



# Cycle of Prayer

28 July to 31 August 2024

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## 28 JULY – 3 AUGUST

### THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**DEANERY OF HIGHAM**  
Rural Dean: Revd Nicki Hobbs  
Lay Chairman: Vacant

#### **Sunday 28 July**

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East  
The Porvoo Churches – Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania, Derry and Raphoe*

#### **Monday 29 July**

Mary, Martha and Lazarus, companions of Our Lord

#### **The workplace: All who work in sports and leisure centres**

Lord, we pray for all who work in sports and leisure centres. We give thanks for all they do to encourage us to exercise and stay healthy, and the ways they keep us safe when we engage in sports and leisure activities. Give them your wisdom as they try to find the right activities that will help each of us to take care of these bodies you gave us. May they enjoy their work and find it fulfilling. Amen

*The Diocese of Ho – The Church of the Province of West Africa*

#### **Tuesday 30 July**

William Wilberforce, social reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson anti-slavery campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846

#### **Rushden St Mary; Newton Bromswold St Peter**

Rector: Revd Tom King  
Assistant Priests: Revd Dr Glyn Ackerley,  
Revd Dr Linnet Smith  
Reader with PTO: Tony Smith  
Children & Families' Worker: Helen Smedley

We would very much appreciate prayer for our Beans Club, as it will be a basis for other outreach in the community.

*The Diocese of Hokkaido – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai*

#### **Wednesday 31 July**

#### **Rushden St Peter**

Rector: Revd Rachel Hawkins  
PTO: Revd John Seaman  
Lay Ministers: Joan Botterill, Ken Woodhall, Ruth Compton, Jean Bowerman

We pray that we might continue to grow in maturity of faith and be firm in our identity as the Body of Christ. May the Lord guide us in discerning how He is

calling us to serve Him in the community of Rushden and beyond.

*The Diocese of Honduras – The Episcopal Church*

#### **Thursday 1 August**

#### **Seoul Diocese: SungKongHoe University**

Office of Chaplaincy

*The Diocese of Hong Kong Island – Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui*

#### **Friday 2 August**

#### **Rushden Whitefriars**

Vicar: Vacant

Lay Pastoral Minister: Melvyn Hunter  
Ministry Resources Manager: Sara Owst  
Children and Families Minister: Emma Croxon

Licensed Evangelist: Matt Croxon

Reader: Karen Woolley

Please pray for Whitefriars Church as we seek to find a new vicar and that God will direct the right person to us: pray for our Patron CPAS and for the Diocese as they help us with this process. Please pray for our continued work, especially with children and young people, that the child-like faith will grow stronger as they grow: pray, too, for the many people who teach them God's word and help them to make it meaningful to our young people without losing the truth. We continue to aim for the transformation of our relationships with God, one another and the wider community. Give thanks for many and varied community links we have, especially through schools, both primary and secondary, and in residential homes. Please pray for the staff team, churchwarden and lay leaders as they exercise increased responsibility during the vacancy.

*The Diocese of the Horn of Africa – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria*

#### **Saturday 3 August**

#### **Chaplains to Retired Clergy and Clergy Widows' Officers**

Pray for the Chaplains: Venerable David Painter, Revd Canon George Rogers, Revd Canon Michael Webber, Revd Canon John Westwood.

*The Diocese of Hpa-an – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)*

# 4 AUGUST – 10 AUGUST

## THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**DEANERY OF CORBY**  
Rural Dean: Revd Kane Taylor  
Lay Chairman: Donna Winch

### **Sunday 4 August**

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; 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 Anglican Church of Kenya  
The Porvoo Churches – Bristol, Helsinki*

### **Monday 5 August**

Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642

**The workplace: All who are in full or part-time education, especially those who are about to go to school, college or university for the first-time**

Lord, we pray for all students. Give them the ability to develop fully the potential that God has placed within them, help them to succeed in their studies during unsettling times and let them find the support from us that they need to reach their goals. Help Christian students to take with them their faith in you and to be willing to share this with all who have yet to find you, lead them not into temptation and deliver them from evil. Amen

*The Diocese of Huron – The Anglican Church of Canada*

### **Tuesday 6 August**

The Transfiguration of Our Lord

#### **Deanery of Corby**

Eternal Father, you are the God of nature and industry, rural and urban life. Equip us with humility, understanding, love and respect for each other so that we can face the challenge of growing your Kingdom in our deanery and parishes. Amen.

