

Please pray for us as we seek to grow in commitment, presence, influence and numbers, and as we prepare for the 'Flame of Hope' Deanery Mission in May 2012 to the village communities of Gastard, Lacock and Neston.

St Bartholomew, Corsham,
Bishop's Staff meeting

Wednesday 8 February

AC: Aotearoa: Abp William Brown Turei, Primate; Central North Island, Bp Ngarahu Katene; Northern Region, Bp Te Kitohi Wiremu Pikaahu; South Island, Bp John Robert Kuru Gray; Wellington/Taranaki - Bp Muru Walters.
DB: St John the Baptist, Gastard, St Philip and St. James, Neston.
Strategy Delivery Team meeting.
Churches' Ministry of Healing group meeting.

Thursday 9 February

AC: Arizona - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) Bp Kirk Smith
DB: **St Cyriac, Lacock with St. Anne, Bowden Hill**

Friday 10 February

Scholastica, sister of Benedict, abbess, c.543
AC: Arkansas - (VII, The Episcopal Church) Bp Larry Benfield
DB: **The Benefice of Marshfield with Cold Ashton and Tormarton with West Littleton**

No licensed clergy - vacancy. LLMs: Aurea Hart, Mike Strathdee and Sam Gibbs. We give thanks for the progress made in the Benefice during the vacancy and pray in faith that God will be with us and guide us as we appoint a new incumbent.

Saturday 11 February

AC: Armidale - (New South Wales, Australia) Bp Peter Robert Brain
DB: **St Mary The Virgin, Marshfield, Holy Trinity, Cold Ashton**

SUNDAY 12 February 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

WCC: Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands
AC: The Church of the Province of Central Africa: Abp Albert Chama, Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia.
PC: Peterborough, Meath and Kildare
DB: Pray for all those intending to get married in our parishes during the year; for those responsible for marriage preparation courses and follow-up.

Monday 13 February

AC: Arochukwu/Ohafia - (Aba, Nigeria) Bp Johnson Onuoha
DB: **Tormarton - St Mary Magdalene. West Littleton - St James**

Tuesday 14 February

Cyril and Methodius, missionaries, 869, 885
Valentine, martyr, c.269

AC: Aru - (Congo) Bp Dr Georges Titre Ande.
DB: **Uganda Link - Chippenham Deanery:** Diocese of Mukono - Bishop James Ssebaggala.

Uganda Link person for the Deanery: Rev Alice Kemp; pray for deepening our links with Mukono diocese and Bishop James.

Wednesday 15 February

Sigfrid, bishop, 1045
Thomas Bray, Priest, founder of SPCK and the SPG, 1730
AC: Asaba - (Bendel, Nigeria) Bp Justus Moge kwu
DB: **Church Schools in Chippenham Deanery:** Box Primary, By Brook Valley, Chippenham St Peter, Colerne, Kingston St Michael, Lacock, Marshfield; their staff and pupils, and good relations between church and school in these communities.

Thursday 16 February

AC: Athabasca - (Rupert's Land, Canada) Bp Fraser Lawton
DB: **Chippenham Community Hospital, Greenway Maternity;** Simon Tatton-Brown, chaplain
Diocesan Pastoral Team meeting

Friday 17 February

Janani Luwum, archbishop of Uganda, martyr, 1977
AC: Atlanta - (IV, The Episcopal Church) Bp John Alexander
DB: **Church of Uganda.** Pray for our Ugandan brothers and sisters as they remember the courage and witness of Janani Luwum. Pray for good relationships between the Church and the present government.

Saturday 18 February

AC: Auckland - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) Bp Ross Bay
DB: Pray for **students in our churches** who will be taking important external exams this year.

SUNDAY 19 February SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

WCC: Portugal, Spain, Italy, Malta
AC: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America: Abp Armando Guerra Soria, Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Guatemala
PC: Canterbury, Karlstad (Church of Sweden).
DB: **Preparation for Lent** – that as individuals and churches, we may make good use of the season and its opportunities.

Monday 20 February

World Day of Social Justice
AC: Aweil - (Sudan) Bp Abraham Yel Nhial
PC: Chelmsford (Church of England), Church of Denmark.
DB: **Kingswood and South Gloucestershire Deanery:** Si Jones (Area Dean).

Tuesday 31 January

John Bosco, priest, founder of the Salesians, 1888.

