

forward into the future, thanking him for the support of the villagers in the life of this tiny church..

- 11 W Massachusetts (USA)** Thomas Shaw  
*Suffragan* - Gayle Harris ; *Suffragan* - Bud Cederholm  
Castle Combe St Andrew  
We pray for our ministry to visitors and tourists and our Edward Bear Club. We pray for Val in her responsibility for St Andrew's church and Castle Combe.
- 12 Th Masvingo (Central Africa)** Godfrey Taonezvi  
Grittleton St Mary the Virgin with Leigh Delamere  
We give thanks for our excellent choir and for the popularity they give to our Evensong services. We look forward for fresh possibilities for growth.  
Cursillo in the Bristol Diocese.  
Please pray for our "Three Day Weekend" from 12th to 15th February at Nympsfield, Gloucestershire. This is an opportunity for people to take time out with God to be renewed in their faith. Give thanks for the team that has come together to lead it, for the participants who have signed up, and ask for God's blessing on all who attend.
- 13 F Matabeleland (Central Africa)** Wilson Sitshebo  
West Kington St Mary the Virgin  
We pray for the Family Specials and look forward to having our children and young people play a greater part in the life of the church
- 14 Sa Cyril & Methodius, Missionaries, 869 & 885**  
**Matana (Burundi)** Abp Bernard Ntaholturi  
Nettleton St Mary  
We give thanks for the stability now evident in our church. We pray that our new services will increase our influence in our villages of Burton and Nettleton.

## **15 S SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**

**Matiosane** (formerly Kerksdorp)(*South Africa*) Stephen Molopi  
Diseko  
Chippenham Deanery  
Simon Tyndall (Area Dean); Aurea Hart (Lay Chair)  
Please pray for deanery meetings that can stimulate the mission of the church; our plans for Back To Church Sunday and for the growing together of our Deanery Ministry Team. Also, that following the Lambeth 'blip', the Chippenham-Mukono link would be able to resume with visits - and pray for Bishop Paul Kizito and our Ugandan friends.  
*Porvoo: The Diocese of Canterbury, England, and the Diocese of Karlstad, Sweden*

- 30 F Charles, King and Martyr, 1649**  
**Manchester (York)** Nigel McCulloch  
**Bolton (Manchester)** Christopher Paul Edmondson  
**Hulme (Manchester)** Stephen Richard Lowe  
**Middleton (Manchester)** Mark Davies  
Southmead St Stephen  
John Hall (V)  
Please pray for the Parish Partnership involving Filton, Horfield, Lockleaze and Southmead; the Southmead Churches Group, with a possible mission in Southmead in 2009; and St Stephen's Community Project, Administrator: Mrs Caroline Smith (Because of this partnership Southmead will from now on be included with the City Deanery - Ed.)
- 31 Sa John Bosco, Priest, Founder of Teaching Order, 1888**  
**Mandalay (Myanmar)** Saw Noel Nay Lin  
*Assistant Bishop:* Aung Khin Thein  
Redland Parish Church  
Rod Symmons (PiC); Anika Parker (Youth Minister); Mars Goodman (C - on maternity leave until summer 2009); Ali Rowlands (OLM); David Mitchell (Lay Pastor)  
Our vision is to be a church where people feel increasingly supported as Christians in every area of their lives, which is seen as relevant and credible by the community it serves and which is growing in both faith and numbers. Please pray that the initiatives that are planned for this New Year will enable us to move closer to being this kind of church

people to make the journey with us and for those who take responsibility for the life and witness of our church family.

## 22 S SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

**Melbourne (Australia)** Abp Philip Leslie Freier

**Eastern Region (Melbourne)** Stephen John Hale

**Northern Region (Melbourne)** Philip James Huggins

**Southern Region (Melbourne)** John Warwick Wilson

**Western Region (Melbourne)** Paul White

Bishop Lee

I would appreciate prayer for my own discipleship and for my energy as a bishop to be focussed on the things that matter to God. The latter phrase was one which struck me powerfully at last year's Leadership Summit and I am conscious how easy it is to become detached from that focus. Pray for our office in Swindon, that we would have integrity in holding organisational responsibilities together with Kingdom priorities and values.

In the wider Church I am often asked to comment or be involved in issues related to science, medicine and technology, sometimes on the national stage. Working with the media is important but can be time consuming and frustrating. Please pray that I would use opportunities effectively, bringing godly clarity and compassion and encouraging healthy understanding and practice.

Lastly, please pray that I will be a good husband and father, friend and colleague who releases energy and is fun to be around!

*Porvoo: The Diocese of Chelmsford, England, and the Church of Denmark*

23 M Polycarp, Bp & Martyr, c.155

**Meru (Kenya)** Charles Ndiga Mwendwa

Hardenhuish St Nicholas

Pray for the leadership team led by Dave Kilmister and the development of our outreach. We now have 2 family services each month - so pray for our links with these families. Also, we are constantly thinking about better ways to use our (rather restricting) church building. We ask for wisdom!

