

Diocese of Hereford . . . Sunday Prayers January to March 2020

29TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS 1

As we approach the New Year remember all who suffer from the effects of climate change, whether it be flooding, wildfires, hurricane winds or extreme temperatures.

Pray for God's guidance as in small ways we act to help slow these changes.

Anglican	Gahini (Rwanda) - The Rt Revd Manasseh Gahima. Gambia (West Africa) - The Rt Revd James Allen Yaw Odico..
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 Bishop Richard Jackson as he prepares to begin his ministry as our Diocesan Bishop in the year ahead. Pray also for clergy and other staff leaving our Diocese as the year ends, giving thanks for their ministry, fellowship and service.
Porvoo	Chichester (England), Mikkeli (Finland).

5TH JANUARY - CHRISTMAS 2 (OR KEPT AS THE EPIPHANY)

Give thanks for the success of our school links with Tanzania. The British Council are again helping these links with grants, and the UK government has started to make visas a little easier to get, for which we give thanks.

Anglican	Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia: The Most Revd Philip Richardson - Bishop of Taranaki and Primate; The Most Revd Don Tamihere - Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate; The Most Revd Fereimi Cama - Bishop of Polynesia and Primate.
Hereford	Give thanks for all who pray regularly for others, and pray for the development of prayer and spirituality across our Diocese.
Today	Pray for all who will attend today's Epiphany Carol Service at the Cathedral, and similar events elsewhere in our Diocese.
Porvoo	London (England), Nidaros and Trondheim (Norway).

12TH JANUARY - EPIPHANY 1 (BAPTISM OF CHRIST)

Give thanks for the success of the Intergenerational Retreat last August, organised by Lizzie and Mark Hackney, with a visiting group from Neustadt led by Brigitte Malik.

Pray for the development of the new links made between younger people.

Anglican	Australia: The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier, Primate.
Hereford	Bridgnorth Deanery: Rural Dean: Mark Daborn; Lay Co-Chair: Martin Elcock; Sub-Warden of Readers: Garry Ward. 'Open the Book' Teams in all our primary schools.
Today	Pray we may live out our baptism vows, renouncing and challenging all that is evil, and in penitent self awareness turning to Christ.
Porvoo	Oulu (Finland), Soer-Hålogaland (Norway), Coventry (England).

19TH JANUARY - EPIPHANY 2 *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

Pray for the agricultural college in Buhuri in Tanzania, which is linked with Bromyard.

They have problems with their water supply as they are unable to repair the burst dam, and cuts in government funding have left them with financial problems.

Anglican	Bangladesh - The Most Revd Samuel Sunil Mankhin, Moderator.
Hereford	Work with families and young people in our Diocese: for our Intergenerational Ministers, all who plan and lead family worship, Messy Church and Open the Book, and our school (etc) links.
Today	Today is kept as World Religion Day: reflect on the influence of religion in our world, and on interfaith awareness and contacts.
Porvoo	Tampere (Finland), Manchester (England).

26TH JANUARY - EPIPHANY 3

Recently teachers from Matemboni and Lugongo schools in Tanzania visited Tenbury.

Pray that on their return they will share their experiences with their school children, and that the links of friendship will continue to grow.

Anglican	Brazil - The Most Revd Naudal Alves Gomes, Primate.
Hereford	Bromyard Deanery: Acting Rural Dean – Steven Baggs; Lay Co-Chair – Brenda Allan.
Today	Today is World Leprosy Day: pray for all whose lives are disfigured by this disease, and for medical treatment and rehabilitation.
Porvoo	Birmingham (Eng), Cork, Cloyne & Ross (Ire), Elsinore (Denmark).

2ND FEBRUARY - PRESENTATION OF CHRIST (CANDLEMAS)

The impact of climate change in Tanzania includes heavy rains and flooding in the coastal regions, with seeds washed out of the ground before they take root. Pray for farmers who will be suffering from poor harvests next spring.

Anglican	Burundi - The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho, Archbishop.
Hereford	Mission and outreach into each community: pray for all that helps benefices and deaneries to develop strategies for active mission.
Today	At Candlemas pray we may shine as lights, to the glory of God and in the name of Jesus.
Porvoo	Bangor (Wales), Dublin & Glendalough (Ireland).

9TH FEBRUARY - 3RD BEFORE LENT *Proper 1*

Give thanks for the HIV Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission Programme in Muheza, and the mothers' club that supports HIV+ mothers. For the past three years all new babies at Muheza have been born HIV negative.

Anglican	Canada - The Most Revd Linda Nicholls, Primate.
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 help keep their local communities tidy.
Porvoo	Worcester (England), Hamar (Norway).

