



Cycle of Prayer

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Sunday 25 February

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

*The Porvoo Churches: Canterbury, Down and Dromore
The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

Monday 26 February

The workplace: People who work in construction, mining, manufacturing and printing

Lord God, thank you for all who work in construction, mining, manufacturing and printing, giving thanks for the resources and products that come from their work. Help them to complete their work successfully and resolve any issues they may meet. We pray that you protect them from harm and that through their work they may reveal your love for them and for the world, so all may see and know your name, Lord Jesus. Amen

The Diocese of Chicago – The Episcopal Church

Tuesday 27 February

George Herbert, priest, poet, 1633

Dallington St Mary the Virgin and Northampton St James

Vicar: Revd Sue Faulkner
Reader: Aaron Day

St James CEVA Primary School

Head: Sarah Beach

God, the creator of all good things, bless our Benefice as we work together to be a sign of your glory in the world. As we seek to serve our communities, deepen our faith and fill our hearts with your spirit of love and compassion, may we act always according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Diocese of Chichester – The Church of England

Wednesday 28 February

University of Northampton Multi-Faith Chaplaincy Team

University Chaplain:

Revd Dr Stuart Mousir-Harrison

Please give thanks for the continuing growth of our profile among staff colleagues, both academic and in the various support capacities. Our greatest challenges remain in the need for greater awareness of our presence and purpose for all students, irrespective of their faith or belief

system, but also for the provision of new Multi-Faith Chaplaincy Team members. Please pray too for a growth of unity among the diverse body of Christian students, that may share the love and good news of Christ free from denominational and doctrinal division and build better connections with the Multi-Faith Chaplaincy Team.

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

Thursday 29 February

Duston and Upton Parish

Team Rector: Revd Mandy Marriott
Retired Priest: Revd Canon Ann Slater

St Luke's CEVA Primary School

Head: Sonia Clews

Please pray for Duston and Upton parish and Revd Mandy Marriott (Team Rector). Duston and Upton is an ever-expanding parish—please pray that we will be able to share the Gospel in word and deed and be enabled by God's Spirit to be salt and light in our Community. We thank God for our Community links and pray for deepening relationships with groups and organisations in the Parish. Please ask the Lord to create a hunger and thirst for him in our parish—that people would be drawn to seek God.

The Diocese of Christ the King – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Friday 1 March

David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601

Gen2 Project

Please pray for the Gen2 Project, a nationally funded initiative aiming to reach and serve children and young people as it enters its final stage. Pray for its ongoing positive impact and also for its workers and trainees: Claire Barber, Sarah Howes & Nat Stiles and Project Coordinator Monica Isaacs.

Seoul Diocese: Echeon & Suwon Nanum Sharing House Churches

The Revds Lithos H Kim, Paul I Jung

The Diocese of Christ the King – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Saturday 2 March

Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary 682

Office for the Issue of Marriage Licences

Pray for Anna Spriggs – the Registrar – and the clergy who assist her as surrogates. Please also pray for the Archbishop's Faculty Office. And also for the Deputy Registrar James Steward and the Diocesan Registry Clerk Michelle Thorpe.

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

3 MARCH – 9 MARCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

DEANERY OF GREATER NORTHAMPTON

Rural Dean: Revd Oliver Coss
Lay Chair: Clare Pearce

Sunday 3 March

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life 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 Porvoo Churches: Chelmsford, Karlstad
The Church of the Province of Uganda*

Monday 4 March

The workplace: Scientists, IT specialists and engineers

Lord God, we pray for scientists, engineers and those who work in IT, giving thanks for all that they do to make our lives easier and safer. Let the Holy Spirit guide them as they work to change the world around us. Aid them to see the model Jesus' wisdom and presence within their work to further his Kingdom. Help them to incorporate his caring and sensitive ethic within the products and technologies they discover and develop for the benefit of all. Amen

The Diocese of Chubu – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Tuesday 5 March