24 T **Mexico (Mexico)** Presiding Bp Carlos Touche-Porter

Kington St Michael

Please pray for the developing leadership team and our desire to hold a series of special services during the year. We would like to strengthen the links we have with Kington St Michael CofE primary school and to be agents of God's kingdom in the locality.

Please pray for us as we pursue our Mission Priorities of reaching out to People of every creed, class, and culture in our parish, reflecting God's care for the Planet, and combating Poverty both in Easton and overseas. We do this in conjunction with the PCC, members of the Congregation, staff and volunteers at Easton Families Project, our cohort of Trinity Students, and Prayer for Easton an local ecumenical prayer initiative, and in Partnership with Urban Vision, A Rocha, Crisis Centre Ministries, and Tearfund.

21 W Agnes, Child Martyr, 304

**Madi & West Nile (Uganda)** Enock Lee Drati

Eastville St Anne with St Mark and St Thomas

Jane Hayward (V)

22 Th *Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, Martyr, 304*

**Madurai-Ramnad (South India)** Christopher Asir

East Bristol Partnership Mark Gartside-coordinator.

Those on the EGP course-Chris, Ian, Mandy and Mark.

Those exploring vocation to ordained ministry: Ian, Chris, Marc, Katie, Nicola.

Those who chair the steering group-Pete Flook and Jim Donaldson.

Those building teams to work across the parishes-children's creative worship: Sharon, Charmaine, Catherine, John, Diane, Keith.

Those preparing for the Holiday Bible Week, especially Diane Simms.

Those who run the Fishponds Community Music School: Keith Thomasson, Diane Simms, Mandy Smallldridge.

Parish lead musicians: Elisa Lavis (All Saints), David Wheatley (S John's), John Anson (S Mary's)

PCC Lay Chairs Richard Hutton (SJohns) Audrey Anson (S Mary's), Jim Donaldson (S Aidans)

Music For Toddlers at S Marys and the leaders-Vicky, Marg, John, Audrey.

Tinty Tots at All Saints and leaders-John, Mike, Cynthia and Sue.

Home group leaders: Mark, Diane, Ian and Sarah.

*Liturgy Committee*

23 F **Mahajanga (Indian Ocean)** Jean-Claude Andrianjafimanana

Fishponds All Saints see 22nd

24 Sa Francis de Sales, Bp, Teacher, 1622

**Maiduguri (Nigeria)** Emmanuel Kana Mani

Fishponds St John see 22nd

## 25 S THE CONVERSION OF PAUL

**Maine (USA)** Stephen Taylor Lane

Archdeacon of Bristol: Tim McClure

*Porvoo: The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia, the Diocese of Lichfield, England, and the Diocese of St Davids, Wales.*

- 2 M** Chad, Bp & Missionary, 672  
**Mississippi (USA)** Duncan Montgomery Gray  
Mission and Pastoral Committee  
Corsham St Bartholomew  
The successful progress of our building appeal to date means that we can start some of the restoration and improvement works to the church during 2009. Please pray that these can be brought to a successful conclusion. We would also value prayer for our new youth group, and for our efforts to improve outreach to families coming for baptism.
- 3 T** **Missouri (USA)** George Wayne Smith  
Gastard St John the Baptist  
The congregation continues to play an active role in the life of this small village. Many young families join us for special occasions - please pray for us as we try to bring them into the worshipping community on a more regular basis.  
*Board of Education ; Strategy Group*
- 4 W** Ember Day  
**Mityana (Uganda)** Dunstan Bukenya  
Lacock St Syriac  
Please pray for our congregation in this rural parish, and for our work within the community through the church school, the weekly Toddler Service, youth group, the Open Blue bus project and initiatives for older residents. We also have a thriving wedding ministry here!  
Please also pray for our witness to the many visitors to our church from local areas and from around the world.
- 5 Th** **Mombasa (Kenya)** Julius Robert Katio Kalu  
Bowden Hill St Anne *see 4th*
- 6 F** Ember Day  
**Monmouth (Wales)** Dominic Edward Walker  
Neston St Philip and St James  
A growing congregation ministers to a growing village community. We value your prayers for our developing lay leadership and on-going house group. We are looking for ways to reach out to younger families in the community and this year we have restarted children's work in the church. Give thanks for the growing confidence and sense of purpose among church members and the families we are now beginning to attract.
- 7 Sa** Perpetua, Felicity & Companions, Martyrs, 203 ; Ember Day  
**Montana (USA)** Charles Franklin Brookhart

Give thanks for Growth through God's grace and for the people of God in this community. Pray that in this time of transition the leadership, lay and ordained, would know God's wisdom and leading for St Matthew's and would lead diligently, with courage and care. Pray that the Spirit of God would continue to inspire the whole congregation towards living whole lives as disciples of Christ.

## **11 S THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST (EPIPHANY 1)**

**Los Angeles (USA)** Joseph Jon Bruno; *Suffragan:* Chester L Talton  
City Deanery

Debbie Frazer (Area Dean); James Wilson (Assistant Area Dean); Gerry. Nichols (Lay Chair); Bruce McKay (Assistant Lay Chair)

Pray for growth in the new partnerships that there may be a healthy balance between the lives of the component communities and activities that build a wider community.

Pray for members of Deanery Synod that they may have a vision and call from God to learn and communicate how God is working in and between our communities, to enthuse (!) and to mobilise people and resources.

*Porvoo: The Diocese of Birmingham , England, and the Diocese of Cork Cloyne and Ross, Ireland*

- 12 M** Aelred of Hexham, Abbot, 1167  
**Louisiana (USA)** Charles Edward Jenkins  
St Saviour with St Mary, Cotham  
Paul Roberts (V); Edward Davis (PP); Jennifer Cooper (C); Derek Jay (LM); Tracey Pool (LM); Robert Dimpleby (LM)
- 13 T** Hilary, Bp, Teacher, 367  
**Luapula (Central Africa)** Robert Mumbi  
Clifton St Paul  
Paul Roberts (V); Edward Davis (PP); Jennifer Cooper (C); Derek Jay (LM); Tracey Pool (LM); Robert Dimpleby (LM)  
*Bishop's Staff*
- 14 W** **Lucknow (North India)** Anil R Stephen  
Bristol St Aidan with St George  
Keith Thomasson (PP); Susan Allman (PP); Michael Selman (PP); André Urbanczyk (PP)  
*Advisory group on Ministry of Healing*
- 15 Th** **Lui (Sudan)** Bullen A Dolli  
Bristol St Paul (St Agnes)  
Paul Bartle-Jenkins (PiC)  
Please pray for the Inner City Partnership of Churches (St Lukes Barton Hill - Deborah Frazer and Celia Jones, St Anne's - Jane Hayward, ECFC - Philip Nott, St Paul's - Paul Bartle-Jenkins) as we

This is a very small village and the parish church is the only public building. As such the church and the PCC have a role in being a focus for much of community life in West Littleton. Please pray for an effective balance between the social and spiritual role of this church.

**13 F Mount Kenya South (Kenya)** Timothy Ranje  
Social Services

**14 Sa Mount Kenya West (Kenya)** Joseph Kagunda  
Fair Trade

Pray for a world in which justice and sustainable development are at the heart of trade structures and practices so that everyone, through their work, can maintain a decent and dignified livelihood and develop their full potential.

**15 S LENT 3**

**Mount Kilimanjaro (Tanzania)** Simon Elilekia Makundi  
Church Urban Fund

Church Urban Fund is a leading Christian charity supporting faith-based social action in England's poorest communities. Established 20 years ago, our work is still essential as the gap between rich and poor continues to grow.

*Porvoo: The Diocese of Lincoln, England, and the Diocese of Armagh, Ireland*

**16 M Mpumalanga (South Africa)** Leslie Walker  
The Global Environment

Pray for effective international action to preserve this fragile planet for future generations.

**17 T Patrick, Bishop & Missionary, c. 460**  
**Mpwapwa (Tanzania)** Jacob Erasto Chimeledya  
Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Pray that genuine refugees and asylum seekers may be met with compassion and understanding.

*Bishop's Staff ; Advisory Group on Ministry of Healing*

**18 W Cyril of Jerusalem, Bp, 386**  
**Mthatha (formerly St John's) (South Africa)** Sitembele Tobela  
Mzamane

Bristol Diocesan Link with Uganda

2009 is a special year marking the 40th Anniversary of the Diocesan Link with Uganda:

1. Pray for preparations for a Diocesan Wide celebration from May 3rd-10th, 2009
2. Pray for deepening friendships that will help us as we tackle important issues within the Anglican Communion

# January

May your kingdom come, O God,  
with deliverance for the needy,  
with peace for the righteous,  
with overflowing blessing for all nations,  
with glory, honour and praise  
for Christ, the only Saviour

**1 Th NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS**

**Liberia (West Africa)** Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart  
St Luke with Christ Church, Barton Hill & St Matthew, Moorfields  
Deborah Frazer (PiC); Celia Jones (C); Wendy Gardiner (LM)

Please pray for the Amen Project that St. Luke's is beginning with our Somalian neighbours in Barton Hill. Please pray for the Crypt project and the work we do with young people in the area. Please pray that we become 'the spiritual heart in and for the community.'

