



Cycle of Prayer

31 March to 27 April 2024

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31 MARCH – 6 APRIL

EASTER DAY

DEANERY OF GREATER NORTHAMPTON

Rural Dean: Revd Oliver Coss

Lay Chair: Clare Pearce

Sunday 31 March

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.

The Porvoo Churches: Uppsala, Llandaff

The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Monday 1 April

Monday of Easter Week

The workplace: All who provide accountancy, consultancy and legal services

We pray for the work of lawyers, accountants and consultants, working to apply knowledge and reason in a world of conflict and stress. We give thanks for the support they provide us, helping to keep order in our lives. Dear Lord, help them to cope with the demands of sorting through the issues before them. Guide them as they advise those who seek their wisdom, help them to be sympathetic of their needs and to act with respect and integrity in the work that they do. Amen.

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

Tuesday 2 April

Tuesday of Easter Week

Northampton St Benedict

Leadership: Revd Griff Griffiths, Churchwardens & PCC members

Ordinand: Angie Kennedy

Licensed Lay Minister: Paula Swain

Retired clergy: Paul Hunt

This year we continue to build on the church's presence in the community, which having gathered such momentum, with regular outreach and worship outside the church, that we pray for those volunteers and helpers who also feel called to witness to Christ's love in the community of such a vast parish. We thank God for bringing the right people with their gifts, and experience. To allow us to achieve our goal of having a clean and crisp digital presence, regarding our webpage and to continue to develop the IT tools to enhance ministry.

The Diocese of Dar-es-Salaam – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Wednesday 3 April

Wednesday of Easter Week

Northampton St Giles

Vicar: Revd Josh Thorne

Associate Minister (with special responsibility for St Columba Church): Revd James Howson

Children's Pastor: Beth Whaites

Licensed Lay Minister: Sine Cookman

Student Minister: Ruth Alexander

Readers: Simon Bridgens, Bob Steele, Marian Thomas
St Giles church family welcomed Revd Josh Thorne, his wife Corrine and son Ezekiel in September 2023 at a very special service of induction and institution. After a period of 12 months without a vicar, the church was delighted to welcome the newcomers! We are grateful to our churchwardens during this period of interregnum who have been so faithful and wise. Please pray that Revd Josh will settle in well to the life of St Giles; for wisdom, guidance and discernment as he and the Churchwarden lead St Giles into its next season. Please pray for Beth our Youth and Children's Pastor as she continues to work with the children and youth in church and in the local community. Pray for Ruth our Student and Young Adult Mission Leader. Give thanks for the connections she has made with students and staff at the University. For her work with FISH and her work with the Young Adults group at St Giles. The Young Adults group is growing in numbers and fellowship. Pray for Serena and Helen who are the 'doorkeepers' of St Giles in their roles as Parish and Church Administrators. Pray for wisdom, sensitivity and strength as they manage the day to day running of the church buildings. Give thanks for their faithful service. Also, pray for Rob and Janet who care for our buildings. Pray for James Howson in his role as minister to St Columba Church, Collingtree for wisdom to lead and encourage the flock that worships there give thanks for his pastoral ministry he brings to the wider community. Pray for our Lay Ministers and Lay Ministers in training; Sine, Jo and Pam. Pray to for our Lay Readers; Bob, Marian and Simon. Pray for Revd Nicola Aylett who has continued to assist ministry in a voluntary capacity. All of whom have shown such faithful service in the last year. Pray too for 2 new Lay Readers in training and those across the congregation who God is calling into different vocations. Pray for our PCC-unity, for wisdom, for joy as they serve the church. Please pray that we will not lose sight of Jesus and the Kingdom life that He has called us to. That we will be a church of invitation, open to the Holy Spirit, faithful in prayer and worship and marked by His love.

The Diocese of Davao – The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Thursday 4 April

Thursday of Easter Week

The Diocese of Saint Davids – The Church in Wales

Friday 5 April

Friday of Easter Week

Seoul Diocese: Nae-Ri & Heungwang-Ri Churches

The Revds Peter T Kim, Gideon B Ku

The Diocese of Delaware – The Episcopal Church

Saturday 6 April

Saturday of Easter Week

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

7 APRIL - 13 APRIL

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DEANERY OF GREATER NORTHAMPTON

Rural Dean: Revd Oliver Coss

Lay Chair: Clare Pearce

Sunday 7 April

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Porvoo Churches: Derby, Clogher and Aalborg
The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria*

Monday 8 April

THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The workplace: All who design and create new products and services

Creator God, we pray for all who design and create new products and services, often under the stress of rapid change and demands from others. Guide them as they work through new ideas, inspiring them and helping them to see your design for the world; may their work reflect your glory. Sometimes their work is woven unnoticed into our everyday lives and often it is forgotten, we remember it now and we thank you for it. Amen.