Grange Park Church—Church of England and Baptist LEP

Vicar: Revd Nat White
Baptist Minister: Vacant
Secretary: Tracy Voice
Treasurer: Jenny Broome
Greetings from Grange Park Church. Our church community continues to a vibrant, lively intergenerational community where everyone is welcome. This year we will be focussing on discipleship and prayer, helping one another to practice the way of Jesus in our lives every day. We continue to work alongside others in our local area to support the needs of people on the estate and beyond—please pray for the weekly coffee lounge with kids corner, friendly club, youth drop in. Our kids and youth work is going well and we are so grateful for those who serve on them. The leaders will be taking 19 young people away on residential in February. We have several young people hoping to be Baptised in the spring term. We have increased the number PoD groups (mid week groups that meet in each other's homes, called pockets of disciples) to accommodate those coming to services on Sundays.

The Diocese of Clogher – The Church of Ireland

Wednesday 6 March

Living Brook Benefice:

Hardingstone St Edmund; Piddington St John the Baptist with Horton St Mary Magdalene; Quinton and Preston Deanery St John the Baptist

Vicar: Revd Julie Scott
Priest: Revd Mark Hurley

Hackleton CEVA Primary School

Head: Sally Gillam
Loving Father, in this season of Lent where we will

explore the impact of Modern Slavery we pray for the survivors of Modern Slavery and those who are still held within its grasp. We give thanks to the agencies who are working to free all those who are victims and giving a voice to the voiceless. We pray for our school and give thanks to the staff who devote so much of themselves to the care of the children. Sustain them loving Father when the days seem long, and the road is unclear. Bless all those families who call Hackleton School their School, let it be the place where the joy of learning is fostered, and may God give us wisdom, strength and courage to keep us strong in faith, and let us always be emboldened to speak your name in praise and joy. Amen

The Diocese on the Coast – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thursday 7 March

Perpetua, Felicity and their companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203

Church on the Heath – Anglican / Baptist Partnership, Northampton

Vicar: Revd Roger Woods
Honorary Associate Baptist Pastor: Derek Punchard
Licensed Lay Minister: Jan Jones

We continue to meet as a church on Sunday mornings in one of the local schools in Kings Heath, and we thank God that this has led to increased opportunities to go into the school for Assemblies and RE lessons which has been wonderful. We give thanks for Jan recently licensed as an LLM in the Cathedral last year. We continue to be encouraged by a small number of new people joining or rejoining us, 3 of whom have recently gone through the Christianity Explore course. Please pray that they will be firmly established in faith. We are hopeful that the holdups in the legal process are nearly at an end to release the money for the redevelopment of the empty St Augustine's building on the estate. Please pray that there will be definite progress in 2024.

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

Friday 8 March

Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910

Kingsthorpe St David; Kingsthorpe St John the Baptist; Kingsthorpe St Mark

Team Rector: Revd Canon Jane Butler
Team Vicar (St David's/Chaplain to MAA): Revd Ali Wagner

Assistant Curates:

Revd Jonathan Lee, Revd Sarah Lee

Reader: Sarah-Jane Major

Lay Pastoral Ministers: Christopher Woodley

Please pray for the parish as it works together for the social needs of the area. Giving thanks for the different initiatives that are going forward helping all to have the opportunity to deepen their faith in Christ. Please also give thanks for the clergy and lay team and all that they give across the churches.

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

Saturday 9 March

Seoul Diocese: Ganghwaep & Songsan Churches

The Revds Peter K Lee, Paul H Kang

The Diocese of Colombia – The Episcopal Church

10 MARCH – 16 MARCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

DEANERY OF GREATER NORTHAMPTON

Rural Dean: Revd Oliver Coss
Lay Chair: Clare Pearce

Sunday 10 March

Merciful Lord, absolve your people from their offences, that through your bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the chains of those sins which by our frailty we have committed; grant this, Heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Porvoo Churches: Latvia, Lichfield and St David's
The Episcopal Church*

Monday 11 March

The workplace: All who provide health care and medical services

Christ the healer, we pray for all whose work is to heal and to ease pain in a world that demands so much from them. We give thanks that you have called them to do this work, help them to make you known through the way that they live out their calling, for they are your hands and eyes. Be with them this day as they care for those in their charge, in the difficult conversations and heart-wrenching situations, as well as in the joyful and uplifting moments. Amen