**2 F Basil the Great & Gregory of Nazianzus, Bps, Teachers**  
**Lichfield (Canterbury)** Jonathan Michael Gledhill

**Shrewsbury (Lichfield)** Alan Gregory Clayton Smith

**Stafford (Lichfield)** Alfred Gordon Mursell

**Wolverhampton (Lichfield)** Clive Gregory

Benefice of Bishopston and St Andrews

Peter Bailey (TR); Christine Burbridge (LM); Richard Burbridge (TV); Beverley Charles (LM); Kim Curle (Evangelist); Alan Dowsett (Retired Priest); Michael Hillman (LM); Wendy Hopkins (LM); Anne Iles (LM); Veronica Lee (AM); Glenys Mills (Retired Priest); Colin Nicholls (Reader Emeritus); Tim Overton (LM); David Trist (LM); Steve Truscott (OLM); John Ware (Retired Priest)

We are entering a period of change with the reduction from 3 to 2 paid staff. In addition Peter Bailey is retiring at the end of June. Pray for the appointment of the right woman or man as Team Rector, who will encourage and continue to grow our local ministry teams.

**3 Sa Limerick & Killaloe (Dublin)** Trevor Williams  
Bishopston St Michael and All Angels (see 2nd)

**4 S CHRISTMAS 2 (or Epiphany)**

**Lincoln (Canterbury)** John Charles Saxbee

**Grantham (Lincoln)** Timothy William Ellis

**Grimsby (Lincoln)** David Douglas James Rossdale

The Bishop of Bristol: Michael Hill

The Mothers' Union has more than 3.6 million members in 79 countries around the world. We give thanks for their immense influence for good, for their support for families and individuals in need, and for the Christian faith which underpins all their work.

*Diocesan Finance and Audit Committee*

- 26 Th** *Harriet Monsell, Founder of Community at Clewer, 1883*  
**Mytikiya (Myanmar)** David Than Lwin; *Ass't Bp: Wagyt Kamdi*  
Bristol HM Prison Horfield Chaplaincy Team:  
David Powe, Anja Thomson, Elspeth Desmond. Substitute  
Chaplains: Ray Brazier, Brian Pearce, Trevor Hearne.

Please pray for the very diverse team of chaplains, who deal daily with major traumatic situations. May their presence be a catalyst for healing and change. We remember the families of those in prison, and all who are affected by crime. Please pray that the inevitable cut-backs to prison staff will take place without having a grave effect on safety and general morale of prisoners and staff.

*Diocesan Advisory Committee*

- 27 F** **Nagpur (North India)** Paul Dupare  
All who preach and teach in the name of Christ

- 28 Sa** **Nairobi (Kenya)** Peter Njoka  
Those preparing for confirmation in 2009

**29 S LENT 5 (Passiontide begins)**

**Nakuru (Kenya)** Stephen Njihia Mwangi  
Archdeacon of Malmesbury Alan Hawker  
Pastoral reorganization, ever increasing secular rules and regulations, and expectations of the clergy that are no longer realistic have created a context where listening and encouraging are principal roles for the Archdeacon. Developing collaboration with each Deanery is also important, as we seek together to become more effective in mission. Membership of the Business Committee of the General Synod also requires sensitivity and clear sightedness.  
*Porvoo: The Diocese of Derby, England, and the Diocese of Clogher, Ireland.*

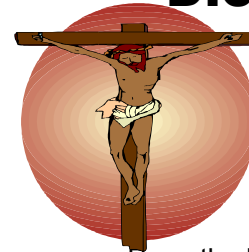
- 30 M** **Nambale (Kenya)** Josiah Makhandia Were  
Members of Parliament

- 31 T** *John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631*  
**New Providence (West Indies)** vacant  
Local Government  
*Bishop's Council meets today*

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## Diocese of Bristol

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer



**January - March 2009**

Foreword

From the Bishop of Bristol

The lifeblood of our relationship with God is prayer. Prayer renews our lives, our relationship with Christ and our relationships with others. We have got to keep it flowing.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer is the kind of 'pump' that keeps prayer flowing in our lives. It helps us make prayer the daily practice so many of us desire it to be. More than that, it broadens and lengthens our horizons as we look to the needs of others in and beyond the Church. In that way, it not only feeds our hearts, it grows them.

We are grateful to John Bradley and Colin Lunt for their work in compiling this invaluable resource.

One of the results that the Diocesan Growth Programme looks to achieve is a growth in commitment to God. Prayer not only brings about a growth in commitment but is also a sign of such growth. It is a cause and sign of love for God and others. As followers of Jesus Christ, we cannot afford to ignore our prayer lives. I hope that the Cycle of Prayer will be used widely to prompt personal and corporate prayer in the Diocese in 2009.

+Mike, November 2008