



## Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

July – September 2010

### Introduction

We hope that this Cycle continues to be a useful tool in building and maintaining a sense of mutual responsibility for one another and of belonging to the wider family of Diocese and world-wide church. We are encouraged to know that a good number of individuals and parishes use the Cycle in daily prayer, and in public worship.

As always, we are grateful to all who have sent in prayer requests – and dependant upon these to ensure the accuracy of the entries. So we plead your tolerance over errors and omissions (which could be easily avoided!) In particular the Anglican Cycle of Prayer suffers from not being updated frequently.

Colin Lunt has again done his creative work in editing the material into booklet format for those who prefer it like that. May we encourage parishes to have some copies available for their members.

We are always open to suggestions for additional items to include and for other material.

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“Mother Teresa was once asked, ‘When you pray, what do you say to God?’ She said, ‘I don’t say anything – I listen.’

So the interviewer said, ‘Alright. What does God say to you?’ She said, ‘God doesn’t say anything. God listens.’

And then she added, ‘If you can’t understand that, I can’t explain it to you.’

The deepest kind of prayer is not when we tell God the things God already knows. It’s when we become still, focussed, centred down in quietude.”

*from a sermon by Tony Campolo*

**The Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God,  
send down upon your Church  
the riches of your Spirit,  
and kindle in all who minister the gospel  
your countless gifts of grace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

Generous God,  
you give us gifts and make them grow:  
though our faith is small as mustard  
seed, make it grow to your glory  
and the flourishing of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Eighth Sunday after Trinity\*\***

Lord God,  
your Son left the riches of heaven  
and became poor for our sake:  
when we prosper save us from pride,  
when we are needy save us from despair,  
that we may trust in you alone;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Gracious Father,  
revive your Church in our day,  
and make her holy, strong and faithful,  
for your glory's sake  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be  
persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage  
never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before  
you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your  
kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity\*\***

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Shirley Danby  
Tanya Lord  
Joanna Northey  
Caroline Yandell

Upper Thames group of parishes  
St Matthew and St Nathanael, Bristol  
Christ Church, Swindon  
St Peter, Henleaze

**SUNDAY 4 JULY**

WCC: Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela

Porvoo: Newcastle, Moere (Molde)

ACP: The Church of Pakistan (United) Bp Samuel Azariah, Moderator & Bishop of Raiwind

DB: Ordinations in Bristol Cathedral: Diaconate –

Ruan Crew

Martin Gainsborough

Martin Gordon

Alice Kemp

Norma McKemey

Stephen Wilkinson

Matthew Trendall

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Almondsbury and Olveston

St Luke with Christ Church, Barton Hill and St Matthew, Moorfields

Stoke Gifford

Box with Hazlebury & Ditteridge

Christ Church, Swindon

Greater Corsham and Lacock

Redland

**Monday 5 July**

ACP: Eastern Himalayas – (North India) Bp Dr Naresh Samuel Ambala

SWINDON DEANERY

Rob Burles (Area Dean); Peter Eastwood (Lay Chair)

Give thanks that a pioneer minister has been recruited for Pinehurst; pray for the recruitment of a mission team to work alongside him. Give thanks for the team engaged in outreach to the new homes to the south of the town; pray for the successful recruitment of a team minister for West Swindon & the Lydiards; and pray for the new Deanery Leadership Team as they begin meeting together.

**Tuesday 6 July**

*Thomas More, Scholar, and John Fisher, Bp of Rochester*

ACP: Eastern Michigan – (Province V, USA) Bp S Todd Ousley

The Benefice of Lyddington and Wanborough and Bishopstone with Hinton Parva

Vicar: Robin Cardwell; Richard Gaines (LLM)

**Wednesday 7 July**

ACP: Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador – (Canada) Bp Cyrus Pitman

The Parish of Bishopstone with Hinton Parva (see 6th)

**Thursday 8 July**

ACP: Eastern Oregon – (Province VIII, USA) Vacant

The Parish of Lyddington and Wanborough (see 6th)

DB: Board of Education meeting

**Monday 20 September** John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871

ACP: Hpa-an – (Myanmar) Bp Saw Stylo

Ministry Development Team

Derek Chedzey (DDO, Initial Ministerial Education), Sam Rushton (DDO, Adviser for Licensed Ministry), Ray Brazier (DDO, Assistant); Rachel Williams, Stella O'Brien, administration.

