



# Cycle of Prayer

23 June to 27 July 2024

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## 23 JUNE – 29 JUNE

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

## DEANERY OF KETTERING

Rural Dean: Revd Nicki Hobbs  
Lay Chairman: Peter Jackson

### **Sunday 23 June**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, Heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Church of England  
The Porvoo Churches – Europe, Visby, Copenhagen*

### **Monday 24 June**

The Birth of John the Baptist

#### **The workplace: All who work for online retailers**

We pray for those who work for organisations that sell goods or services online. That whatever work they do in the supply chain; they may see their work as a whole process of supplying people. Let us give thanks and appreciate the effort that goes into keeping this chain going. As they work, may they bring a blessing from God to the purchasers, that they, in turn, might find hope in Jesus. Amen.

*The Diocese of George – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

### **Tuesday 25 June**

#### **Burton Latimer St Mary the Virgin**

Rector: Revd Patrick Kelleher

Retired Priest: Revd Canon Roger Knight

Church Army & Licensed Lay Worker: Sharon Deeming

Churchwardens: Carol Sharman, John Johnson

Worship leaders: Adam, Claire and Matt

Children's & Family Ministry Co-ordinator:

Emma Barrow

Church Army in training: Donna Elmore

Please pray for our new PCC members, youth group Ignite, Well Being Café team and our small group ministries.

*The Diocese of Georgia – The Episcopal Church*

### **Wednesday 26 June**

#### **Cranford St John the Baptist; Grafton Underwood St James the Apostle; Twywell St Nicholas; Slipton St John the Baptist**

Priest-in-Charge: Revd Jez Safford

Retired Priest: Revd Graham Bell

#### **Cranford CEVC Primary School**

Head: Rob Tyman

Please give thanks for the appointment of a new House for Duty Priest-in-Charge this January after nearly 5 years of interregnum. Slipton, our smallest parish, now has regular monthly services which is a step up from just three services a year and on special occasions during the vacancy. We have been blessed with growth on Sundays within our benefice and beginning to see new opportunities to share the love of God in our villages. Please pray specifically for a pastoral care team to be formed and equipped for this important role. Our wardens and other voluntary workers have continued to give unstinting service to enable us to keep going, for whom we thank God.

*The Diocese of Gippsland – The Anglican Church of Australia*

### **Thursday 27 June**

#### **Desborough St Giles (LEP); Brampton Ash St**

### **Mary the Virgin; Dingley All Saints; Braybrooke All Saints**

Rector: Revd Canon Hannah Jeffery

Methodist Minister: Revd Noel Nhariswa

Curate: Revd Jo Giles

Assistant Priest (SSM): Revd Canon Neil Clarke

PTO: Revd Steve Heygate, Revd Melvyn Pereira

Reader: Tim Jeffery

Licensed Lay Ministers: Cath Smith, Wendy Steel

Local Preacher (Methodist): Philip Rice

We give thanks for the new growth that we've seen particularly at St Giles Desborough, with several of our newer members coming on leaps and bounds in their journeys of discipleship. We started a new venture—Bubble Church, in January and this is attracting lots of new young families. The team that lead it are of all ages, and it's been lovely to see some of our teenagers growing in confidence as they start to lead. Please pray for us as we try to develop relationships with the new families and encourage them to take some next steps in their exploration of faith. Please pray too for All Saints Dingley as they have lost several key members over the last year, and the PCC are working hard to keep working for growth. One of the longstanding churchwardens at Braybrooke died of cancer earlier in the year, and other key people there are also coping with life-threatening conditions. Please pray for them and for Revd Steve Heygate who plays a significant leadership role in the life of the parish.

*The Diocese of Gitega – The Anglican Church of Burundi*

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### **Friday 28 June**

Irenæus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200

#### **Geddington St Mary Magdalene; Weekley St Mary the Virgin**

Priest-in-Charge: Revd Gillian Gamble

Licensed Evangelist/House Group Leader: Val Peel

Lay Pastoral Assistant / Pastoral Team Leader /

Lay Reader: Penny Griffin

Authorised Worship Leader: Brian Giles

#### **Geddington CEVC Primary School**

Head: James Sherlock

We give thanks for the mission and ministry of the benefice of Geddington and Weekley and for all the connections that have been made through various mission opportunities. We give thanks for our work with children and young people and for those who have volunteered to help with different groups and events in church. Please pray that we will continue to seek God as we live out our action plan. Pray also for our new PCCs that they would be outward-looking and work well together. We give thanks for a good relationship with our local school, please pray that this will continue to grow. We also give thanks for our pastoral team and ask for strength and compassion for each team member. Amen.

*The Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway – The Scottish Episcopal Church*

### **Saturday 29 June**

Peter and Paul, Apostles

#### **Seoul Diocese: Dongdocheon Sharing House and Church**

The Revd Rapahael

*The Diocese of Gloucester – The Church of England*

# 30 JUNE – 6 JULY

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

# DEANERY OF KETTERING

Rural Dean: Revd Nicki Hobbs  
Lay Chairman: Peter Jackson

### **Sunday 30 June**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry, they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui*

*The Porvoo Churches – Lincoln, Härnösand, Lapua*

### **Monday 1 July**

**The workplace: All who are about to start a new job or set up a new business**

Lord Jesus, you know what it is like to make a complete change of career and start out on a God-given calling. Be with those beginning a new job, perhaps in a completely fresh line of work, or setting up their own business. Guide them in their moments of doubt and uncertainty, and in times of joy in feeling that they have made the right decision. Help us to support them in their new journey. May they sense the Spirit at work in and through them. Amen.

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

### **Tuesday 2 July**

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (BCP)

#### **Kettering All Saints**

Priest in Charge: Revd David Walsh

Curate: Revd Angela Milne

Assistant Priest: Revd Dr Carys Walsh

Assistant Priest: Revd Jane Burns

Readers: John Stapleton & Alan Ridley

Please pray for us as we continue to work through what it means to 'Lead Your Church Into Growth', in particular for our engagements with local young families.

Give thanks for our relationships with neighbours through our Community Garden and for our focus on being an EcoChurch.

*The Diocese of Goma – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*

### **Wednesday 3 July**

Thomas the Apostle

#### **Peterborough Pilgrims to Santiago**

Please pray for the committee of the Santiago Confraternity, based in our diocese. Pray for all who join the pilgrimages, and for the various Christians who support them as they journey. Pray for ecumenical relations with the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela, and for our international membership, which is nearing 500 and

growing.

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

### **Thursday 4 July**

#### **Seoul Diocese: Chooncheon Sharing House**

The Revd Nathaniel S Ji

*The Diocese of Good Shepherd – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola*

### **Friday 5 July**

#### **Kettering Christ the King**

Vicar and Mission Leader: Revd Canon Rob Bewley

Associate Vicar: Revd Sarah Bennett

Readers: Steve Atkins, Matt Bell

LPM: Andrew Bilney

Children's Leader: Jo Batch

Parish Administrator: Mandy Mitchell

#### **Hayfield Cross Church of England School**

Head: Rich Albert

Please pray for us as we seek to be a healthy, loving, welcoming church and as we seek to be a witness for the Gospel to our parish, our local community and beyond. The Diocese of Grafton – The Anglican Church of Australia

### **Saturday 6 July**

#### **Kettering St Andrew**

Vicar: Revd Tom Houston

Retired Priest: Revd Canon Brian Withington

Lay Reader: Margaret Bell, David Carter (2nd year training), Derek and Maggie Price (1st year of training)

Lay Worship Leaders: Bethany Roberts, Sandra Reid

New communities' worker: Prayers for the person taking on this role

#### **St Andrew's CEVC Primary School**

Headteacher: Ben Arnell and Claire Barber (School's Mission enabler)

We give thanks for the completion of our redevelopment project and for all that we experienced with the time we spent in the church hall. We ask for prayers as we take what God has taught us in this time and seek to open up the church doors to our community. We also pray for great cooperation within churches in Kettering and give thanks for the progress seen already, particularly with church leaders' prayer breakfasts and a renewed energy in Churches Together. Help us to listen to where your spirit is moving in our communities.

*The Diocese of Grahamstown – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

# 7 JULY – 13 JULY

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

# DEANERY OF KETTERING

Rural Dean: Revd Nicki Hobbs  
Lay Chairman: Peter Jackson

### Sunday 7 July

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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  
Porvoo Churches – Saint Albans, Linköping*

### Monday 8 July

#### **The workplace: All who are retired**

Dear Father, we give thanks for all those who have worked hard during their working lives and are now retired. Let them know your peace after their years of working. We pray that they receive from you a new vision to see how you would have them use their skills and experience in their retirement. Guide the leaders of the Church to recognize, encourage and value these people. Amen.

*The Diocese of Rio Grande – The Episcopal Church*

### Tuesday 9 July

#### **Kettering St Mary the Virgin**

Priest-in-Charge: Revd James Mowbray

#### **St Mary's CEVA Primary School**

Head: Diane Wright

*The Diocese of Guadalcanal – The Anglican Church of Melanesia*

### Wednesday 10 July

#### **Kettering St Peter and St Paul with St Michael and All Angels**

Rector: Revd David Walsh

Curate: Revd Angie Milne

Assistant Priest: Revd Jane Burns

Assistant Priest: Revd Dr Carys Walsh

Lay Pastoral Ministers: Kay Short &

Debby Edgeworth

Parish Nurse: Pat Edkins

Director of Music: Eleanor Minney

Administrator: Carol Walters

Please pray for us as we review our priorities for the coming years, continue to grow ministries interrupted in recent years and find the resources we need to support our ministry and mission. Give thanks for the outreach ministries engaging with our community every week. Pray for help as we find ways to tell our story in new and better ways.

*The Diocese of Guatemala – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America*

### Thursday 11 July

Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism, c. 550

#### **Kettering General Hospital part of the University Hospitals of Northamptonshire NHS Group– Spiritual and Pastoral Care Team (Chaplaincy)**

Lead Chaplain: Revd Mike Corcoran (C of E)

Our team is made up of a number of part-time Chaplains and volunteers from various faith and non-faith backgrounds. We are supported by local Roman Catholic clergy and representatives from our local multi-faith communities. Lord God, we thank you for Kettering General Hospital. We pray for all those who are employed or volunteer at the hospital—support them in their work as they care for our patients and their loved ones. We also pray for all our patients and families; surround the anxious with your tenderness, give strength to those in pain, and hope and patience to those recovering. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

President: The Revd Issac K Kim

Professor: The Revd Dr Amos K Kim, The Revd Dr Francis J Lee, The Revd Dr Peter P Cha, The Revd Dr John B Cha.

*The Diocese of Guildford – The Church of England*

### Friday 12 July

#### **Loddington St Leonard; Rothwell Holy Trinity with Orton; Rushton All Saints with Pipewell St Mary; Thorpe Malsor All Saints The 'Tresham' Benefice**

Vicar: Revd Andy Giles

Honorary Assistant Priests: Revd Stephen

Heygate, and Revd Margaret Mossman

Readers: Val Bedwell, Ian Foster

Benefice Assistant: Dawn Cooper

#### **Loddington CEVC Primary School**

Head: Helen Dowsett

Bless all our church organisations that they may be fit for purpose and enable mutual support and shared learning.

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

### Saturday 13 July

*The Diocese of Gujarat – The Church of North India (United)*

**14 JULY – 20 JULY**  
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER  
TRINITY

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

**Sunday 14 July**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 – Newcastle, Møre*

**Monday 15 July**

Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c.862

**The workplace: All who work in travel and tourism**

We pray for all who work in travel and tourism, giving our thanks as they help us make our way through the world around us. Help them in a changing world to find ways to serve the tourist and travelling public that enable us all to travel comfortably, safely, and reliably for leisure, for business, for education or family matters. Let us remember Jesus' travels to escape persecution. Amen.

*The Diocese of Central Gulf Coast – The Episcopal Church*

**Tuesday 16 July**

**Deanery of Higham**

We give thanks for all the good things that have happened in the churches of Higham Deanery this past year. Please pray that all that is good in each church and community continue to grow and develop. Pray for the right appointments to be made in the Four Spires Benefice and Whitefriars, Rushden and for Revd Morna Simpson as she begins her ministry in Finedon in the autumn. Please pray for the roles of Lay Chair, Deanery Secretary and Treasurer to be filled and for the Synod as they work together to minister across the deanery.