The Diocese of Colombo – The Church of Ceylon (Extra Provincial)

Tuesday 12 March

St Andrew's Healthcare, Northampton

Pray for God's blessing, hope and healing on all patients at St Andrew's in Northampton, as well as all other sites, and pray for staff delivering specialist mental health care. Pray for all chaplains and volunteers in the multi-faith Chaplaincy as they seek to meet the pastoral, spiritual and religious needs of patients and staff. We are St Andrew's, a thriving charity, and our vision is a society in which everyone living with mental health need is heard, valued and has hope for their future: pray that spirituality and faith will be central to our holistic care.

The Diocese of Colorado – The Episcopal Church

Wednesday 13 March

Northampton Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Spiritual Wellbeing Team

Spiritual Wellbeing Team (Chaplaincy) at NHFT (Hospitals) for Berrywood, Corby Community, Danetre, Isebrook and St Mary's:
Odette Douglas, Gwyneth Wilson, Richard Kellow,

Taslina Farbin and Sameen Malik
Palliative Care Chaplaincy Co-ordinator – Cransley Hospice and Cynthia Spencer Hospice – and Community Support: Gerard O'Flaherty
Please pray for NHFT – that all patients, carers, staff and management throughout the county might feel valued, supported and heard. Give thanks for our committed team of chaplaincy service volunteers who make the difficult possible and witness to the path of unity through shared service. In prayers of words and actions, remember all in hospitals and the community who live with poor mental health, isolation and loneliness, bereavement and grief – may they all find someone to hold the Christ-light for them. May they find the pathway into deep and lasting peace.

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

Thursday 14 March

Churchwardens

Give thanks for the churchwardens in our parishes and pray for them in their work.

The Diocese of Connecticut – The Episcopal Church

Friday 15 March

Northampton Sea Cadet Unit

Chaplain: Vacant

Pray for this large and active youth organisation, its volunteer leaders and chaplain. Give thanks for its support of SSAFA (the Armed Forces charity) over the years, and for the foundations laid for a new building in Northampton.

The Diocese of Connor – The Church of Ireland

Saturday 16 March

Seoul Diocese: Naengjung-Ri & Onsoo-Ri Churches
The Revds Theophilo J Jung, Moses S Joo, John A Jung

The Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross – The Church of Ireland

17 MARCH – 23 MARCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

DEANERY OF GREATER NORTHAMPTON

Rural Dean: Revd Oliver Coss
Lay Chair: Clare Pearce

Sunday 17 March

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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: Lund, Cashel, Ossory & Ferns and Ely
The Church in Wales*

Monday 18 March

The workplace: All who work in training, education and childcare

Loving God we pray for those who work in training, education and childcare; giving thanks for all that they do to nurture and teach others. Give them strength to cope with the stresses of their calling. Guide them in their work, to find the right words so they can guide others into the future you have planned for them. Help them to show your grace and live in their daily tasks.

Amen

The Diocese of Costa Rica – Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Tuesday 19 March

Joseph of Nazareth

Moulton St Peter and St Paul

Vicar: Revd Nick Alexander

Readers: Malcolm Forsyth, Wendy Forsyth,
Peter Storey

Children and Families Worker: Vacant

Youth Worker: Pete Brown

Administrator: Pete Collins

We have much to give thanks for at MPC with new people coming to church through our outreach initiatives and other contacts with the community. In 2023 four people became new Christians and we had 11 adult baptisms. Please do pray for our search for a new Associate Vicar and a replacement Children and Families Worker.

The Diocese of Coventry – The Church of England

Wednesday 20 March

Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, missionary, 687

Seoul Diocese: Naengjung-Ri & Onsoo-Ri Churches

The Revds Theophilo J Jung, Moses S Joo, John A Jung

The Diocese of Cuba – The Episcopal Church

Thursday 21 March

Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556

Northampton All Saints' with St Katharine and St Peter

Rector: Fr Oliver Coss

Churchwardens: Alison Mills

Robin Sheppard

Director of Music: Jem Lowther

All Saints CEVA Primary School

Head: Claire Dunstan

As we come to the end of the Great Fast of Lent, and prepare for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter, we thank God for the blessings of the past year and for new opportunities, new faces and a reawakening of the town centre. We pray for our new partnership with the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. As the Bishop of Richborough retires on 31 March, we remember with thanksgiving his part in the mission of the diocese.