*The Diocese of Hyderabad – The Church of Pakistan (United)*

### **Wednesday 7 August**

**Brigstock St Andrew; Stanion and Little Stanion St Peter; Lowick St Peter; Sudborough All Saints**

Priest-in-Charge: Revd Heather Lowe

Reader: Jackie Makepeace

**Brigstock Latham CEVC Primary School**

Head: TBA in September

**Stanion CEVA Primary School**

Head: Wayne Jones

Please give thanks with us for our monthly All Age service and pray that God will help it continue to flourish. May we never be complacent. We also give thanks for our Baby and Toddler Group—Little Treasures. Please pray for volunteers, “The fields are ripe for harvest, but the workers few”. May it be a place of welcome, safety and peace alongside new and deepening relationships. May we continue to look to God for our

vision, planning and growth and for ways to engage with the people in our Parishes. May God give us his wisdom and inspiration. May our building projects and plans move forward with God’s provision in abundance. And lastly please pray for our leaders and congregations, that they may deepen their relationships with God. That they may know God’s provision, love and peace as they need it, receiving His help and confidence when they are struggling. And that God would provide us with his strength and courage when we need to make difficult decisions for His kingdom.

*The Diocese of Ibadan – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

### **Thursday 8 August**

Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

**Corby St Columba and the Northern Saints; Rockingham St Leonard**

Vicar: Revd Canon Ian Pullinger

Readers: David Bavin, Linda Coleman,  
Rosie Hughes, Steve Scholes,  
William Taylor

Licensed Evangelist: Janet Taylor

Lay Ministers in Training: Elaine Bavin,  
Riaan Niemandt

At St Columba’s we give thanks for our recent Confirmation Service when 8 adults were confirmed, including those new to faith and returning to faith, as well as others who have been part of the church family for some time. We continue to give thanks for our links with three Community Primary Schools and the Lodge Park Academy. We pray for our mission partners in Africa and the UK and for our Hope into Action house in Corby which will see a change of tenants over the summer. We also pray for our long term aim of attracting more people in their 20s and 30s to the church during 2020s and 2030s. At Rockingham we pray for guidance about how best to serve the village and for the Harvest Service which will be part of the Village Flower Show in September.

*The Diocese of Ibadan North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

### **Friday 9 August**

Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers’ Union, 1921

*The Diocese of Ibadan South – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

### **Saturday 10 August**

Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258

**Diocese of Seoul: Diocesan Administration and Staff**

*The Diocese of Ibba – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

**11 AUGUST – 17 AUGUST**  
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
TRINITY

**DEANERY OF CORBY**  
Rural Dean: Revd Kane Taylor  
Lay Chairman: Donna Winch

**Sunday 11 August**

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 Anglican Church of Korea  
The Porvoo Churches – Portsmouth, Stockholm*

**Monday 12 August**

**The workplace: All whose work takes them away from home for extended periods**

Lord, we pray for those whose work takes them away from home for a long time, whose jobs require their sacrifice of a home life with family and friends. We give thanks for their dedication, please watch over them as they travel, and help them to success in their tasks until their work ends. Let them be welcomed by the people they meet during their journeys and be welcomed back home into the lives they had to leave. Amen

*The Diocese of Idaho – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

**Tuesday 13 August**

Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, teacher of the faith, 1667

**Corby St Peter and St Andrew; Great and Little Oakley St Michael and All Angels**

Priest-in-Charge: Vacant

Pray that the Holy Spirit leads us into growth; growth into the depths of faith; growth in discipleship and service; growth in mission and outreach.

