

Diocese of Hereford . . . Sunday Prayers April to June 2020

29TH MARCH - LENT 5

Pray for God's blessing and leading, for healing and the renewing power of his Holy Spirit, today and through this week, for the Anglican Communion worldwide, for its leaders, and for each individual church and mission.

- Anglican Today, Passion Sunday, is the focus of a call for a period of prayer and repentance in the Anglican Communion. Bishop Moon Hing of W Malaysia has written a prayer (on page 3 of the full Prayer Diary), offered to all Anglicans for use today and through this week.
- Hereford Pray for all that encourages and nurtures vocation, and for those who advise and direct, both in training and preparation for ministry, and within the various ministries we offer.
- Today Two themes this quarter: first, the impact of Covid-19 here and worldwide; second, our new Bishop, Richard Jackson, and Deborah, as they settle in amongst us. As Passiontide begins, we come to the cross in penitence, knowing our need of God's mercy and grace.
- Porvoo Ireland: Armagh; Denmark: Funen.

5TH APRIL - PALM SUNDAY

Like the UK this winter; many countries have had serious floods, Pakistan, India, Tanzania, Mozambique among them. Pray for all whose lives are devastated by floods. In Tanzania many farmers have had this year's seed washed out of the ground by torrential downpours: pray for all who will go hungry at harvest this year.

- Anglican Indian Ocean: The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song - Abp.
- Hereford Ledbury Deanery: Rural Dean – Robert Ward; Lay Co-Chair – Sheila Mullaney; Sub-Wdms of Readers – Chris Blanchard and Clive Evans.
- Today pray for the story of Holy week to strike afresh in the hearts of those who will attend church and community events, and for services and activities that bring churches and denominations together.
- Porvoo Sweden: Uppsala; Wales: Llandaff.

12TH APRIL - EASTER DAY

Pray for new partnerships within our link with Nuremberg, between the deaneries of Ludlow and Neustadt, Leominster and Weissenburg, also for Ludlow and Langwasser as they renew a longstanding friendship following the successful visit last Pentecost.

- Anglican Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and all the peoples of the Holy Land.
- Hereford Resourcing of ministry: CMD, the School for Ministry, the resource centre at the Ludlow Mascall Centre. May we share good practice, and develop new and collaborative forms of ministry.
- Today Give thanks that today we see that "Good is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate; light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death. Victory is ours, through him who loves us." (Desmond Tutu) Pray for those unable to attend Easter services in church.
- Porvoo England: Derby; Ireland: Clogher; Denmark: Aalborg.

19TH APRIL - EASTER 2

Pray for restoration of the dam which provides very necessary water to the Buhuri Agricultural College and nearby villages. Pray for generous giving from this country and match funding from the Tanzanian Government.

Anglican	Ireland: New primate not announced at time of going to press.
Hereford	Leominster Deanery: Rural Dean – Jane Davies; Lay Co-Chair – Lydia Davies; Sub-Warden of Readers – Mike Kneen.
Today	International Dark Sky Week, begins today; pray for all who study the skies, and for the work of astronomers and astrophysicists.
Porvoo	England: Blackburn; Scotland: Brechin; Lutheran Church in GB.

26TH APRIL - EASTER 3

Pray for an increasing interest in our links with Nuremberg, and across Europe, after the discouragement many have felt at Brexit. Pray the nations of Europe within and beyond the EU may co-operate to restore communities and economies after Covid-19.

Anglican	Jerusalem & The Middle East: The Most Revd Michael Lewis – Abp.
Hereford	Mission and outreach across our Diocese: all that helps identify priorities in pastoral development, and access resources.
Today	Give thanks for the eleven years of Bishop Alistair's ministry in our Diocese, and pray for him and Louise in retirement.
Porvoo	Sweden: Gothenburg; Scotland: Glasgow and Galloway.

3RD MAY - EASTER 4

As the situation in Gaza and the West bank continues to cause hardship for Palestinians, pray especially for those unable to obtain visas to enter East Jerusalem to access vital medical treatment.

Anglican	Nippon Sei Ko Kai (Japan): Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu.
Hereford	Ludlow Deanery: Rural Dean – Ashley Buck; Lay Co-Chair – Sadie Chalkley; Sub-Warden of Readers – John Beesley.
Today	On International Dawn Chorus Day, give thanks for the beauty of birdsong, and pray for the conservation of birds and other wildlife.
Porvoo	England: Southwark; Norway: Björgvin.

10TH MAY - EASTER 5 *Christian Aid Week*

Pray for Christian Aid and its partners around the world, and that this year's Christian Aid Week may both raise awareness and make a substantial contribution to the funding needed to maintain and grow this vital work.

Anglican	Kenya: The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit - Primate.
Hereford	The ecumenical, interfaith and international links that help define and locate us as a diocese; pray for a sense of connection to a wider vision of faith, call and service in every local church.
Today	On World Lupus Day pray for all who live with this chronic autoimmune condition. Pray for Christian Aid collectors, and events and services.
Porvoo	England: Gloucester; Sweden: Västerås.