16TH FEBRUARY - 2ND BEFORE LENT

Pray for the arrangements being made for the next German Kirchentag, which will be an ecumenical one based in Frankfurt, from 12th to 16th May 2021. The Kirchentag after that will be based in Nuremberg, and will run from 7th to 11th June 2023.

Anglican	Central Africa - The Most Revd Albert Chama, Archbishop.
Hereford	Pray for all that helps develop good and mutually supportive relationships between church and community, including contacts with other denominations and those of other faiths.
Today	Pray for all who lead and enable our work with children and families in each local situation, and for the team of Intergenerational Missioners in our Diocese.
Porvoo	Limerick & Killaloe (Ireland), Roskilde (Denmark).

23RD FEBRUARY - NEXT BEFORE LENT

Give thanks for successful exchanges between our Diocese and Germany last year, from All Saints, Hereford to All Saints (Reform Catholic Church), Landauerkapelle, Nuremberg, and from Paul Gerhardt Church, Langwasser to Ludlow. Pray for planned visits this year, including those visiting Leominster from Weissenburg this week.

Anglican	Central America - The Right Revd Julio Murray Thompson, Primate.
Hereford	Conover Deanery: Rural Dean – Geoff Garrett; Lay Co-Chair – Janet Wilcoxon; Sub-Warden of Readers – vacant.
Today	As Real Bread Week begins, pray for our local bakers and breadmakers, and also for cereal growers and millers.
Porvoo	Peterborough (England), Meath & Kildare (Ireland).

1ST MARCH - LENT 1 *David, Patron of Wales*

Continue to pray for ordinands in Tanzania sponsored by our Diocese, and for their continued funding; also for serving clergy and their families, where dioceses and parishes may struggle to find the resources to pay and provide for them.

Anglican	Chile - The Most Revd Héctor (Tito) Zavala Muñoz, Primate.
Hereford	Pray for the care, conservation and creative use of our church buildings, as places of worship and fellowship, and as part of the local identity of each place.
Today	Pray today for the churches and people of Wales. Today begins Time for a Cuppa Week, which is about Dementia awareness: pray for high standards in our awareness of and response to people living with this condition, and those who live with them and care for them. Today is also Self Harm Awareness Day - pray for the many - mostly young - people driven to harm themselves. Pray too for our keeping of this holy season, and for Lent groups and services, etc.
Porvoo	Canterbury (England), Down & Dromore (Ireland).

8TH MARCH - LENT 2

As nationalist and populist sentiments grow in our world, and boundaries turn into barriers, give thanks for our links with Tanzania, Germany and elsewhere. May they continue to enrich our awareness of identity, faith and human purpose.

Anglican	Congo - The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda, Archbishop.
Hereford	Hereford Deanery: Rural Dean – Neil Patterson; Lay Co-Chair – Jackie Mumford; Sub-Warden of Readers – Malcolm Robertson; Treasurer - Rosemary Lording.
Today	On International Women’s Day, pray for equality of opportunity, status, education and reward. In World Glaucoma Week, pray for all who live with this condition, especially where little treatment or support is available to them.
Porvoo	Chelmsford (England), Karlstad (Sweden).

15TH MARCH - LENT 3

The palliative care programme in SE Tanzania funded by DFID has started, and hospitals should at last have access to morphine for pain relief. Give thanks for this, and pray that all those with incurable disease may get relief from their pain.

Anglican	England - The Most Revd and Right Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.
Hereford	Pray for all who visit our churches, and for the welcome we extend in worship and at other times. Pray we may interpret our buildings in ways that both tell their story and share our faith.
Today	May this Lent, that it may be a time of both learning and deepening faith, and of taking on new commitments as well as giving things up.
Porvoo	The E-L Church of Latvia, Lichfield (England), St David’s (Wales).

22ND MARCH - LENT 4 - MOTHERING SUNDAY

Reflecting on the variety of our links with the World Church, give thanks for the ways in which music can both break down barriers and also speak of traditions and cultures, and for the ways in which hymns and worship songs can be something we share and which links us.

Anglican	Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui - The Most Revd Paul Kwong, Abp.
Hereford	Kington & Weobley Deanery: Rural Dean – Guy Wilkinson; Lay Co-Chair – Elizabeth Shayler; Sub-Warden of Readers – Henry Verwey.
Today	Give thanks for mothers, and pray around the joys and pains of family life, also for the work and witness of the Mothers’ Union. On World Water Day, pray all may have access to good and safe water supplies, and for all who work to make this happen.
Porvoo	Lund (Sweden), Cashel, Ossory & Ferns (Ireland), Ely (England).