AC: Antananarivo - (Indian Ocean) Bp Samoela Jaona Ranarivelo, Bishop of Tulear – (Indian Ocean); Bp Todd Andrew McGregor

DB: **Chippenham, St Paul**

Please pray for this busy and complex church as we work out the priorities God has for us. Pray that we would have wisdom to discern what we should continue doing and the things that we should be willing to set aside. Not an easy choice! Please pray that we would be continued to be motivated in a spirit of outward looking mission mindedness.

FEBRUARY 2012

On meditative prayer

“What is the use of praying if at the very moment of prayer, we have so little confidence in God that we are busy planning our own kind of answer to our prayer?”

“In meditative prayer, one thinks and speaks not only with his mind and lips, but in a certain sense with his whole being. Prayer is then not just a formula of words, or a series of desires springing up in the heart - it is the orientation of our whole body, mind and spirit to God in silence, attention, and adoration. All good meditative prayer is a conversion of our entire self to God.”

Thomas Merton (*Thoughts*)

Wednesday 1 February

Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c.525

AC: Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior - (Yukon, Canada) Bp Barbara Jean Andrews

DB: **Hardenhuish, St Nicholas**

Pray for the leadership team and the rather stalled plans for building a hall on the site next to the church building! Please pray for the link with the local council and community and that the church would realise its vision and plans. Also, for ways of linking into the local housing estate and for the pastoral work of the church community (both to its members and wider).

Bristol Uganda Link Committee meeting.

Thursday 2 February The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

AC: Angola (Missionary Diocese) - (Southern Africa) Bp Andre Soares

DB: **St Nicholas, Hardenhuish**

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AC: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo: Abp Kahwa Henri Isingoma, Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kinshasa

PC: Chelmsford, Copenhagen

DB: **Kingswood and South Gloucestershire Deanery**

Monday 27 February

AC: Bukuru - (Jos, Nigeria) Bp Jwan Zhumbes

DB: **St Peter, Frampton Cotterell**, Martin Clacker (PiC)

Tuesday 28 February

AC: Ballarat - (Victoria, Australia) Bp Garry Weatherill

DB: **St Michael's, Winterbourne**

Wednesday 29 February

AC: Banks & Torres - (Melanesia) Bp Nathan Tome

DB: **All Saints, Winterbourne Down**

MARCH 2012

On finding God

“God is found when he is sought; and when he is no longer sought he escapes us. He is heard only when we hope to hear him, and if - thinking our hope to be fulfilled - we cease to listen, he ceases to speak, his silence ceases to be vivid and become dead, even though we recharge it with the echo of our own emotional noise.”

Thomas Merton (*Thoughts*)

Thursday 1 March

David, bishop, patron of Wales, c.601

Pray for the Church in Wales.

AC: Bangor - (Wales) Bp Andrew John

DB: **Christ Church, Downend**: Jonathan Vickery (V, Paul Peterson (Assoc Min); Martin Brown, Myra Brown, Heather Bunting, Robertson Stewart (LLMs), Richard Harris, licensed as LLM on 19 Feb., Helen Johnson - Ordinand in training.

Friday 2 March

Chad, bishop, missionary, 672

Women's World Day of Prayer: theme – “Let Justice Prevail” (produced by women of Malaysia)

AC: Bari - (Kaduna, Nigeria) Bp Idris Zubairu

DB: **Frenchay and Stapleton**: Stephen Pullin (PiC), Judith Lee (OLM), Kate Davison, Claire Chedzey, Michael Graham, Vivienne Robinson (LLMs).
Board of Education meeting.

Saturday 3 March

AC: Barrackpore - (North India) Bp Brojen Malakar

Wednesday 18 January

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (until 25 Jan) Theme: "We will all be changed by the Victory of our Lord Jesus Christ" (cf. 1 Cor 15:51-58).

AC: Akot - (Sudan) Bp Isaac Dhieu Ater

DB: Pray for all local **Christians Together** groups and our own contacts and relationships with other Christians.

Thursday 19 January

Wulfstan, bishop, 1095.

AC: Akure - (Ondo, Nigeria) Bp Michael Ipinmoye

DB: Pray for the **Roman Catholic Church** in this Diocese.
Bishop's Staff meets.

Friday 20 January

Richard Rolle, spiritual writer, 1349

AC: Alabama - (Province IV, USA) Bp Henry Parsley; Suffragan Bp John Sloan

DB: Pray for **Methodist Churches** in the Diocese.

Saturday 21 January

Agnes, child martyr at Rome, 304.

AC: Alaska - (VIII, The Episcopal Church) Bp Mark Lattime

DB: Pray for United Reformed Churches in the Diocese.

