



Cycle of Prayer

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28 APRIL – 4 MAY

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

DEANERY OF BRIXWORTH
Rural Dean: Revd Graeme Anderson
Lay Chair: Chris Banks

Sunday 28 April

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 Bangladesh

The Porvoo Churches – Gothenburg, Glasgow and Galloway

Monday 29 April

Catherine of Sienna, teacher of the faith 1380

The workplace: All who work in social media

Almighty God, we pray for all those who work in social media, giving thanks for keeping us informed of all that is happening in the world. In the midst of the cacophony of voices, help them to lift you up as the way and truth. Guide those who create, produce and broadcast; lead them by your Holy Spirit as they work to bring this knowledge to us. Keep them safe when they must work from areas of conflict. Amen.

The Diocese of Easton – The Episcopal Church

Tuesday 30 April

Clipston All Saints; Haselbech St Michael; Kelmarsh St Denys; Marston Trussell St Nicholas; Naseby All Saints; Sibbertoft St Helen; Welford St Mary the Virgin

Rector: Vacant

Readers: Kairen Ball, Valerie Carpenter, Trevor Lake, Dr Gordon Temple

Clipston CEVC Primary and Naseby CE Primary Schools; Welford, Sibbertoft and Sulby Endowed School

Heads: Emma Mercer, Louise Cook, Abbie Underwood
Please give thanks and pray for all the retired priests and our group of four Lay Ministers and other congregation members who have worked tirelessly to keep our benefice pattern of services running smoothly and as regularly as possible during our benefice vacancy. Please thank God for his many blessings to us during this time of Vacancy and we give thanks to our Rural Dean Revd Graeme Anderson for his spiritual care and pastoral support of the Ministry Team. It was very insightful and has been much appreciated. We give thanks for the opportunities to work with the three church schools in our benefice and for the growth of the links between school, church and communities. As we come to the end of our almost two years in vacancy we give thanks to Almighty God for watching over this benefice and helping us to discern His will in the appointment process. Prepare us to receive our new incumbent and to endeavour to support this new family as they make their home within our communities. We pray, too,

for renewed energy and commitment in proclaiming the gospel to a world immeasurably changed, yet a world that remains charged with possibility and hope.

The Diocese of Eau Claire – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 1 May

Philip and James, Apostles

The Diocese of Central Ecuador – The Episcopal Church

Thursday 2 May

Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, teacher of the faith, 373

Crick St Margaret; Yelvertoft with Clay Coton All Saints; Lilbourne All Saints

Interim Rector: Revd Graeme Anderson

Curate: Revd Jo Ognjanovic

Reader: Lorna Taylor

Please pray for the wonderful volunteers, especially those who spend a great deal of time and emotional energy serving our Lord here. They need to always know God's smile on their lives. Also please pray prayers of thanks for our Curate Jo; she is great. May God bless her and protect her and her husband.

The Diocese of Edinburgh – The Scottish Episcopal Church

Friday 3 May

Uplands Group:

Guilborough St Etheldreda; Hollowell St James; Cold Ashby St Denys; Cottesbrooke All Saints; Great Creaton St Michael and All Angels; Thornby St Helen Ravensthorpe St Denys; Spratton St Andrew

Rector: Revd Allison Twigg

Associate Priest: Revd Caroline Burnett

Assistant Priest: Revd Dr Judy Craig Peck

Assistant Priest: Revd Dr Catti Moss

PTO: Revd Eric Rew

Curates: Revd Clare Glover, Revd Cecily Numarhi

Lay Minister: Helen Honeywell

Guilborough CEVA and Spratton CEVC Primary Schools; Spratton Hall Independent Prep School

Heads: Katie Shillingham, Rebecca Dunkley, Simon Clarke

We give thanks for all who serve our church communities on PCCs, in Lay Ministry and in our outreach projects. We give thanks for the Ministry of Reverend Clare and as she comes to the end of her curacy we pray for her and all final-year curates in this time of transition and moving on. We give thanks for signs of growth particularly in our Youth Church and in our work with schools and families. We pray for deepening faith and active service from our congregations. Please pray for us as we continue to form closer links between the parishes of our benefice and find new ways of serving the Lord together.

The Diocese of Edmonton – The Anglican Church of Canada

Saturday 4 May

English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era

Seoul Diocese: Nowon Sharing House & Church

The Revd Ezekiel S Park

The Diocese of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich – The Church of England

5 MAY – 11 MAY

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

DEANERY OF BRIXWORTH
Rural Dean: Revd Graeme Anderson
Lay Chair: Chris Banks

Sunday 5 May

God our Redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the Kingdom of your Son; grant that, as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; 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.

*Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil
The Porvoo Churches – Southwark, Björgvin*

Monday 6 May

The workplace: Those who work from home and those who are self-employed

Lord, we pray for those who work at home and those who are self-employed, giving thanks for all that they do for us. Give them the strength to endure difficult times and find a way to succeed. For those working from home, befriend them so they do not feel alone, for those working on client premises, let them feel welcomed. Inspire them to live our fruitful lives that glorify your name. Amen.

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

Tuesday 7 May

Long Buckby St Lawrence; Watford St Peter and St Paul; West Haddon All Saints; Winwick St Michael and All Angels

Vicar: Revd Kevin Montgomery
Children and Families Worker: Sue Jefferson
Administrator: Pete Jefferson
Readers: Richard Southey, Sue Jefferson
Lay Pastoral Ministers: Val Howard, Sheila Robertson
Lay Worship Leader: Judith Leach
Retired Priest with PTO: Revd Peter Allen
Priest with PTO: Revd Dr Mark Betson

West Haddon Endowed CEVC Primary School

Head: David Rosevear

We welcomed our new Vicar in August 2023 and give thanks for a great first Christmas together across the parishes. In January 2024 we invited Revd Dave Battison the parish growth officer as we gathered as leaders across the parishes for our Vision Day and to seek God for all He is calling us to, here in this benefice. We are now looking to launch new services across the parishes and to serve into our community. St Lawrence launched its Community Shelf in December serving those who need help with food and basic essentials. We give thanks for all of the work that goes on with the schools in the villages, our strong relationship with West Haddon school where the Vicar is governor and a team visits weekly to help with collective worship and more, and that we join with Churches Together in Long Buckby to do Open the Book in both Infant and Junior schools as well as inviting them to our churches. We look to come together more regularly in prayer for our churches and our communities and to invite people to social events across our parishes. Our churches in West Haddon and Long Buckby both need extensive roof repairs, so please pray as we seek to raise the

money to keep these buildings in good order so that they may continue to serve our congregations and communities for years to come. Pray for all those who serve as church wardens, as part of the lay ministry team, for our children's and families' work and for all who give of themselves to serve in our churches. Pray that we as a church family will keep God at the centre of all we do, that we will listen to the Holy Spirit and seek the things of His Kingdom for our villages, that we will be a church open to all.
The Diocese of Egba-West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wednesday 8 May

Julian of Norwich, spiritual writer, c. 1417

Pitsford All Saints'; Boughton with Buckton Fields St John the Baptist

Rector: The Revd Stephen Trott

At All Saints' Pitsford we are continuing to improve the facilities for visitors and church services, thanks to the enormous efforts of our volunteers and we are very thankful that our church is growing. Please pray for the four schools now in this benefice, including Pitsford School, where the Rector is also Chaplain. In Boughton, the Buckton Fields estate continues to grow and new construction will be taking place for several years to come. The population of the parish has already quadrupled in size and will continue to grow. In both parishes, the church towers have been repaired and restored and the large band of new ringers is making our presence heard not only on Sunday mornings but across the week with our call to prayer and worship.

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

Thursday 9 May

ASCENSION DAY

The Diocese of Egypt – The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Friday 10 May

Seoul Diocese: Sungbook Sharing House and Church

The Revd Paul D Han

The Diocese of Eha-Amufu – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Saturday 11 May

Walgrave St Peter; Hannington St Peter and St Paul; Scaldwell St Peter and St Paul; Wold St Andrew

Rector: Revd David Bent

Associate Priest: Revd Helen Bent

Reader: Alexandra Elston

Lay Minister: Vicki Kelly

Lay Worship Leader: Jane Wren

We continue to give thanks for God's many blessings and to pray for the benefice as we work together to develop the mission and ministry in our four communities and in Walgrave Primary School. Please pray for the mission initiatives in each church and for the growing commitment to work together as one benefice.

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

12 MAY – 18 MAY

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

DEANERY OF WELLINGBOROUGH

Rural Dean: Revd Jenny Bland

Lay Chair: Tim Allebone

Sunday 12 May

O God the King of Glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your Kingdom in heaven: we beseech you – leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 Burundi

The Porvoo Churches – Gloucester, Västerås

Monday 13 May

The workplace: All who work for local councils, in the civil service and for National Assemblies and Parliaments.

Lord, pour your blessings upon all who work for elected bodies and the civil service that support them. Teach them to take for themselves your servant heart, guide them with your wisdom when they have to make tough decisions. May they show kindness, thoughtfulness, faithfulness and self-control, as they work together for our future. Amen.

The Diocese of Ekiti Kwara – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Tuesday 14 May

Matthias the Apostle

Wellingborough Deanery

We thank God for all those who play a part in the life of our deanery. Please pray for the growth of our churches in faith and in number as we seek to join in with where God is already at work in our communities. May God use us to bring about his purposes as we seek to share faith from generation to generation.

