all that is being done to encourage new initiatives and directions in prayer and spirituality, deepening awareness of our shared discipleship.
Today On the Feast of the Epiphany, give thanks that our faith takes root in many cultures, traditions and nations; may we value the offered and used as the Gospel crosses all kinds of human boundary.
Porvoo London (England); Nidaros (Trondheim) (Norway).

13TH JANUARY - EPIPHANY 2

Pray for young people in our Diocese and in Nuremberg, and for the development of school and youth links, including the new school link between Earl Mortimer College in Leominster and the Hans-Sachs-Gymnasium in Nuremberg.

- Anglican Australia - Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier - Primate.
Hereford Bridgnorth Deanery: Rural Dean – Mark Daborn; Lay Co-Chair – Martin Elcock; Sub-Warden of Readers – Garry Ward. Pray for 'Open the Book' Teams in all our primary schools.
Today As we celebrate the Baptism of Christ, pray for effective baptism preparation, and faithfulness to our own baptismal vows.
Porvoo Oulu (Finland); Soer-Hålogaland (Norway); Coventry (England).

20TH JANUARY - EPIPHANY 3

Pray for the Jennifer Metcalfe Nursery School, by St Aiden's Church in Maramba, Tanzania, opened last year in memory of Jenny Metcalfe who died last summer. She, with her husband Peter, was active in the Tenbury - Maramba parish link.

Anglican	United Church of Bangladesh - Most Revd Paul Sarker - Moderator
Hereford	All that helps and encourages outreach to and work with families and young people within our Diocese, and all involved in this work.
Today	On World Religion Day pray that religion may be a force for peace, and justice in today's world. Pray also for events and services today on the Sunday of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
Porvoo	Tampere (Finland); Manchester (England).

27TH JANUARY - EPIPHANY 4

Steve Chandler travels to St Augustine's School in Dar es Salaam in February for his annual visit. Pray for a safe and successful trip and for pupils and staff at the school.

Anglican	Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil - Most Revd Naudal Alves Gomes.
Hereford	Bromyard Deanery: Rural Dean – Clive Evans; Lay Co-Chair – Brenda Allan; Sub-Warden of Readers – Clive Evans.
Today	On World Leprosy Day, reflect on the 210,000 or more new cases of the disease each year. Holocaust Memorial Day this year coincides with the 25th anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda.
Porvoo	Birmingham (Eng); Cork, Cloyne & Ross (Ire); Elsinore (Denmark).

3RD FEBRUARY - 5TH BEFORE LENT

We give thanks for Archbishop Maimbo Mdolwa of Tanzania's recent visit to this country and to our Diocese, and pray for him in the challenging task of maintaining and encouraging unity within the Anglican province of Tanzania.

Anglican	Anglican Church of Burundi - The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho.
Hereford	Growth and renewal in our congregations, and as we reach out into each community. Pray for all who support and resource our churches in mission, with ideas, materials, training and direction.
Today	This week prayer is asked for victims of sexual abuse and violence, for all who live with tinnitus, and for children and young people experiencing mental health problems.
Porvoo	Bangor (Wales); Dublin & Glendalough (Ireland).

10TH FEBRUARY - 4TH BEFORE LENT

As Brexit approaches, pray for EU nationals, many from eastern Europe, within our diocese, working on farms, buses, in hospitals and care homes, etc, that they may receive friendship and Christian love from us, through this difficult time.

Anglican	Anglican Church of Canada - Most Revd Frederick Hiltz.
Hereford	Clun Forest Deanery: Rural Dean – Stephanie Fountain; Lay Co-Chair – Andrew Wood; Treasurer - Sally Currin; Sub-Warden of Readers – Jonathan Kemp; Deanery Healing Adviser - Mary Hardham.

Today Pray for all who feel a call to ministry, and for the recognition and nurturing of vocations.
Porvoo Worcester (England); Hamar (Norway).

17TH FEBRUARY - 3RD BEFORE LENT

Pray for the Bromyard - Buhuri Link as it looks to find ways to help rebuild the Buhuri dam that provides water for a substantial number of peasant farmers in the area.