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

Friday 22 March

Northampton Christ Church

Vicar: Revd Canon Amanda Cuthbertson

Assistant Priest: Revd Alan March

Licensed Reader: Peter Storey

Churchwardens: Sheila Edwards, Elias Lourenco

For all that has been - Thanks. For all that shall be - Yes! (Dag Hammarskjöld)

A blessed and fruitful 2023 in our ministry of welcome, pastoral care and outreach. May the Holy Spirit lead and guide the life and worship of Christ Church as it seeks a new incumbent, and for a faithful and courageous discipleship in a changing a new future ahead.

The Diocese of Cuernavaca – La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

Saturday 23 March

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

24 MARCH – 30 MARCH

PALM SUNDAY

DEANERY OF GREATER NORTHAMPTON

Rural Dean: Revd Oliver Coss
Lay Chair: Clare Pearce

Sunday 24 March

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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: Armagh, Funen
The Church of the Province of West Africa*

Monday 25 March

Monday of Holy Week

The workplace: People who stay at home to care for relatives and children

Lord God, send your love to those who stay at home to care for relatives and children, or to look after a loved one, let them know that you care for them too, and that you are there beside them throughout their tiring day. Heavenly Father, give them the strength to do all that needs to be done and let them find time to rest and recover along the way, help us to be thankful for this often unseen work. Amen

The Diocese of Cyangugu – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Tuesday 26 March

Tuesday of Holy Week

Northampton Emmanuel (LEP includes Boothville and Rectory Farm Community Churches and the Messy Church congregation)

Team Rector: Revd Stewart Betts
Assistant Priest: Revd Christopher Pearson
Assistant Curate: Revd Yvonne Desroches
Free Church Minister: Rachael Warnock
Readers: Fiona Potter, Maureen Luke,
James Fearnley

Community Projects Director: Jess Cotton

Baptist Lay Minister: Kristin Hatherly

Licensed Lay Minister: Paul Foster

Community Youth and families Team:

Gemma Broadhead and Lynne Nelson

Please thank God for his goodness in helping us to know so many people in our community and to serve, encourage and bless them in the power of the Spirit and in the union with Christ to the Father's glory as much as we can.

The Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf – The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East

Wednesday 27 March

Wednesday of Holy Week

Northampton Holy Sepulchre with St Andrew and St Lawrence; Northampton St Michael and All Angels with St Edmund

Vicar: Vacant

Assistant Priest and Warden

of the Emmaus House of Prayer:

Revd Philip Munch

Assistant Priest: Revd Alan March

Please pray for St Michael's healing ministry, the steering group for regeneration of Holy Sepulchre.

The Diocese of Daejeon – The Anglican Church of Korea

Thursday 28 March

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Northampton Holy Trinity and St Paul

Vicar: Revd Anthony McGowan

Assistant Priest: Revd Nicholas Davis

Malcolm Arnold Academy and Malcolm Arnold Preparatory School

Heads: Jane Buggins and Tracey Hudson

The Diocese of North Dakota – The Episcopal Church

Friday 29 March

GOOD FRIDAY

Northampton St Alban the Martyr

Vicar: Revd Canon Judy Evans

Assistant Priest:

Revd Canon Chrys Tremththanmor

Assistant Curate: Revd Peter Heffron

Lay Pastoral Minister: Jill Ward

Readers: Liz Roache, Lesley Gossage

Please pray for St Alban's as we continue to serve our community. May the Holy Spirit help us to grow his church, that we may bring more people to know the love of God in their lives and be a beacon of light and hope for all in this parish.

The Diocese of South Dakota – The Episcopal Church

Saturday 30 March

Easter eve

Seoul Diocese: Nupsung & Choji Churches

The Revds John M Lee, Micha M Jun

The Diocese of Dallas – The Episcopal Church