The Diocese of Derby – The Church of England

Tuesday 9 April

Northampton St Mary the Virgin

Priest in Charge: Revd Julie Scott

Assistant Priest: Revd Sylvia Coles

We pray that we are able to continue to keep the message of Jesus alive in our ever-changing community. Bless the nursery and all the staff, and help us to develop stronger links with the families of the children we serve. As we see the use of the food bank grow we pray for all who step through our doors and pray they find a place of rest, welcome and love. We pray for all who work to share the message of hope that Jesus gives us, and let the light of Christ shine brightly from us, so that when we bump into people your spirit falls from us. Bless and succour the members of our congregations who carry heavy loads at this time. Amen.

The Diocese of Derry and Raphoe – The Church of Ireland

Wednesday 10 April

William Law, priest, spiritual writer, 1761

Northampton St Matthew

Vicar: Revd Canon Nicholas Setterfield

Please pray that we may find new and imaginative

ways of renewing our worshipping community, meeting people on their terms, and the wherewithal to forge relationships of trust and confidence particularly with parents and their dependent children.

The Diocese of Dhaka – The Church of Bangladesh

Thursday 11 April

Pray for all deaf and hard of hearing people.

Lord, we ask that you will help us to be patient, loving and kind when we encounter a person with hearing loss. Give us the courage to offer a warm embrace and a helping hand, so that they can become full and active members of our churches and communities. Pray for the work of Deafconnect in Northampton.

The Diocese of San Diego – The Episcopal Church

Friday 12 April

Diocesan Safeguarding Team:

Angie Barber and Amie Freeman

Pray for Angie and Amie in their work of guiding the Diocese and its churches on good safeguarding practice for everyone, and in the delivery of safeguarding training. Pray for people who have been victims and survivors of abuse as they seek to rebuild their lives. Pray for those serving as Safeguarding Officers in our parishes, and within the Cathedral.

The Diocese of Divine Hope – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Saturday 13 April

Please pray for the Archdeacons and their PA

Alison Booker (Archdeacon of Oakham) and Richard Ormston (Archdeacon of Northampton) and their PA Chel Cullen and PA's Assistant Karen Setchfield. Pray for the Archdeacons' wide-ranging work with church leaders, congregations and communities. Please pray especially for Alison in her Diocesan oversight of mission and for Richard as Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education.

Seoul Diocese: Sunsoo-Ri & Janghwa-Ri Churches
The Revds Andrew Y Hur, Thomas Aquinas C Kim
The Diocese of Dogura – The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

14 APRIL—20 APRIL

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

DEANERY OF GREATER NORTHAMPTON

Rural Dean: Revd Oliver Coss

Lay Chair: Clare Pearce

Sunday 14 April

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and 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 Porvoo Churches: Blackburn, Brechin and the Lutheran Church in Great Britain

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Monday 15 April

The workplace: All who work at sea, in the air, on our roads and control our journeys

Heavenly Father, we pray for all who work at sea, in the air, on our roads and who control our journeys. We give thanks for the work they do and ask you to keep them safe as they work, often in unfamiliar places. Be with all whose lives are stretched all over the world, whose shift patterns are varied and challenging. May they find some home, some anchorage and security among all this motion and may they sense your loving presence with them and share it wherever they go. Amen.

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

Tuesday 16 April

Weston Favell St Peter

Rector: Revd Canon Beverley Hollins
Assistant Curate: Revd Evie McNally
Assistant Priests: Revd Canon Michael Webber
Revd Doug Spenceley (licensing April 24th)
Readers: Hilary Halstead, Sue Pinington,
Clare Pearce

Lay Pastoral Minister: Ginny Fazackerley
Parish Ordinand: Rachel Cooley

Weston Favell CE Primary Academy

Head: Sarah Heslop

We pray for the growth of our church and school communities, as disciples, in a mission of service and gospel bearing to our wider communities, and in supporting the wider deanery. Lord, as we step out in faith together, please help us to keep our eyes fixed on you, trusting that in you all things are possible.

The Diocese of Dominican Republic – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 17 April

Wootton St George the Martyr

Vicar: Revd Lakshmi Jeffreys
Readers: Gail Smith, Doug Beedie, John Jeffreys

Our vision is to live fully and completely in the love of Jesus Christ, and to inspire others to know him for themselves. Among many other things, we are thankful for The Wombles group, Little Stars, the Communion Café, the Maintenance Gardeners and other groups meeting at the building. Beyond the church, we thank God for flourishing links with schools, nursing homes, pubs, the parish council. The WHO and other community organisations. Please pray for generous faith to pay our parish share in full and to raise money to complete building work as soon as possible.

