

Diocese of Hereford . . . Sunday Prayers April to June 2019

31ST MARCH - LENT 4

St Augustine's school in Dar es Salaam, supported for many years by Steve Chandler and the "Friends" group, has sadly had to close. Pray that the pupils will all be able to find new schools and continue their education.

Anglican	Province of the Indian Ocean: The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song.
Hereford	All who feel called to particular ministries, both lay and ordained: for the process of discernment, advice, nurture and direction, and for the continued resourcing of the ministries we offer.
Today	Give thanks for mothers and mothering; pray for all new and young families, and for the witness of the Mothers' Union worldwide.
Porvoo	Armagh (Ireland); Funen (Denmark).

7TH APRIL - LENT 5

Sister Philippa Tshunda and Dr Fortunata Kihinga have been chosen to come to Hereford for a month from Muheza. Pray for the arrangements for their visit, and that they may be able to learn new skills to pass on in their work in Muheza hospital.

Anglican	Church of Ireland: The Most Revd Richard Lionel Clarke.
Hereford	Ledbury Deanery: Rural Dean Robert Ward; Lay Co-Chair Sheila Mullaney; Sub-Warden of Readers Chris Blanchard and Clive Evans. Pray for the emerging Group Ministry, replacing the former Team.
Today	World Health Day: millions in our world still lack access to basic health care. Bishop Jered Kailima of Shyogwe Diocese in Rwanda at Ss Peter & James, Hereford: give thanks for all our links with the wider Church, giving opportunities to give and receive. Visit to Nuremberg of the Cathedral Voluntary Choir, at the Lorenzkirche and Heroldsberg today, and Langwasser tomorrow.
Porvoo	Uppsala (Sweden); Llandaff (Wales).

14TH APRIL - PALM SUNDAY

Partnership with Nuremberg: the new school link between Earl Mortimer College in Leominster and the Hans-Sachs-Gymnasium in Nuremberg, links between All Saints, Hereford, and the Old Catholic congregation in Nuremberg, and the exploration of new Deanery links between Ludlow and Neustadt, and Leominster and Weissenburg.

Anglican	Jerusalem & The Middle East: The Most Revd Suheil Dawani.
Hereford	All that enables good practice in ministry and service: CMD, the School for Ministry, resource centre at the Mascall Centre, etc.
Today	Our keeping of this Holy Week, both as a personal discipline and as a testimony and outreach that shares the story of the Cross.
Porvoo	Derby (England); Clogher (Ireland); Aalborg (Denmark).

21ST APRIL - EASTER DAY

As the conflict in Syria comes to an end, pray for displaced people as they seek to return home and pick up the pieces of their former lives in a shattered country.

Anglican Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, and all the peoples of that land.

Hereford Leominster Deanery: Rural Dean – Mike Kneen; Lay Co-Chair – Lydia Davies; Sub-Warden of Readers – Mike Kneen.

Today “Our old history ends with the cross; our new history begins with the resurrection” - Watchman Nee.

Porvoo Blackburn (England); Brechin (Scotland); The Lutheran Church in Great Britain.

28TH APRIL - EASTER 2

Pray for the street children in Tanga region of Tanzania supported by “Tanga in Touch” and for those excluded from schools because they have no uniform.

Anglican Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Japan): Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu.

Hereford The pastoral ministry offered by our churches, and all aspects of our outreach into the communities we serve.

Today London Marathon: pray for all who take part in sporting events in support of good causes. Safety at Work Day: pray for all injured or disabled through accidents at work, and work to improve safety.

Porvoo Gothenburg (Sweden); Glasgow & Galloway (Scotland).

5TH MAY - EASTER 3

Pray for all caught up in the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Venezuela, particularly those put at risk by the complete collapse in the health system there.

Anglican Anglican Church of Kenya: The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit.

Hereford Ludlow Deanery: Rural Dean – Ashley Buck; Lay Co-Chair – vacant; Sub-Warden of Readers – John Beesley.

Today Dawn Chorus Day: give thanks for the beauty of birdsong.

Porvoo Southwark (England); Björgvin (Norway).

12TH MAY - EASTER 4

Bishop Richard and party visit Tanzania from May 17th to 31st: he will be seeing all four Diocesan Bishops that have links with Hereford; pray for safe travel for the group and fruitful dialogue in the meetings.

Anglican Anglican Church of Korea: The Most Revd Moses Nagjun Yoo.

Hereford The ecumenical, interfaith and international links that help define and locate us as a diocese, and all that connects us to a wider vision of faith, call and service.

Today Cathedral Feast of Consecration service: give thanks for our Cathedral as a focus for ministry and witness. As Christian Aid Week begins, pray for services and events, and for collectors.

Porvoo Gloucester (England); Västerås (Sweden).

19TH MAY - EASTER 5

Pray for St Mark's Theological College in Dar es Salaam, that Bishop Richard will be visiting during his stay in Tanzania, as it struggles with financial problems.

Anglican	Anglican Church of Melanesia: The Most Revd George Takeli.
Hereford	Pontesbury Deanery: Rural Dean Giles Tulk; Lay Co-Chair Mike Kirk; Sub-Warden of Readers Nancy Cleaton. Pray for new appointments to the Westbury Group and Pontesbury, and for the development of collaborative ministry across the Deanery.
Today	Christian Aid Week ends: give thanks for the Week as it raises both resources and awareness, with a message of partnership.
Porvoo	Guildford (England); Viborg (Denmark).

26TH MAY - EASTER 6

The Bishops of Hereford and Nuremberg have exchanged letters expressing their commitment to the link whatever the outcome of Brexit. Pray for the arrangements being made for Bishops Ark and Elisabeth to visit Hereford in early August.

Anglican	Anglican Communion Sunday: pray for all members of the Communion around the world.
Hereford	Communication within and as outreach from our Diocese; all who provide news and comment, and share the stories of our faith.
Today	On Rogation Sunday, give thanks for our natural landscape, and pray we may be thoughtful and environmentally aware in our sowing, growing, and harvesting.
Porvoo	Exeter (England); Nord-Hålogaland (Norway).

Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit, and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *The "Thy Kingdom Come" prayer, between Ascension and Pentecost.*

2ND JUNE - EASTER 7

Pray for ordinands in Tanzania sponsored by our Diocese, that they may study diligently and make the most of the opportunity they have been given. Pray for continued giving to maintain the support we provide.

Anglican	La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico: The Most Revd Francisco Moreno.
Hereford	Ross and Archenfield Deanery: Rural Dean – Mark Johnson; Lay Co-Chair – vacant; Sub-Warden of Readers – Rev Chris Blanchard.
Today	Cancer Survivors Day both celebrates our growing ability to treat and combat various forms of cancer, and also raises awareness of the need for early diagnosis and continued research.
Porvoo	Hereford (England); The Lusitanian Church (Portugal); The Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad.

9TH JUNE - PENTECOST

Pray for the visit of eight parishioners from Langwasser to Ludlow over this time, as they celebrate Pentecost with Ludlow Parish.

Anglican	Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma): The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo.
Hereford	Pray that we may maintain the highest standards of safeguarding across our churches, in our work with children, elderly or vulnerable adults, and in the selection and making of appointments. Pray for Mandy McPhee and those with whom she works.
Today	“Pentecost stands for power and life. That’s what came into the church when the Holy Spirit came down on the day of Pentecost” - David Wilkerson.
Porvoo	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland; The Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church.

16TH JUNE - TRINITY SUNDAY

Pray for children worldwide caught up in conflict, and especially for the children of Yemen: years of war have produced a humanitarian crisis in which some 400,000 children are severely malnourished.

Anglican	Church of Nigeria: The Most Revd Nicholas Okoh.
Hereford	Telford Severn Gorge Deanery: Rural Dean – Ian Naylor; Lay Co-Chair – vacant; Sub-Warden of Readers – Garry Ward.
Today	Visitation today to the Leominster Deanery. Fathers’ Day: pray for fathers, giving thanks for family life, and praying for estranged fathers and divided families.
Porvoo	Argyll & the Isles (Scotland); Connor (Ireland); Lolland-Falster (Denmark).

23RD JUNE - TRINITY 1

The decline of German language teaching in schools contributes to the difficulty in encouraging and building school links. Pray for more links, and give thanks for successes like the exchange programme at Earl Mortimer College, Leominster.

Anglican	United Church of North India: The Most Revd Dr Prem Chand Singh.
Hereford	Pray that at every level of church life we may welcome and affirm the rights and abilities of all, and pray for all that encourages and enables gender inclusive ministry.
Today	International Widows’ Day: in much of our world to be widowed is still to lose both status and income. Pray also for today’s service at Mitchell’s Fold Stone Circle in Pontesbury Deanery, and for “Forest Church” and other outdoor summer services of worship.
Porvoo	Church of England Diocese in Europe; Visby (Sweden); Copenhagen (Denmark).