SUNDAY 22 January EPIPHANY 3

WCC: Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia

AC: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil: Abp Mauricio Jose Araujo de Andrade, Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Brasilia

PC: Bangor (Church in Wales), Dublin and Glendalough (Church of Ireland)

DB: **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**: pray for new initiatives in co-operation across the Diocese; for the work of Chris Dobson, Ecumenical and Global Partnership Officer.

Monday 23 January

AC: Albany - (II, The Episcopal Church) Bp William Love

DB: Pray for **Baptist Churches** in the Diocese.

Tuesday 24 January

Francis de Sales, bishop, teacher of the faith, 1622.

AC: Algoma - (Ontario, Canada) Bp Stephen Andrews

DB: Pray for **Orthodox Churches** in the Diocese.

DB: **Longwell Green** (All Saints-United Church) David Adams (V); Den Harding (Methodist Min); Hilary Cooke (Hon Methodist Min); Alan Tarbard (LLM); Stephen Britton (OLM in training); Christine Perkins (Local Preacher).

Saturday 10 March

AC: Benin - (Bendel, Nigeria) Bp Peter Imasuen

DB: **Messy Church** and other new initiatives to build bridges with children and the unchurched

SUNDAY 11 March LENT 3

WCC: Myanmar (Burma), Thailand

AC: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui: Abp Paul Kwong, Archbishop, & Bishop of Hong Kong Island

PC: Lund (Church of Sweden), Cashel and Ossory (Church of Ireland)

DB: **Lent services**, courses and house groups.

Monday 12 March

AC: Bethlehem - (Province III, The Episcopal Church) Bp Dr Paul Marshall

DB: **Mangotsfield, St James** (vacancy); Jacqueline Long, Barrie Fleet – Lay Ministers.

Tuesday 13 March

AC: Bhopal - (North India) Vacant

DB: **St Anne, Oldland**. Andrew Spear (V); Lynette Bryant, Debs Fowler, Michelle Bates, Ben Searle (LLMs).

Wednesday 14 March

AC: Bida - (Abuja, Nigeria) Bp Jonah Kolo

DB: **St Chad, Patchway** (vacancy); Methodist Min: Yemi Jaiyesimi. Jared Morgan-Kavanaugh, Youth worker.

Thursday 15 March

AC: Birmingham - (Canterbury) Bp David Andrew Urquhart; Aston - Bp Andrew John Watson.

DB: **Holy Trinity, Bradley Stoke** (CofE/Methodist/URC) (vacancy); Peter Grimwood (Methodist Min.); Paul Harding, Peter Moore (LLMs).
Pastoral Team meeting.

Friday 16 March

AC: Blackburn - (York) Bp Nicholas Reade; Burnley - Bp John William Goddard
Lancaster - Bp Geoffrey Seagrave Pearson

DB: St Stephen, Soundwell : Ian Wills (V), Nick Adams (C), Sandy Cooper, Liz Perry (Ass Mins), Jenny Wiltshire, Julia Chard (OLM), Graham Lewis, Peter Robbins and Sue Clements (LLM)

Please give thanks with us for the numerical growth of our congregations especially the (still quite new) all age 'No Limits!' congregation. The challenge is now to

faith-sharing in our locality. Please pray for a real impact to be made in our communities as we reach out in Christ's name. (And also for the plans for a further mission in 2013 in the towns of Corsham and Chippenham.)

Friday 6 January THE EPIPHANY

AC: 'O God, who revealed your only Son to the Gentiles by the leading of a star, mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life enjoy the splendour of your gracious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

DB: Pray for **Orthodox churches** in our Diocese, as they celebrate Epiphany, an important festival for them.

Saturday 7 January

AC: Adelaide - (South Australia, Australia) Abp Jeffrey William Driver

DB: The (new) **Lidbrook Group** (Box with Hazelbury and Ditteridge and the Parish of Colerne)

Clergy: Janet Anderson MacKenzie (PiC); John Ayers, Geoffrey Wood (SSM); Alice Kemp (SSM C), Clair Southgate (OLM); Margaret Edmonds, Phil Daniels (Licensed Lay Ministers)

Give thanks for the positive changes and smooth transition for all of the parishes in the new Lidbrook group.

Pray for continued strengthening of relationships and growth throughout the entire Lidbrook group.

SUNDAY 8 January THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

WCC: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen, Iran, Iraq

AC: Anglican Church of Australia; Abp Phillip John Aspinall, Bp of Brisbane & Primate of Australia

PC: Tampere, Manchester

DB: Our ministry to those who come, or who bring children, to be baptised; and for the renewal of our own baptismal promises.

Monday 9 January

AC: Afikpo - (Enugu, Nigeria) Bp Paul Uduogu

DB: St Thomas a Becket, Box & Chapel Plaister, Box. St Christopher, Ditteridge.

Tuesday 10 January

William Laud, archbishop, 1645

AC: Agra - (North India) Bp Samuel Cutting

DB: **North Wrexall: St James.** (vacancy)

Wednesday 11 January

Mary Slessor, missionary in West Africa, 1915

AC: Aguata - (Niger, Nigeria) Abp Christian Efobi

DB: **Greater Bybrook Group**

DB: **Warmley, Syston and Bitton:** Paul Denyer (V), Catherine Coster, Juillanne Norman (Hon Cs);
Housing and Glebe Committee meeting.

Thursday 22 March

World Water Day

AC: Bor - (Sudan) Bp Ruben Akurdid Ngong

DB: **St Barnabas, Warmley:** Rex Allen, Leslie Willcox, John Sibley (LLMs)

We are embarked on an ambitious reordering programme. The new lighting is in, but we need more commitment and more money. Please pray we shall trust in God.

DAC meeting.

Friday 23 March

AC: Botswana - (Central Africa) Bp Dr Trevor Selwyn Musonda Mwamba

DB: **St Mary, Bitton:** Ken Gibson, David Bailey (LLMs); Richard Humphrey (OLM in training)

Thank God for helping us to achieve a big refurbishment programme. Now comes the mission and service! Please pray for openness and generosity.

Saturday 24 March

Walter Hilton mystic, 1396

Oscar Romero, archbishop of San Salvador, martyr, 1980

AC: Bradford - (York) Bp Nicholas Baines.

Ripon and Leeds - (York) Bp John Packer; Knaresborough - Bp James Bell

DB: **St Anne, Syston:** Rex Allen, Leslie Willcox, John Sibley, (LLMs);

We thank God for loyal, local support. Please pray for more engagement in worship.

SUNDAY 25 March LENT 5 (Passiontide begins)

WCC: China, Hong Kong, Macao

AC: The Church of Ireland, The Most Revd Alan Edwin Thomas Harper, Archbishop of Armagh, Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

PC: Uppsala (Church of Sweden), Llandaff (Church in Wales)

DB: **For boldness and confidence in proclaiming Christ crucified**

Monday 26 March The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Harriet Monsell, founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883

AC: Brandon - (Rupert's Land, Canada) Bp James Dusan Njegovan

DB: **Wick with Doynton and Dyrham:** Rev Timothy Bell (PiC).

Tuesday 27 March

AC: Brechin - (Scotland) Vacant

PC: Derby (Church of England), Clogher (Church of Ireland).

DB: **St Bartholomew, Wick**

Notes:

Each weekday includes:

AC – the Anglican Cycle of Prayer.

DB: Usually a Benefice/Parish- with names of current clergy and lay ministers, and (where these have been sent, particular items for prayer or thanksgiving.)

Also, where dates are known - meetings of Diocesan committees etc.

From time to time particular and widely observed UN or other International 'Days' are noted.

On Sundays

WCC - the international and ecumenical cycle of prayer for countries and Christian communities.

AC - as above

PC - the Porvoo Cycle of prayer for churches joined by the Porvoo process.

DB: A Diocesan officer, event, or something which concerns all parishes. (There is sometimes a deliberate overlap with the weekly remembrance, to ensure that - for example - all the various Deaneries are remembered in Sunday worship.

JANUARY 2012

A Prayer for a New Year

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going, I do not see the road ahead of me, I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me...”

Thomas Merton (*Thoughts*)

SUNDAY 1 January CHRISTMAS 1 / NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS

WCC: Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories

Common Worship – Additional Collects

The Second Sunday of Christmas

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake.

The Epiphany

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Baptism of Christ

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your
Son: may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be
your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

The Second Sunday of Epiphany **

Eternal Lord,
our beginning and our end:
bring us with the whole creation
to your glory, hidden through past ages
and made known
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed
good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

God of heaven,
you send the gospel
to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God.

The Fifth Sunday before Lent

God of our salvation,
help us to turn away from those habits
which harm our bodies
and poison our minds
and to choose again your gift of life,
revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Fourth Sunday before Lent

Lord of the hosts of heaven,
our salvation and our strength,
without you we are lost:
guard us from all that harms or hurts
and raise us when we fall;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Third Sunday before Lent

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.