*The Diocese of Idaho – The Episcopal Church*

**Wednesday 14 August**

**Corby St John the Baptist with the Epiphany; Gretton St James the Great**

Rector and Town Missioner:

Revd Canon Paul Frost

Curate: Revd Joe Griffiths

Readers: Hilary Buckingham, Paul Buckingham, Catherine Hill, Lesley Hindle, John Hindle

Licensed Lay Minister: Sue Brittain,

We give thanks to God for this past year which has both been busy and fruitful.

We're thankful to God for the wonderful team of people involved in serving Jesus in our parishes—very different people with

different gifts but working together wonderfully for God's Kingdom here. We're especially thankful for a powerful 72 hours of non-stop prayer in the Chapel Gym last Autumn and it's continuing impact. Please pray for our activities helping us to engage with those who don't yet know Jesus—especially our fishing, football, crafts and golfing projects. Pray also for Sparkletots as they reach out to young families in our community. Pray for our additional part-time staff: Sam Hearsom (Operations Manager), Sam Brailsford (Children and Families) and Vicki Slater (Admin) as they help to keep the show on the road! Pray for the ongoing work of the Chapel Gym especially as our youth fitness project begins later in 2024. Pray for our gym manager Chris McGlone. Praise God that in Gretton we have been able to engage with children in our community (through Beavers, parent and toddler group and our work with the local school) and pray that we will be able to welcome more children into the worshipping life of church.

*The Diocese of Ideato – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

**Thursday 15 August**

The Blessed Virgin Mary

**The Upper Welland Valley Parishes: Stoke Albany St Botolph; Wilbarston All Saints; Ashley St Mary the Virgin; Weston-by-Welland St Mary the Virgin; Sutton Bassett All Saints; Cottingham St Mary Magdalene; East Carlton St Peter**

Priest in Charge: Revd Amanda Oliver

Assistant Priest: Revd Canon Derek Waller

Reader: Michael Southwell

Children's Ministry: Fiona Di Marco Payne

**Wilbarston CEVC Primary School**

Head: Maria Hawkes

**Cottingham CofE School**

Head: Ashley Scott

We give thanks to God for this Benefice, where we are "1 body of Christ, who worship, laugh and cry together in 7 beautiful spaces." We pray that we continue to be inspired and surprised by God's hand in all that we see, all that we do, and all that we are. Amen

*The Diocese of Idoani – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

**Friday 16 August**

*The Diocese of Ife – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

**Saturday 17 August**

*The Diocese of Ife East – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

**18 AUGUST – 24 AUGUST**  
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER  
TRINITY

**OUNDLÉ DEANERY**  
Rural Dean: Revd Eddie Smith  
Lay Chairman: Vacant

**Sunday 18 August**

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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 Anglican Church of Melanesia  
The Porvoo Churches – Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh,  
Aarhus*

**Monday 19 August**

**The workplace: All volunteers who work in their local communities and places of worship**

Lord, we pray for all those who volunteer in the local community and churches, who give their time freely to help others. We thank you Lord for those who step forward in times of need, assisting where they can in whatever way they can. Be with them Lord, support them and watch over them as they go about doing their deeds. Give them the strength to endure any demands their volunteering may require of them. Amen.

*The Diocese of Ifo – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

**Tuesday 20 August**

Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, teacher of the faith, 1153

**Oundle Deanery**

We pray for the people and ministers of the Oundle Deanery, particularly the Churchwardens, Lay ministers and Clergy in Benefices that are without an Incumbent, trusting that God already knows who he is calling to lead our church communities. We give thanks for the ministry of those who have left and for those who continue to serve in the Deanery. And we pray for the newly formed mission and pastoral committee as we begin our deanery review.

*The Diocese of Igbomina – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

**Wednesday 21 August**

**Oundle School and Laxton Junior School**  
Chaplain: Revd Maria Coulter

Assistant Chaplain: Revd Joachim Foot  
Lay Chaplain: Vacant  
Pray for the School Chapel and for Maria, Joachim. For their witness and support of the school community. Praying for those pupils considering Confirmation this year. May God grant grace.

*The Diocese of Igbomina West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

**Thursday 22 August**

**Aldwincle St Peter; Clopton St Peter; Pilton All Saints; Stoke Doyle St Rumbald; Thorpe Achurch St John the Baptist; Titchmarsh St Mary the Virgin; Wadenhoe St Michael and All Angels**

Rector: Vacant

Assistant Priest: Revd Dr Beatrice Brandon

Readers: Carolyn Brawn, Marilyn Percy

**Trinity CEVC Primary School, Aldwincle**

Head: Tom Burrows

**Titchmarsh CEVC Primary School**

Executive Head: Ed Carlyle

Head of School: Gill Griffiths

Please pray for the people of the Seven Churches Benefice, during the interregnum, as the search continues for the person to be appointed as the new Rector. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead the parishes through prayerful discernment to develop a shared vision for the future of the benefice, and to help strengthen fellowship within the Oundle Deanery. Pray for everyone to be given the grace to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God, to pray for and with each other and new believers, to respond to human needs in our communities by loving service, and to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation in the countryside which surrounds the benefice.

*The Diocese of Ihiala – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

**Friday 23 August**

**Seoul Diocese:** Diocesan administration

General Secretary: The Revd Gabriel D Lee

*The Diocese of Ijebu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

**Saturday 24 August**

Bartholomew the Apostle

*The Diocese of Ijebu South West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

**25 AUGUST – 31 AUGUST**  
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
TRINITY

**OUNDLE DEANERY**  
Rural Dean: Revd Eddie Smith  
Lay Chairman: Vacant

**Sunday 25 August**

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.

*La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico  
The Porvoo Churches – Espoo, Edinburgh*

**Monday 26 August**

**The workplace: All who work for charities and grant-making organisations**

Lord, we give thanks for all those you have called to serve mankind and this world through charitable or grant making organisations. Help them to embody your wisdom and to use their resources wisely for improving the welfare their charity or organisation supports. Help them spread the Christian values of truth, hope, charity and mercy in their work. Heavenly Father, let all volunteers know how well they serve your meaning of charity. Amen.

*The Diocese of Ijebu-North – The Church of Nigeria  
(Anglican Communion)*

**Tuesday 27 August**

**Barnwell St Andrew with All Saints;  
Hemington St Peter and St Paul;  
Luddington in the Brook St Margaret;  
Lutton St Peter; Polebrook All Saints;  
Thurning St James the Great**

Associate Priest: Revd Catharine Furlong  
**Polebrook CEVC School**

Head: Lou Coulthard

We thank you Lord for your presence among the Brookfields Church Family and the communities we are part of. As we find ourselves in vacancy we ask you would give us wisdom to discern your will for the future, stamina in prayer and service and a deepening sense of your peace and joy.

*The Diocese of Ijesa North East – The Church of Nigeria  
(Anglican Communion)*

**Wednesday 28 August**

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430

*The Diocese of Ijesha North – The Church of Nigeria  
(Anglican Communion)*

**Thursday 29 August**

The Beheading of John the Baptist  
**Bulwick St Nicholas and Blatherwycke  
Holy Trinity; King's Cliffe All Saints and  
St James; Laxton All Saints; Collyweston  
St Andrew; Easton on the Hill All Saints**

Vicar: Revd Eddie Smith

Readers: Sophy Jubb, Jenny Smith,  
David Teall

Giving thanks for the worship and ministry in our villages, and those who work with children, young people and the elderly in our wider community; we pray for the leadership of our churches as we discern our priorities for ministry and mission over the coming months and years, for the wisdom to know what to hold on to and the courage to let go of those things we once held dear.

*The Diocese of Ijumu – The Church of Nigeria  
(Anglican Communion)*

**Friday 30 August**

John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688

**Board of Education**

Please pray for all our Church schools and for the work of the Diocesan Board of Education, led by Peter Cantley the Diocesan Director of Education and Canon Andrew Read, the Associate Director of Education. We seek to support, advise and encourage our Church schools. Please pray that this academic year will run smoothly, that children will flourish in their education and that teachers will be able to cope with all the difficulties and challenges that come their way.

**Seoul Diocese:** Seoul Cathedral

Dean: The Very Revd James S Park

*The Diocese of Ika – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican  
Communion)*

**Saturday 31 August**

Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651

*The Diocese of Ikara – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican  
Communion)*