



Cycle of Prayer

3rd September to 30th September 2023

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3 SEPTEMBER – 9 SEPTEMBER

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

OUNDLÉ DEANERY

Rural Dean: Revd Eddie Smith
Lay Chairman: Emily Taylor

Sunday 3 September

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
The Porvoo Churches – Salisbury, St Asaph*

Monday 4 September

The workplace: All who work in the entertainment industry.

Lord, we pray for all who work in the entertainment industry. May your creativity be expressed through them in ways that honour your purposes and may all who work there be fairly rewarded and never exploited. Thank you for the ways in which entertainment enriches our lives and challenges us to think about the world you created in new ways.

The Diocese of Eastern Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Tuesday 5 September

The Watersmete Benefice of Apethorpe St Leonard; Nassington St Mary the Virgin and All Saints; Thornhaugh St Andrew and Wansford St Mary the Virgin; Woodnewton St Mary; Yarwell St Mary Magdalene

Vicar: Revd Jane Tailby

Assistant Priest: Revd Peter Morrell

Lay Worship Leader: Liz Bolderston

We pray for our life together in our villages and church congregations, asking God to bless our outreach activities and our worship that we may share his love with those around us. We give thanks for those who serve our churches in so many ways, caring for each other, enabling our worship and prayer and maintaining our buildings and always offering a warm welcome. We pray that God will support and encourage us in all that we do, in all that we are, and in all that we seek to be.

The Diocese of Northern Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Wednesday 6 September

Oundle with Ashton St Peter; Benefield St Mary the Virgin; Glaphorn St Leonard

Vicar: Revd Canon Stephen Webster

Associate Vicar: Revd Annabel Copeland

Assistant Curate: Revd Joshua Jackson

Youth Minister: Martha Barnes

Readers: Caroline Hawkins, Peter Taylor,
Charles Wide

Lay Pastoral Ministers: Louise Foote,
Emily Taylor

Parish Administrator: Sarah Vogt

Facilities Co-ordinator: Mark Pearcey

Oundle CE Primary School

Head: Joanne Griffin

Glaphorn CE Primary School

Head: Lou Coulthard

Please pray for us as we seek to be disciples who daily encounter God's love. Pray that we would help people to *Know it. Live it. Give it.* As we are transformed by God's love, pray that we would come to know the love of Jesus in transformative ways.

The Diocese of Zanzibar – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Thursday 7 September

Clergy in new posts; peer-mentoring

Pray for all those clergy who are new to the Diocese.

*The Diocese of Zaria – The Church of Nigeria
(Anglican Communion) (Kaduna Province)*

Friday 8 September

The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Accession of King Charles III

Seoul Diocese: Archdeacons

The Revds Paul C An, Joseph N Joo, Luke S Cho, Ambrose H Kim, Moses S Joo

The Diocese of Central Zimbabwe – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Saturday 9 September

RAF Wittering

Pray for peace in the world, for RAF military personnel serving at home or overseas, and for their families.

*The Diocese of Zonkwa – The Church of Nigeria
(Anglican Communion) (Abuja Province)*

10 SEPTEMBER – 16 SEPTEMBER

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

OUNDLLE DEANERY

Rural Dean: Revd Eddie Smith
Lay Chairman: Emily Taylor

Sunday 10 September

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Church of Ireland
The Porvoo Churches – Ribe, Bath and Wells*

Monday 11 September

The workplace: All who work in farming, forestry, fishing and who care for animals

Lord, thank you for the wonders of your creation. We pray for all who work with and care for the fields, rivers, forests and animals and for all who fish. Help them as they tackle the effects of climate change, to be good stewards of your world, keeping it safe for future generations; help them to work in harmony with you so that all who see their work will marvel at yours.

The Diocese of Zululand – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Tuesday 12 September

Thrapston St James; Denford Holy Trinity; Islip St Nicholas

Rector: Revd Nolan Robson
Curate: Revd Andy Stilwell
Readers: Viv Bull, Joy Farey-Wood,
Adrian Waring

Give thanks for the blessing of having a curate to train and serve within the benefice. Pray for him and his family as they settle into being part of the benefice family, pray also that the benefice would equip him well over the coming years so he would be a blessing to other church families in the future. Give thanks for the good number of children attending St James Church on Sunday mornings and pray that splitting the primary age children into two groups would enable them to receive more appropriate Bible teaching for their age. Give thanks for the opportunity to launch 6@StNics, a new weekly Sunday evening service at St Nicholas Islip (due to launch at the start of October 2023). Pray the Lord would grow a new congregation there and he would also give those involved in leading, the energy that will

be needed to start this missional initiative.

The Diocese of Aba – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wednesday 13 September

John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407

Seoul Diocese: Deahakro Church

The Revds Elijah J Kim, Aidan S Cha

The Diocese of Aba Ngwa North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 14 September

Holy Cross Day

The Diocese of Abakaliki – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 15 September

Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr 258

Warmington St Mary the Blessed Virgin; Tansor St Mary; Cotterstock St Andrew; Fotheringhay St Mary and All Saints; Southwick St Mary the Virgin

Vicar: Revd Donald McFadyen

Associate Priest: Revd Catharine Furlong

Please pray for the adults and children who are baptised in this font, and in the fonts of the other churches in the benefice. May they know God's grace to keep their baptismal promises and know the joy of the Kingdom.

The Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney – The Scottish Episcopal Church

Saturday 16 September

Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432

Health Care Chaplaincy Adviser: Vacant

For health care chaplains and volunteers- Almighty God, at this time of uncertainty and transition, challenge and change, we pray for all who work as health care chaplains – ordained and lay – in providing for the spiritual, religious and pastoral care needs in both acute and mental health and hospice settings and community services. Grant them continued strength and courage to follow the example of your Son, Jesus Christ, that they may approach all that they do with an openness of heart and mind, and selflessness in the service of those in need.

For hospital staff and medical researchers- Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Diocese of Abuja – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

17 SEPTEMBER – 23 SEPTEMBER

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
TRINITY

Sunday 17 September

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean
The Porvoo Churches – Sheffield, Diocese of Greenland
within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark*

Monday 18 September

The workplace: All who work in or have been caught up in our criminal justice system

God of justice, we pray for all who work in our criminal justice system, protecting and caring for victims, catching and helping offenders to get their lives back on track and listening to and deciding the outcome of cases. Lord, fill them with your wisdom, empathy and resilience as they undertake their challenging yet life changing roles.

The Diocese of Abyei – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Tuesday 19 September

Rutland Deanery

Please pray for the clergy in the Deanery: The Revd Don McGarrigle (Priest in Charge of the Great Casterton Benefice), the Revd Deborah Marsh (Oakham Team Vicar with care of the northern parishes), the Revd Stephen Griffiths (Oakham Team Rector), the Revd Canon Jane Baxter (Rural Dean and Rector of the Lyddington Benefice), the Revd Anthony Oram (Rector for the parishes of Cottesmore Benefice) and the Revd Olwen Woolcock (Priest in Charge of Ketton and Tinwell), the Revd Canon Rachel Watts (Rector of the Uppingham Benefice), the Revd Dr Pippa Madgwick (Rector of The Rutland Water Benefice) the Revd Stephen Gamble (Priest in Charge of the Welland-Fosse Benefice). Multi-parish ministry in rural contexts can be a challenge; pray for strength and missionary creativity in our Deanery.

The Diocese of Accra – The Church of the Province of West Africa

RUTLAND DEANERY

Rural Dean: Revd Canon Jane Baxter
Lay Chairman: Sue Cross

Wednesday 20 September

John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871

Barrowden and Wakerley St Peter; South Luffenham St Mary the Virgin; Morcott St Mary the Virgin; Duddington St Mary; Tixover St Luke

Priest-in-Charge: Revd Stephen Gamble

Reader: Ann Robinson

Please pray for all our PCCs as they continue to re-establish the life of our churches after Covid, and plan for the future of mission and ministry in our parishes.