The Diocese of Dornakal – The Church of South India (United)

Thursday 18 April

Launde Abbey Diocesan Retreat House

Warden: Revd Canon Alison Myers
Deputy Warden: Revd Chris Webb
Chaplain: Revd Catherine Wright
Operations Manager: Graeme Ostah
Development Manager: Tristan Owen
And all the staff and volunteers

Give thanks that the Abbey continues to offer tranquillity, beauty and deep spiritual significance to so many people from all walks of life. Give thanks also for all who share in the daily life of the Abbey: those who live onsite and the permanent staff, and each day's retreatants and visitors. And give thanks for the wider community of volunteers and others who contribute to our life spiritually, practically and financially—our valued 'Launde Abbey Companions'. Please pray for all those who share the life of the Abbey that together we sustain the offer of prayer, hospitality, community and sanctuary to all who come through our doors. And please pray for the growth of the new Launde Abbey Companions—those who pray for us, give time to us or support our work financially. (To join the Launde Abbey Companions, please visit our website).

The Diocese of Down and Dromore – The Church of Ireland

Friday 19 April

Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, martyr, 1012

Seoul Diocese: Samheung-Ri & Seokpo-Ri Churches

The Revds Aeduk G Lee, Solomon J Lee

The Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough – The Church of Ireland

Saturday 20 April

Diocesan Strategy for Major Emergencies

We pray for all who prepare for emergencies, including clergy and lay ministers. Pray that we will be ready to act responsibly in times of crisis.

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

21 APRIL – 27 APRIL

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

DEANERY OF BRIXWORTH

Rural Dean: Revd Graeme Anderson
Lay Chair: Chris Banks

Sunday 21 April

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Anglican Church of Australia

The Porvoo Churches – Gothenburg, Glasgow and Galloway

Monday 22 April

The workplace: All who work in the entertainment industry

Lord, we pray for all who work in the entertainment industry. Help them as they find ways where your creativity can be expressed through them, let them bring joy and happiness to those who need cheering up in their lives. May all who work there be treated fairly. Thank you for the new ways in which entertainment enriches our lives and challenges us to think about the world in new ways. Amen.

The Diocese of Dunedin – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Tuesday 23 April

George, Martyr, Patron of England, c 304

Deanery of Brixworth

We have seven parishes (one benefice) in vacancy. Please pray that the interview panel will discern our Lord's choice of applicant. Please also pray for the senior lay people across the deanery of 43 parishes. They hold so much responsibility, and some of them are very stretched. May they know our Lord's smile upon their lives and situations. Please also pray prayers of thanks for the clear working of the Holy Spirit in the deanery. It is so encouraging, and through your prayers, you are part of this. Bless you.

The Diocese of Dunkwa-on-Offin – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Wednesday 24 April

Arthingworth St Andrew; Harrington St Peter and St Paul; Oxendon St Helen; East Farndon St John the Baptist; Maidwell St Mary; Draughton St Catherine; Lamport w Faxton All Saints

Rector: Revd James Watson

We pray for the growth of our church congregations – both numerically and spiritually – and we thank God for his many blessings, for the challenges and opportunities that he gives us and

for the fellowship that we share across the benefice.

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

Thursday 25 April

Mark the Evangelist

The Spencer Benefice:

Brixton St Mary the Virgin with St John; Whilton St Andrew; Norton All Saints; Church with Chapel Brampton St Botolph; Harlestone St Andrew; East Haddon and Holdenby St Mary the Virgin

Rector: Revd Canon Andrea Watkins

Curate: Revd Kim McCloghry

East Haddon CEVC Primary School

Head: Claire Truslove

Father God we thank you for the life and witness of your church in this place and at this time.

Father, we ask for your blessings upon our new projects, help us to make greater links with the communities that we serve. We simply ask you to show us your way lord, and may your will be done. Amen.

The Diocese of Durham – The Church of England

Friday 26 April

Brixworth All Saints; Holcot St Mary and All Saints

Rector: Revd David Reith

Brixworth CEVC Primary School

Head: Neil Tyler

Please give thanks for the many opportunities we have to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in our Benefice, and for the signs of growth (in maturity and numbers) in our church family. Please pray for our churches to grow in their love and appreciation for who God is and what He's done for us, in Christ; that we might humbly listen to and obey what He says through his word; that we might increasingly enjoy the privilege of prayer; and that we might love each other and our community with the love we have received from Him. Please also pray that those who hear about Jesus might respond in repentance and faith.

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

Saturday 27 April

Seoul Diocese: Jubilee Church and Walking-Church

The Revd Simon S Na

The Diocese of East Kerala – The Church of South India (United)