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

**Wednesday 17 July**

**Finedon St Mary the Virgin**

Vicar: Vacant

Reader: Mike Duncombe

**Finedon Mulso CEVA Junior School**

Head: Joanne Lloyd-Williams

*The Diocese of Guyana – The Church in the Province of the West Indies*

**Thursday 18 July**

*The Nene Crossings Benefice:*

**Irthlingborough St Peter; Great Addington All Saints; Little Addington**

**St Mary the Virgin; Woodford St Mary the Virgin**

Rector: Revd Canon John Hall

Assistant Curate: Revd Michelle Frost

Assistant Curate: Revd Joshua Jackson

Readers: Andrea Durling, June Read

Lay Minister: Vivian Venn

**Great Addington CEVA Primary School**

Head: Lucy Kingsnorth

**Woodford CEVC Primary School**

Head: Lee Donovan

Heavenly Father, grant us a welcoming response to those who have joined us, a continuing care and love for those not returning. A wisdom to know what to return to and what to let go of. And a thankfulness for new lessons learned and opportunities presented. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

**Friday 19 July**

Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith, c.394 and c.379

**Higham Ferrers St Mary the Virgin; Chelveston-cum-Caldecott St John the Baptist**

Vicar: Revd Louise Bishop

Reader: Brenda Ellred

Giving thanks for all who work hard to keep our varied benefice buildings in good order using their talents and skills. Pray for expanding their use as we seek to be at the heart of our communities and deepening our engagement with those who live or work in our parishes. Giving thanks for small green shoots in our varied ministries but praying for more people to be involved alongside our ministry team, that we may further develop what we offer allowing more people to hear the message of God's love for all. Pray for discernment and wisdom as we seek ways to reach out further into our parishes, witnessing to our faith in new ways, especially with children and families.

*The Diocese of Haiti – The Episcopal Church*

**Saturday 20 July**

**Seoul Diocese: SungKongHoe University**

The Revds Issac K Kim, Dr Amos K Kim, Dr Francis J Lee, Dr Peter P Cha, Dr John B Cha

*The Diocese of Hanuato'o – The Anglican Church of Melanesia*

**21 JULY – 27 JULY**  
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER  
TRINITY

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

**Sunday 21 July**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Nippon Sei Ko Kai  
The Porvoo Churches – Skara, Leeds*

**Monday 22 July**

Mary Magdalene

**The workplace: All who work in pubs, restaurants, coffee shops and takeaways**

Lord, we pray for all those who work in pubs, restaurants, coffee shops and takeaways, giving thanks for the services they provide when we are in need of food and refreshments. Help them as they work to serve us, sustain them as they fulfil our needs. Care for them and help them to model Jesus's kindness and caring. Give them your grace while they work and let it be shared with the lives of those they encounter. Amen.

*The Diocese of Harare – The Church of the Province of Central Africa*

**Tuesday 23 July**

*The Diocese of Hawaii – The Episcopal Church*

**Wednesday 24 July**

**Holiday clubs and activity sessions**

Pray for the numerous holiday clubs and activity sessions for children taking place across the Diocese during the summer. At least 2,000 people are involved. Pray for the leaders, helpers, children and families.

*The Diocese of Hereford – The Church of England*

**Thursday 25 July**

James the Apostle

**Raunds St Peter; Hargrave All Hallows; Ringstead Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; Stanwick St Laurence**

Rector: Vacant

Reader: Ginny Pledger

Licensed Evangelist: Nicki Phillips

Children and Families Minister:

Ginny Pledger

**Ringstead CEVC Primary School**

Head: Helen Roberts

**St Peter's CEVC Junior School**

Head: Mark Currell

Please pray for our churches and communities in the 4 Spires Benefice as we move forward. God of mission, who alone brings growth to your church.

Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning, wisdom to our actions, joy to our worship and power to our witness.

Help our churches to grow in numbers.

In spiritual commitment to you and in service to our local communities.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Diocese of Southern Highlands – The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

**Friday 26 July**

Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Diocese of Seoul: SungKongHoe University**

Department of Development

*The Diocese of Highveld – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

**Saturday 27 July**

**Diocesan Mothers' Union**

Please pray for the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Peterborough, for the Diocesan President, Helen Lynett, the Trustees and all members who are working with clergy, and our project work in the local prisons to see God's Kingdom Come here. Amen.

*The Diocese of Eastern Himalayas – The Church of North India (United)*