The Diocese of Adelaide – The Anglican Church of Australia

Thursday 21 September

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Cottesmore St Nicholas with Burley & Thistleston; Greetham St Mary; Clipsham St Mary; Exton St Peter and St Paul; Stretton St Nicholas

Rector: Revd Anthony Oram

Curate: Revd Cecily Nurmahi

Readers: Anne Adamson, Diane Creasey, Barbie Coulson

St Nicholas CEVA and Greetham & Exton CEVC Schools

Heads: Daniel Alfieri, Megan Davis

Please pray for our rural parish churches as we struggle with small numbers and resources, particularly post-pandemic. We are excited to have a new Curate Revd Cecily Nurmahi with us and hope that both we and she grow through her time with us. Please pray that God's promises to us of new life will become apparent to us. God is good and we look to him for his leading and help.

The Diocese of Afikpo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 22 September

Seoul Diocese: Dongdaemoon Church (Team Ministry)

The Revds John S Chun, Hannah J Han

The Diocese of North Africa – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Saturday 23 September

The Diocese of Agra – The Church of North India (United)

24 SEPTEMBER – 30 SEPTEMBER

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday 24 September

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Church of Ireland

The Porvoo Churches – Swansea and Brecon, Leicester

Monday 25 September

Lancelot Andrewes, bishop, spiritual writer, 1626

The workplace: All who work for our local railway, bus, coach and taxi companies

Heavenly Father watch over all of those whose job it is to transport people across our country, those who work with buses, trains, coaches or taxis. Keep them safe and guide them on their journeys and let their journeys be stress free. Gracious Lord, let their passengers appreciate the sometimes difficult journeys that they have to make as they take us to the places where we want to go.

The Diocese of Aguata – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tuesday 26 September

Empingham St Peter; Edith Weston St Mary; Lyndon St Martin; Manton St Mary the Virgin; North Luffenham St John the Baptist; Pilton St Nicholas; Preston St Peter and St Paul; Ridlington St Mary Magdalene and St Andrew; Whitwell St Michael and All Angels; Wing St Peter and St Paul

Rector: Revd Dr Pippa Madgwick

Curate: Revd Jenni Duffy

Associate Priest: Revd Jes Salt

Readers: Graham Madgwick, Caroline Simmonds

St Mary and St John CEVA Primary School, Empingham CEVC Primary School

Heads: Fiona Wilce, Sally Gooding

Please pray as September 2023 brings big changes here: Jes (Associate Priest) moves after 2 years to take charge of three parishes near Bedford, while Jenni is in her final year as our curate so may be on the move too. We thank God for them; they will be missed.

RUTLAND DEANERY

Rural Dean: Revd Canon Jane Baxter

Lay Chairman: Sue Cross

Pray as we prioritise which aspects of the good work done in the 10 churches, 3 schools and care home in the Benefice can continue. Work with schools needs more leaders to continue as before. And some parishes have too few people carrying too many responsibilities. Pray we'll embrace changes and be imaginative as we seek some new ways of working and worshipping.

The Diocese of Ahoada – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wednesday 27 September

Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists) 1660

Great Casterton St Peter and St Paul; Little Casterton All Saints; Pickworth All Saints; Tickencote St Peter

Priest-in-Charge: Revd Don McGarrigle

Great Casterton CEVC School

Head: Sally Gooding

Please pray with us that this group of churches will endeavor to be better stewards of God's creation going forward. Give thanks for our environmental sub committee as they steer the PCC and the whole church towards a low carbon heating solution for both the church hall and the church building and that our efforts may achieve silver standard status in the ECO church awards. Pray with us that the financial resources will be found to fund all our green initiatives.

The Diocese of Aipo Rongo – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Thursday 28 September

Seoul Diocese: Yaksoo-Dong Church

The Revds Anthony G Lee, Isaiah S Kwon

The Diocese of Ajayi Crowther – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 29 September

Michael and All Angels

The Diocese of Akobo – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Saturday 30 September

The Diocese of Akoko – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)