17TH MAY - EASTER 6 Rogation Sunday

Pray for the preparations for the Lambeth Conference due to take place from July 22 to August 2nd. Pray for our four link dioceses in Tanzania - Tanga, Dar es Salaam, Masasi and Newala, and for their Bishops as they prepare to travel here.

Anglican	Korea: The Most Revd Moses Nagjun Yoo - Primate.
Hereford	Pontesbury Deanery: Rural Dean – vacant; Lay Co-Chair – Mike Kirk; Sub-Warden of Readers – Nancy Cleaton; Deanery Secretary Ann Jones; Intergenerational Missioner - Mark Hackney.
Today	At Rogationtide pray God’s blessing on the land and the growing crops. Pray for all attending special services today, and for farmers and growers in our Diocese. On National Children’s Day, pray for the health and safety of all children.
Porvoo	England: Guildford; Denmark: Viborg.

24TH MAY - EASTER 7 Ascension Sunday / Sunday after Ascension Day

Crops in much of Sub Saharan Africa have been attacked by swarms of locusts. Pray for those who will go hungry, and for those working on ways to control locust plagues.

Anglican	Anglican Communion Sunday: Archbishop Justin Welby, all primates and bishops, members of the Anglican Consultative Council, the Secretary General, the Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon, and staff at the AC Office in London and UN offices in Geneva and New York.
Hereford	Communications staff in our diocese, and all who at every level of church life help share our stories of faith, discipleship and practice.
Today	On this day that would normally honour John and Charles Wesley, pray for the Methodist Church here and worldwide.
Porvoo	England: Exeter; Norway: Nord-Hålogaland.

31ST MAY - PENTECOST Whit Sunday

Continue to pray for St Mark’s College in Dar es Salaam, and the Train a Priest programme funded by donations from our Diocese.

Anglican	Melanesia: The Most Revd Leonard Dawea - Archbishop.
Hereford	Ross and Archenfield Deanery: Rural Dean – Mark Johnson; Lay Co-Chair – Patrick Darling; Sub-Warden of Readers – Rev Chris Blanchard.
Today	Pray for the renewal of the Church of Christ in every place, in the breath and fire of his gifting Spirit, and that we may be joyful in the praise we offer, and persuasive in the faith we live and share.
Porvoo	England: Hereford; Lusitanian Church (Portugal); Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Abroad.

7TH JUNE - TRINITY SUNDAY

The impact of Covid-19 can't be predicted at the time of writing this, but it will have caused many deaths, and great damage to national economies. Pray for all the virus has infected: for their recovery and the rebuilding of lives, communities and economies.

Anglican	Mexico: The Most Revd Francisco Moreno - Presiding Bishop.
Hereford	Protection and safe care of children and vulnerable adults: pray for Mandy McPhee, Safeguarding Officer, those with whom she works, and all who hold a safeguarding responsibility in local churches.
Today	Pray for today's café-style Hereford Archdeaconry Visitation at St Mary's, Ross. On Cancer Survivors Day give thanks for the advances in screening and treatment that mean we can do much more to cure and control this disease, and pray for further advances.
Porvoo	Iceland; The Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church.

14TH JUNE - TRINITY 1 Proper 6

The elderly and vulnerable in countries which find it hard to provide for them. The impact of Covid-19 is likely to have been greatest among this section of society; pray for older people to be valued and cared for well.

Anglican	Myanmar (Burma): The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo - Abp.
Hereford	Telford Severn Gorge Deanery: Rural Dean – Ian Naylor; Lay Co-Chair – Carilyn Simkin; Sub-Warden of Readers – Garry Ward.
Today	On World Blood Donor Day, give thanks for all who help by giving blood, and also for those - many of them volunteers - who transport blood and plasma to where it is urgently needed. Pray too for all who regularly need blood transfusions.
Porvoo	Scotland: Argyll & the Isles; Ireland: Connor; Denmark: Lolland-Falster.

21ST JUNE - TRINITY 2 Proper 7

Pray for our friends in Nuremberg as they begin to prepare to host the German Kirchentag in 2023. Pray also for the growing link between All Saints' Hereford and the Old Catholic congregation in Nuremberg.

Anglican	Nigeria: The Most Revd Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba - Metropolitan & Primate.
Hereford	Pray we may affirm the rights, abilities and value of all, without regard to age, gender or background. Give thanks for all that encourages and supports a gender inclusive ministry.
Today	On World Music Day give thanks for all who make music in our churches, schools and communities. Pray for the Hereford Archdeaconry Visitation today at Leominster Priory. At the Summer solstice, give thanks for Christ "the bright and morning star": may his brightness transform the darkness of our hearts. And on Father's Day pray for fathers and for all parents and families.
Porvoo	England: Diocese in Europe; Sweden: Visby; Denmark: Copenhagen.