Anglican Province of Central Africa - Most Revd Albert Chama.
Hereford Pray for the variety of communities that make up our Diocese, and all that helps develop healthy mutually supportive relationships between church and community. Pray also for our ecumenical and interfaith links.

Today On Random Acts of Kindness Day, pray that in our churches we may practise kindness and encourage it in others.

Porvoo Limerick & Killaloe (Ireland); Roskilde (Denmark).

25TH FEBRUARY - 2ND BEFORE LENT

Pray for the exploration of new Deanery links with Nuremberg, in particular between Ludlow and Neustadt-an-der-Aisch, and between Leominster and Weissenburg.

Anglican Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America - Rt Revd Julio Murray Thompson.

Hereford Conover Deanery: Rural Dean – Geoff Garrett; Lay Co-Chair – Janet Wilcoxon; Sub-Warden of Readers – Nancy Cleaton.

Today Pray for our stewardship of the earth and respect for God’s creation. We are warned that “time is running out” - pray this message is heard by individuals, communities and governments.

Porvoo Peterborough (England); Meath & Kildare (Ireland).

3RD MARCH - NEXT BEFORE LENT

Issues of climate change have a much greater impact on poor and marginal communities and in the warmer parts of our world. Pray for those most severely impacted, and for world leaders to see the importance of binding commitments to reduce carbon emissions before it is too late.

Anglican Iglesia Anglicana de Chile - Most Revd Héctor (Tito) Zavala Muñoz.

Hereford Pray for the care, conservation and creative use of our church buildings, as expressions of community identity and places of worship and fellowship.

Today “Raising the Bar”, the theme for this year’s Fairtrade Fortnight, focuses on chocolate, and the growers of cocoa beans. Today is also World Hearing Day: pray for all who live with hearing loss, especially where there is little support available.

Porvoo Canterbury (England); Down & Dromore (Ireland).

10TH MARCH - LENT 1

Give thanks for the generally good relations between Christian and Muslim communities in Tanzania, and pray that this may continue.

Anglican	L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo - Most Revd Zacharie Katanda.
Hereford	Hereford Deanery: Rural Dean – Neil Patterson; Lay Co-Chair – Jackie Mumford; Sub-Warden of Readers – Malcolm Robertson; Treasurer – Rosemary Lording. Pray for Deanery officers and all working with them to develop mission strategy for Hereford city.
Today	Pray for Lent prayer and discussion groups and other activities, and on World Glaucoma Day for all who contend with this form of sight loss, and for treatment and research.
Porvoo	Chelmsford (England; Karlstadt (Sweden).

17TH MARCH - LENT 2

About half of Tanzania's population lacks access to clean water and good sanitation; pray for those working to improve access to safe water.

Anglican	Church of England - Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby.
Hereford	Pray for all who visit our churches, those who visit for acts of worship, and those who look in at other times - for the welcome we offer, and that our buildings may tell the story of our faith.
Today	Pray for the churches and people of Ireland on the traditional day of St Patrick.
Porvoo	The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia; Lichfield (England); St David's (Wales).

23RD MARCH - LENT 3

Give thanks for the range of links and friendships established through our link with the Kirchenkreis Nürnberg, and pray for them in the context of Brexit. Pray for the planned the visit from Langwasser to Ludlow at Pentecost to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their partnership, and for the partnership between All Saints, Hereford, and the Old Catholic congregation in Nuremberg (priest, Fr Nikki Schönherr).

Anglican	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui - Most Revd Paul Kwong.
Hereford	Kington & Weobley Deanery: Rural Dean – Stephen Hollinghurst; Lay Co-Chair – Elizabeth Shayler; Sub-Warden of Readers – Henry Verwey.
Today	On World TB Day pray for all who suffer from TB, for clinicians and researchers, and all who are seeking to combat the disease which continues as a major threat to human health worldwide.
Porvoo	Ely (England); Lund (Sweden); Cashel, Ossory & Ferns (Ireland).