**Tuesday 21 September** *Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*  
**International Day of Peace**

ACP: PRAY for the Anglican Peace and Justice Network (APJN) and its ministry of providing a 'gathering place' for Anglican Provinces – to bring forward issues of justice and peace in their local context and to gain access to the wider Communion for partnership and joint witness.

Huron – (Ontario, Canada) Bp Robert Bennett

DB: Bishop's Staff meeting

Children and Young People's Services

Jackie Waters-Dewhurst, Director of Education; Daniel Jones, Youth & Children's Adviser; Katy Staples, Schools Adviser, Malcolm Barton – Buildings and Governance officer; Kelly Rutter and Liz Waslin – administration. Pray for school governing bodies:

- in considering the new academies bill – for wisdom and insight;
- for governor vacancies – that people in parishes should catch the vision of service to God through working in schools.

DBE elections are under way and a new Board of Education will be starting in November – may members develop a real heart for, and understanding of, the work that we do here.

**Wednesday 22 September**

ACP: Hyderabad – (Pakistan) Bp Raffique Masih

DB: Agenda Committee, Bishop's Council (Directors) meeting

Resource Centre, All Saints Church.

Denise Flanders and Paul Bartle-Jenkins, Resource Assistants. They work hard to get resources to those in the diocese; may they be encouraged by more visitors to the centre.

**Thursday 23 September**

ACP: Ibadan – (Province of Ibadan, Nigeria) The Most Revd Joseph Akinfenwa

DB: Diocesan Liturgy Committee meeting

**Friday 24 September**

ACP: Ibadan North – Bp Dr Segun Okubadejo; Ibadan South – Bp Jacob Ademola Ajetunmobi

Child Protection: Carolyn Buckeridge, Diocesan Officer. Pray for this important work throughout the Diocese, and for all parishes' nominated persons.

welcomed by the schools; pray that funding will be forthcoming to enable the project to continue in future years

DB: Diocesan Liturgy Committee; St Matthias Trust meeting

**Thursday 15 July**

Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c.862

*Bonaventure, Friar, Teacher of the Faith, 1274*

ACP: Egba – (Province of Lagos, Nigeria) Bp Matthew Oluremi Owadayo Parks, St John. Betty Spence (LM), Jeff Kelly (LM in training)

Give thanks for the 6 people confirmed earlier in the year; pray that they might continue to grow in their faith and commitment. Give thanks for the service offered from our church hall over the last 10 years, to the young people of our community, by Stepping Forward; pray that we might find new tenants for the hall now that they have had to close. Give thanks for our toddler group; pray for its new leadership team as they seek to introduce parents and small children to the church. Give thanks that the Discovery Church (AOG) has established a Sunday afternoon congregation at St John's, and that a group of local Nepalese families has started meeting for worship on a Saturday; pray God's blessing on them.

Walcot, St Andrew. Janet Leckie (LM)

Give thanks that Janet is recovered and back in active ministry; pray for her and Paul as they get married this autumn. Give thanks that the Alzheimer's Society has secured funding & labour to develop the church garden; pray that it may be appreciated by those who use it. Give thanks that a Ghanaian church has started meeting on a Sunday afternoon; pray God's blessing on them.

DB: Bishop's Council meeting

**Friday 16 July**

*Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, 1099*

ACP: Egba West – (Province of Lagos, Nigeria) Bp Samuel Olukunle Ajani

The Benefice and Parish of St Peter, Penhill

Carol Stone (PiC); Hugh Milsom (LLM and Community Worker).

Please pray for the new initiatives in Penhill and Pinehurst.

**Saturday 17 July**

ACP: Egba – (Province of Owerri, Nigeria) Bp Professor Emmanuel Uchechukwu Iheagwam

The Benefice and Parish of Purton

Jane Haslam (PiC); J. Partridge (Methodist Minister).

**SUNDAY 18 JULY**

**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

WCC: Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico

Porvoo: Lithuania, Derry and Raphoe

ACP: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines: Bp Edward Pacyaya Malecdan, Prime Bishop

DB: The parishes of the Swindon Deanery (Rob Burles, Area Dean)

James Wilson, chair, and all the professional advisers involved in giving advice to churches

### **Friday 10 September**

ACP: Gwagwalada – (Abuja, Nigeria) Bp Tanimu Samari Aduda

#### Diocesan Property Department

Sally Moody – Assistant Diocesan Secretary/Property Manager; Clare Buckle – Property Administrator; Tim Jones – Property Assistant

Please pray for the work of the Property Team and for God's guidance as they seek to implement the ongoing programme of repairs, maintenance and improvements of the Diocese's property and glebe portfolio. Particular prayer is requested for wise decision-making when purchasing and selling property in the current economic climate, and for guidance for the Diocesan Surveyors as they advise on quinquennial and vacancy repairs and improvements.

### **Saturday 11 September**

ACP: Haiti – (Province II, USA) Bp Jean Zache Duracin

#### Diocesan Communications Department

Oliver Home, Bishop's Chief of Staff; Sam Cavender, New Media Officer; Rev Chris Dobson, Global and Ecumenical Partnership Officer

Pray that people in the Diocese would:

Be inspired and encouraged to serve God by the stories we tell;

Be equipped to grow through the resources and events we make known;

Feel connected, be able to contribute and work better together as a result of engaging with our communications channels.

## **SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

WCC: Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania

Porvoo: Sheffield, Sodor and Man

ACP: The Anglican Church of Tanzania – The Most Revd Valentino Mokiwa, Archbishop of Tanzania & Bishop of Dar-es-Salaam

DB: Pray for all bell ringers; for the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers and the local branches in this diocese.

### **Monday 13 September** John Chrysostom, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 407

ACP: Hanuato'o – (Melanesia) Bp Alfred Karibongi

#### ISR – The Churches Council for Industry and Social Responsibility

Jon Doble – Director; Simon Topping – Social Responsibility Officer; Richard Armitage – Senior Police Chaplain; Angela Overton-Benge – Chaplain to Economic Life in Swindon; Simon Bale – Social Responsibility Officer; Andy Paget – Senior Police Chaplain; Tim Harrison – Industrial Chaplain; Tim Higgins – City Canon (Bristol); Heather Pencavel – Industrial Chaplain; Sandra O'Shea – Community Ministry Adviser; Alison Paginton – Administrator & Family Life Co-ordinator; Christine Durant – Secretary/Administrator Swindon; Mrs Vena Prater – Secretary

### **Monday 26 July**

*James the Apostle (if not observed on Sunday)*

Anne and Joachim, parents of the BVM

ACP: El-Obeid – (Sudan) Bp Ismail Abudigin Kawo Gibreil

#### The Benefice of All Saints and St Barnabas, Swindon

Vicar: Alastair Stevenson; Angela Overton-Benge (AM); LLMs: B Sheppard, B Young.

### **Tuesday 27 July**

*Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 1901*

ACP: Eldoret – (Kenya) Bp Thomas Kogo

#### The Parish of All Saints, Swindon (see 27th)

### **Wednesday 28 July**

ACP: Ely – (Canterbury) Bp Anthony Russell; Huntingdon – Bp David Thomson

#### The Parish of St Barnabas, Swindon (see 27th)

### **Thursday 29 July**

Mary, Martha and Lazarus

ACP: Embu – (Kenya) Bp Henry Tiras Nyaga Kathii

#### The Benefice and Parish of St Augustine, Swindon

Alastair Stevenson (V); Angela Overton-Benge (Associate Minister and Industrial Chaplain) Janet Done (LM); Neil Fisher (LM)

DB: Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting

### **Friday 30 July**

William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, 1833

ACP: Enugu – (Province of the Niger, Nigeria) Bp Emmanuel O Chukwuma

#### The Benefice and Parish of Christ Church, Swindon

Vicar: Simon Stevenette; Curates: Jo Northey, Norma McKemey (from 4/7/10).

Lay Ministers: Margaret Williams, Teresa Michaux, Trevor Day, Daphne Hardwick, Anne Macmillan, Genny Williams, Carol Simmons, Ailsa Palmer.

Assistant Clergy: Paul Rush, Retired Priest: John Stevenette.

We thank God for the growth we are seeing. Please pray for Jo and Norma as they are ordained priest and deacon and for God's guidance on the renewal and development of our site. Please pray for our children's and youth work alongside our ecumenical partners – we have a holiday club at end of July. Our Vicar, Simon is exchanging with Father Bill Martin for month of August at Westborough near Boston USA. Please also pray for our many weddings this year and for many encounters with Jesus Christ as the Holy Spirit flows amongst us out to the community.

### **Saturday 31 July**

*Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556*

ACP: Enugu North – (Province of Niger, Nigeria) Bp Sosthenes Eze

DB: For all couples being married in our churches this year.

## SUNDAY 29 AUGUST THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

WCC: Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia

Porvoo: Salisbury, St Asaph

ACP: Iglesia Anglicana del Cono Sur de America – The Most Revd Gregory James Venables, Presiding Bishop of the Southern Cone & Bishop of Argentina

DB: The Sisters of the Church and their ministry in the St Paul's district of Bristol.

**Monday 30 August** John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688

ACP: Gloucester – (Canterbury) Bp Michael Perham ; Tewkesbury – Bp John Went  
Wiltshire Primary Care Trust:

Chaplain: Simon Tatton-Brown

**Tuesday 31 August** Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651

ACP: Gombe – (Jos, Nigeria) Bp Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba

St Peter's Hospice:

Chaplain: Brenda Dowie

## SEPTEMBER 2010

**Wednesday 1 September** *Giles of Provence, Hermit, c.710*

ACP: Grafton – (New South Wales, Australia) Bp Keith Slater

Prospect Hospice, Wroughton

Canon Michael Johnson (Anglican) Deacon Laurence Moss (RC), Ros Wheble (Free Churches)

Prospect Hospice houses the hospice in-patient unit and the day hospice as well as the specialist nurses, the family support and bereavement team and other staff.

**Thursday 2 September** *The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942*

ACP: Grafton – (New South Wales, Australia) Bp Keith Slater

Mission to Seafarers:

Chaplain at Portbury, Philip Auden

**Friday 3 September** Gregory the Great, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 604

ACP: Guatemala – (Central America) Bp Armando Roman Guerra Soria

HM Prison, Horfield

Chaplains: David Powe, Anja Thomson

**Saturday 4 September** *Birinus, Bishop, Apostle of Wessex, 650*

ACP: Guildford – (Canterbury) Bp Christopher Hill; Dorking – Bp Ian James Brackley  
Chaplain with the Deaf Community, Gill Behenna.

Please pray for students and staff at the Centre for Deaf Studies in the University of Bristol, facing cuts in funding. Pray for good quality education for Deaf and hearing impaired children following a Bristol City Council Review. Pray for Sign Language

## SUNDAY 8 AUGUST THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

WCC: Aotearoa/ New Zealand, Australia

Porvoo: Ripon and Leeds, Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh

ACP: The Church of the Province of South East Asia – The Most Revd Dr John Chew, Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of Singapore

DB: Pray for all parishes experiencing a vacancy, and for the work of Deaneries and Diocese in providing support and development.

**Monday 9 August** Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921

***International day of World's Indigenous People***

ACP: Pray for the Anglican Indigenous Network (AIN) as it gathers the voices and lifts up the concerns of indigenous minority Anglicans who are living in their own lands  
Exeter – (Canterbury) Bp Michael Langrish ; Crediton Bp Robert Evens ; Plymouth Bp John Ford.

DB : Mothers' Union – Diocesan President, Mary Head. Pray for all local branches.

**Tuesday 10 August** Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258

ACP: Ezo – (Sudan) Bp John Kereboro Zawo

Bristol-Uganda link: Swindon Deanery – linked with Diocese of Kampala (Archbishop Henry Orombi) and Diocese of Luweero (Bp Evans Mukasa Kisekka).

**Wednesday 11 August** Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Poor Clares, 1253

*John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, 1890*

ACP: Faisalabad – (Pakistan) Bp John Samuel

Swindon Deanery Church Schools:

Bishopstone VC Primary, Blunsdon St Andrew Foundation Primary (Penhill), St Mary's Purton VC Primary, South Marston VC Primary

**Thursday 12 August**

***International Youth Day***

ACP: Pray for the International Anglican Youth Network (IAYN) as it links provincial youth officers and young people across the Communion, that it will be strengthened in its contribution to setting free and inspiring the hearts and minds of young people, and in raising the profile of youth ministry.

False Bay – (South Africa) Bp Merwyn Edwin Castle.

Swindon Deanery Church Schools:

King William Street VC Primary (Christ Church, Swindon), Oliver Tomkins VA Infant and Junior Schools (West Swindon).

**Friday 13 August** Jeremy Taylor, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 1667

*Florence Nightingale, Social Reformer, 1910*

*Octavia Hill, Social Reformer, 1912*

ACP: Fianarantsoa – (Indian Ocean) Bp Gilbert Ratelison Rakotondravelo

Swindon Deanery: Local hospitals and clinics