The Diocese of Ekiti Oke – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wednesday 15 May

Ministry Experience Scheme and Future Youth

Please pray for Chad Chadwick as he takes over leading the Diocese intern programme. Pray for the recruitment of new participants, for churches to offer placements and the right matching of people and placements. (We are

now using MES—the national name for intern programmes and Future Youth is the new national scheme for youth ministry interns).

The Diocese of Ekiti West – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 16 May

Daylight Centre, Wellingborough

Pray for all involved in the work of the centre as it helps homeless, vulnerable and lonely adults – www.daylightcf.org.

Seoul Diocese: Bongcheondong Sharing House and Church

The Revd Thomas N Kim

The Diocese of Eldoret – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Friday 17 May

Cogenhoe St Peter; Great Houghton St Mary; Little Houghton St Mary the Virgin; Brafield on the Green St Laurence

Vicar: Revd Kris Seward

Assistant Priest: Revd Irene Cobley

Little Houghton CEVA Primary School

Head: Carolyn Fairbrother

We give thanks for the appointment of our new Rector Reverend Kris Seward, whose Induction and Licensing took place on 27th March. May we pause to enjoy this new beginning, giving thanks to all who have led us here. Reverend Irene and all church officers and others who work tirelessly in our churches and our villages for the good of others. Those who give their time and skills freely without seeking praise. We pray that under the prayerful guidance of Kris, God will lead us in this journey of new hope and renewal.

The Diocese of Port Elizabeth – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Saturday 18 May

Churchwardens

Pray for all those who serve as churchwardens in our diocese – for their ministry as they work with clergy and congregations to enable the smooth running of church activities.

The Diocese of El-Obeid – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

19 MAY – 25 MAY

PENTECOST

DEANERY OF WELLINGBOROUGH

Rural Dean: Revd Jenny Bland

Lay Chair: Tim Allebone

Sunday 19 May

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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 Canada

The Porvoo Churches – Guildford, Viborg

Monday 20 May

Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804

The workplace: All who work in warehouses and storage depots

Lord, help us to keep in mind those we take for granted, the hidden workers, those who work in warehouses and storage depots. We give thanks for all they do in keeping us supplied with goods, let them feel valued and know how important their work is in the services they provide and keep them safe when moving stock around. Let us remember that we are all part of your creation, and it was your Son who came into the world to serve. Amen.

The Diocese of Ely – The Church of England

Tuesday 21 May

Earls Barton All Saints

Vicar: Revd Jenny Bland
Assistant Curate: Revd Chad Chadwick
Readers: Simon Elvin, Grace Ogoe
Lay Pastoral Ministers: Carol Coleman,
Margaret Hart

Please pray for us as we seek to follow Jesus more closely and serve the needs of those in our village of 6,500 people. Please give thanks for our growing team of leaders and our renewed work with children and families. Please pray that our church would once again be the heart of our village and a centre for spiritual growth and support.

The Diocese of Embu – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Wednesday 22 May

Ecton St Mary Magdalene; Great Doddington St Nicholas; Wilby St Mary the Virgin

Rector: Revd Jackie Buck

Lay Pastoral Minister: Carol Hurst

Wilby CEVA Primary School

Head: Louise Bilkhu

We give thanks for the way our three churches are working together to show God's love to our villages. Please pray as we minister to the 180 new homes on Wendel View, part of Wilby parish. There will eventually be 600 homes on the site. Pray also for Wilby Way, part of Great Doddington parish. We give thanks for the schools in Ecton and Great Doddington and pray especially for Wilby Church of England Primary School as it relocates to a new building and parish in September.

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

Thursday 23 May

Great Harrowden All Saints; Little Harrowden St Mary the Virgin; Orlingbury St Mary; Isham St Peter; Pytchley All Saints

Rector: Revd Denise Maud

Lay Pastoral Minister: Lesley-Anne Marriott

Worship leaders: Gillian Walton and Sue Knott

Isham CEVA Primary School and Pytchley Endowed CEVA Primary School

Pytchley Headteacher: Ashley Scott

Isham Headteacher: Lydia Meek

We give thanks for the shoots of growth and pray for God to guide us and show us where he wants us to grow his Kingdom in our benefice.

The Diocese of Enugu North – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Friday 24 May

John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788

Seoul Diocese: Incheon Sharing House and Church

The Revd John S Choi

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

Saturday 25 May

The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735

Diocesan Chancellor: David Pittaway QC

Deputy Chancellor: Martin Griffiths

Diocesan Registrar: Anna Spriggs

The Diocese of Eswatini – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa