

Diocese of Hereford . . . Sunday Prayers in September and October 2020

6TH SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 13

Anglican Hereford	Southern Africa - Primate: The Most Revd Thabo Makgoba. Hereford Deanery: Rural Dean – Ruth Hulse; Lay Co-Chair – Jackie Mumford; Sub-Warden of Readers – Malcolm Robertson; Treasurer - Rosemary Lording.
This Week	Give thanks for new partnerships and developing links between Hereford and Nuremberg dioceses, and for Zoom meetings helping bring us together with friends not only in Nuremberg but also with partners in Tanzania. In Migraine Awareness Week , reflect on what is more than “just a headache” - a complex and often disabling neurological disorder not always taken seriously by others. In Rheumatoid Arthritis Awareness Week , pray for all who live with this form of arthritis, striking at any age from late teens onwards. The Archdeaconry Pastoral and Ministerial Subcommittees are due to meet this week and next: pray for our planning and preparation for ministry in a “post-viral” Church and world that will be greatly changed from how things were at the beginning of this year. Bishop Richard’s Prayer Pilgrimage - On Saturday, the third of his journey, pray for those who will meet and pray with Bishop Richard as he visits Bridgnorth, Ludlow, Leominster and Bromyard Deaneries.
Porvoo	England: Salisbury; Wales: St Asaph; Denmark: Ribe.

13TH SEPTEMBER -TRINITY 14

Anglican Hereford	South America - Presiding Bishop: The Most Revd Gregory Venables. All who visit our churches, and our welcome to them. Pray we may interpret our buildings to both tell their story and share our faith.
This Week	Pray for the many families worldwide who have lost loved ones as a consequence of Covid 19, especially those who have been unable to be with them in their final days and hours. May they find God’s peace surrounding them at this difficult and lonely time. Monday is Holy Cross Day : reflect on the Cross as the place of our salvation, and the sign of a sacrificial and inclusive ministry. This week commemorates Hildegarde , 12C Abbess of Bingen, who described herself as being “a feather on the breath of God”. Her many attributes included a deep appreciation of nature: pray for all who share her sense that to honour God we must choose to live in harmony with all he has made. In National Eczema Week pray for all who suffer from skin irritations, and for research and treatment; and in National Hygiene Week , give thanks for greater awareness of the need for hand washing and other hygiene measures, and pray we may not relax our guard as winter approaches. Tuesday is the International Day of Democracy : pray for those nations where democratic institutions are absent, misused or

manipulated. Pray for all our *schools* in the extra stress of this new school year, and especially for the vital support given by Teaching Assistants. Bishop Richard's **Prayer Pilgrimage** - On the final Saturday pray for all who will meet and pray with Bishop Richard in the Deaneries of Ledbury, Ross & Archenfield, and finally Hereford.

Porvoo

Ireland: Tuam, Killala & Achonry; England: Bath & Wells.

20TH SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 15 DIOCESAN GIFT DAY

Anglican

South Sudan - Archbishop: The Most Revd Justin Badi Arama.

Hereford

Kington & Weobley Deanery: Rural Dean – Guy Wilkinson; Lay Co-Chair – Elizabeth Shayler; Sub-Warden of Readers – Henry Verwey.

This Week

Pray for churches holding or planning **Gift Day** services and activities around this time, and that we may enable and ensure the funding we need for ministry and mission in these testing times. **Refugees and homeless people** have been particularly vulnerable to Covid 19, and it is often difficult to get the help they need to them. Pray for the many refugees taking refuge in countries poor themselves and lacking in welfare support. The **ordination retreat** is due to begin this week on Thursday, with ordinations to the priesthood on Saturday, and of deacons next Sunday. Pray for all to be ordained, and for Neil Patterson as Director of Vocations and Ordinands. (See full Diary for names) In National **Eye Health Week** pray for all who have eyesight issues, and for sources of help. Pray for those who are losing their sight, and for their support and nurture.

Porvoo

England: Sheffield; Sodor and Man; Greenland.

27TH SEPTEMBER - TRINITY 16

Anglican

Sudan: The Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo - Archbishop.

Hereford

All that encourages and nurtures vocation within our Diocese, and all who advise, discern and mentor, helping people to respond to an awareness of call and access training and experience.

This Week

Pray for medical staff in **Palestine and the Gaza Strip**, burdened by budget shortages and fragmented administration, as they struggle to respond to an increased number of Covid cases. Pray for those due to be **ordained as deacons** today, and their parishes: Jo Burden (West Hereford), Lawrence Gittins (Ludlow), Tiffany Jackson (Ross), Joe Simons (Cleobury Mortimer), Katie Smith (Kingsland). **World Tourism Day** falls this week: pray for countries who are very dependant on tourism, and have been severely affected by Covid, and that we may re-start travel and tourism safely, and be aware of its potential health and environmental impact. In the week of **Michaelmas**, pray for all who feel under attack as Christians, and for the Church where it is persecuted and abused. **Wool Week** this week prompts prayer for local sheep farmers as the wool price

continues to fall, leaving some farmers to burn or compost fleeces they can't sell. October is **Lupus Awareness Month**. This systemic auto-immune disease involves the immune system attacking your own body's tissues and organs: pray for research and care.

Porvoo

Wales: Swansea & Brecon; England: Leicester.

4TH OCTOBER - TRINITY 17

Anglican
Hereford

Tanzania: The Most Revd Dr Maimbo Mndolwa - Archbishop.
All who pray regularly for others, and pray for the development of prayer and spirituality across our Diocese, so all that we plan and do is grounded in a prayerful and joyous commitment to God.

This Week

Saturday will be **World Hospice and Palliative Care Day**. Pray for the newly established palliative care teams in Lindi and Mtwara in Tanzania: may they continue to make a difference. In the week that remembers **Thomas Traherne**, give thanks for the language of poetry as a means to express the glory of divine love. Today is *Dyslexia* Awareness Day - pray for all who live with this condition, giving thanks for advances in awareness and teaching. In **National Braille Week**, pray for all that enables those who live with sight problems to participate in community life. **World Habitat Day and National Clean Air Day** both happen this week: pray particularly for the many people who live with asthma and other conditions linked to air pollution and impurity.

Porvoo

England: Liverpool; Wales: Monmouth; Denmark: Haderslev.

11TH OCTOBER - TRINITY 18

Anglican
Hereford

Uganda: The Most Revd Stephen Samuel Kaziimba - Archbishop.
Ledbury Deanery: Rural Dean – Robert Ward; Retiring Lay Co-Chair – Sheila Mullaney; Sub-Wardens of Readers – Chris Blanchard and Clive Evans. Give thanks for Sheila Mullaney's time as Lay Co-Chair, and pray for the appointment of an appropriate successor.

This Week

As **swarms of locusts** still rampage through East Africa, pray for all affected by these attacks. In the week of World Food Day and World Eradication of Poverty Day, pray for all whose food supply is insecure, and who go to bed hungry, and for a generous response to their need from those of us who have more than enough. The prison reformer Elizabeth Fry is remembered on Monday: pray for **those in prison** today, for prisoners and prison staff at risk from Covid infection, and for the work of prison chaplaincy. This week the **International Day of the Girl Child** reminds us of the many girls still denied full access to education and opportunity; pray for them and for all who work and campaign for change. Give thanks for the ministry of **Readers** in our Diocese; pray for those to be admitted as Readers after training at this year's annual Readers' Assembly.

Porvoo England: Truro; Norway: Tönsberg; Sweden: Strängnäs.

18TH OCTOBER - LUKE, EVANGELIST (OR TRINITY 19)

Anglican Hereford The Episcopal Church: The Most Revd Michael Curry - Presiding Bp. Ministry development and resourcing - courses and study days, the provision of resources, and all that helps stimulate ideas and share good practice.

This Week Many contacts between **Hereford and Nuremberg** are on hold because of the Covid situation, and it is difficult to plan ahead. Pray it may not be too long before exchanges and visits can happen again. **St Luke's Day** prompts thanks for his distinctive telling of the story of Jesus and of the young Church and prayer for all who work in medicine. On **Anti-Slavery Day**, pray for awareness of slavery as part of our history and determination to eliminate from our world all that abuses and exploits, and denies people control over their own lives. Pray for the work and witness of the **Mothers' Union**, within our Diocese and around the world. Pray too for the **Diocesan Advisory Committee**, and all that is done to ensure our church buildings are cared for well, and able to provide for our ministry needs today. **Apple Day** this week prompts prayer for the many apple and fruit growers of our Diocese, and the industries and markets they serve.

Porvoo Sweden: Växjö; England: Oxford.

25TH OCTOBER - LAST AFTER TRINITY BIBLE SUNDAY

Anglican Hereford The Church in Wales: The Most Revd John Davies - Archbishop. Leominster Deanery: Rural Dean – Jane Davies; Lay Co-Chair – Lydia Davies; Sub-Warden of Readers – Mike Kneen.

This Week The situation with regards to **Covid-19 in Tanzania** remains hazy: pray for hospital and community health workers - for the resources, knowledge and skills they need and their own protection. On **Bible Sunday**, pray for the Bible Societies and for all who encourage the reading, study and discussion of God's word. **Martin Luther** is commemorated this week: pray for the Lutheran churches of the world, and for our links through the Porvoo Communion and our diocesan link with Nuremberg. **Brain Tumour Awareness Week** begins on Monday: pray for ongoing research and improvements in diagnosis and treatment, and give thanks for the advances made so far. Pray for our response to the influence of **Hallowe'en** as an ever more dominant secular autumn festival, and that we may be effective and persuasive in our Christian celebration of the light. Pray for the safety of children taking part in Hallowe'en activities.

Porvoo England: Carlisle; Norway: Stavanger.