

February

O Lord of hosts,
purify our hearts
that the King of glory may come in,
your Son, Jesus our redeemer

1 S EPIPHANY 4 (or THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE)

Manicaland (*Central Africa - Zimbabwe*) vacant
Bristol Cathedral

Robert Grimley (Dean) Residentiary Canons: Douglas Holt, Timothy Higgins, Wendy Wilby and Andrew Tremlett

Pray for the process of appointing a Dean in succession to Robert Grimley, and for all those from the Church and the wider community who will be involved in the consultations about the Cathedral and City's needs and opportunities. Pray, too, for the Cathedral's continuing work of touching the hearts of those who visit, as it seeks to create a community of wholeness for the City, with Christ at its centre.

Porvoo; The Diocese of Bradford, England, and the Diocese of Limerick and Killaloe, Ireland

2 M THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (Candlemas)

Mara (*Tanzania*) Hilkiyah Omindo Deya
Stapleton Holy Trinity

S Pullin (PiC); Lay Ministers: M Graham, S Pullin, V Robertson, K Davison

3 T Anskar, Abp & Missionary, 865

Marathwada (*North India*) A. K. Pradhan
Two Mile Hill St Michael

Keith Thomasson (PP); Susan Allman (PP); André Urbanczyk (PP); J Goodridge (C), T Denley (OLM)

Please pray for the "Where are we Going" plan as we explore and discern the way forward for our parish in terms of growth and mission. We also pray for the wider community of the parish and for our involvement in the East Bristol Partnership of Churches
Strategy Group

4 W Gilbert of Sempringham, Founder of Gilbertine Order, 1189

Maridi (*Sudan*) Justin Badi Arama
Box Thomas-à-Becket

Janet Anderson-MacKenzie (PiC); John Ayers (Hon. C); Phil Daniels (LM)

Janet Anderson-Mackenzie and Phil Daniels are helping implement the church growth plan: Prayer, Breakfasts, Children's work and adult home groups and learning. Please pray for God's guidance in growth.
Bristol Uganda Link Committee

5 Th Maryland (USA) Eugene Taylor Sutton

Ditteridge St Christopher

John Ayers is encouraging growth through involvement e.g. through leading intercessions

Mission and Ministry Development Committee

6 F The Martyrs of Japan

The Accession of Queen Elizabeth II

Masasi (*Tanzania*) Patrick Mwachiko

The Benefice of By Brook

Ann Ashcroft (TR), Val Plumb (TV), Geoffrey Woods (Associate Minister); Mike King (LM), Alison Flint (LM)

7 Sa Maseno North (Kenya) Simon Mutingole Oketch

Yatton Keynell St Margaret

We give thanks for the place our church holds in our village's life. We pray for an expansion of that partnership as part of God's work.

8 S THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Maseno South (*Kenya*) Franci Mway Abiero

General Synod

Pray for courtesy and mutual respect in debating controversial issues; for responsiveness to the guiding of the Holy Spirit.

Porvoo: The Diocese of Peterborough, England, and the Diocese of Meath and Kildare, Ireland.

9 M Maseno West (Kenya) Joseph Otieno Wasonga

Biddestone St Nicholas

We give thanks for the growth of the Edward Bear Club. We pray for the success of the new initiatives of Sunday specials for families, the After School Club and YOBS (our youth group). We also thank God for the ministry of the lay people of the church.

General Synod meets till 13th

10 T Scholastica, Sister of Benedict, Abbess, 543

Masindi-Kitara (*Uganda*) Stanley Ntagali

Slaughterford St Nicholas

We give thanks for the ongoing success of our rural services and for the great blessing our Taizé services have brought us particularly in attracting the non-churchgoer. We ask for God's blessing as we go

- * for a growing awareness of the Church as a movement, rather than an institution
 * for continuing commitment to sacrifice and risk for the sake of the Good News
 * for those who find challenge and change difficult to deal with
Porvoo: The Diocese of Worcester, England, and the Diocese of Hamar, Norway.
- 26 M** Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul
Makamba (*Burundi*) Martin Blaise Nyaboho
Fishponds St Mary see 22nd
- 27 T** **Makurdi** (*Nigeria*) Nathan Nyitar Inyom
Horfield St Gregory
 James Wilson (PiC); Alan Good (Associate Priest)
 Your prayers are asked for the clergy, for churchwardens Tom Odlin and Malcolm Cross, and for the 1 to 3's sing along service and its leader Sue Griffiths.
- 28 W** Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher, 1274
Malaita (*Melanesia*) Sam Sahu ; *Assistant Bishop*: Alfred Hou
Horfield Holy Trinity with St Edmund
 Clergy: John Hadley, Patrick Hine, John Ware. LM: Brian Blancharde
 For your prayers: In June Hilary Blancharde is to be ordained deacon (SSM); in February Helen Hinksman will be licensed as a lay minister, with Simon Perkins following in 2010. We hope to have a parish conference, a month of guided prayer, and a parish mission within the next two years.
- 29 Th** **Malakal** (*Sudan*) Hilary Garang
Lockleaze St Mary Magdalene with St Francis
 Joe Hasler (V). Janet Marker (C)(SSM) Elaine Mills (C)(OLM) Sandra Truman (Administrator)
 Please pray for our Parish, and the congregation, as we endeavour to find new ways of responding to God working in this community.
 For the continued emergence of a Local Ministry Initiative in this Parish. For Janet Marker as she seeks a fresh expression of ministry from her home.
 For Elaine Mills: learning ministry in this parish alongside other members of the congregation.
 For Sandra Truman exploring the practise of becoming a Parish Administrator.
 For the members of the lay support teams in 'Ministry and pastoral care' and 'Administration'.
 We pray that together we may test an approach to delivering ministry here; one that will be culturally appropriate to this community.

- 16 M** **Mauritius** (*Indian Ocean*) Abp Ian Ernest
Littleton Drew All Saints
 Our small church in our small village gives thanks to God for what is happening in our monthly services. We pray for additional numbers at our friendly services.
- 17 T** Janani Luwum, Abp of Uganda, Martyr, 1977
Mbaise (*Nigeria*) Bright Joseph Egemasi Ogu
Chippenham St Andrew
 St Andrew Chippenham: Simon Tatton-Brown (V); Alison Love (LM); Eryl Spencer (LM); Clive Carey (LM); Malcolm Hodges (LM emeritus).
 Town Centre congregation serving south Chippenham. Pray for us as we plan for the future and develop our strategy for mission and growth, fostering our links with community partners, drawing in younger families, reviewing the use of our people, buildings and resources; and for Alison Love as she trains for ordained ministry.
Bishop's Staff
- 18 W** **Mbale** (*Uganda*) Samwiri Namakhetsa Khaemba Wabulakha
Tytherton Lucas St Nicholas
 Simon Tatton-Brown (V); Alison Love (LM); Eryl Spencer (LM); Clive Carey (LM); Malcolm Hodges (LM emeritus).
 Give thanks for those who sustain weekly worship in a small village where the church is the only focus for the local community, and pray for God's blessing on our plans for a Garden of Remembrance in our churchyard.
- 19 Th** **Mbeere** (*Kenya*) Gideon Grishon Ileri
North Chippenham Group of Churches
 Simon Tyndall (TR); Mike Watkins (licensing due 6.1.9) (TV); Dave Kilmister (OLM) & Sam Rushton (Associate Minister); Lay Ministers: Steve Cooper, Karin Needham, Ron Pool, Karen Rudge, Peter Rushton, Pam Tayler, Barbara Wood, John Woodward, Tim Woodward
Diocesan Advisory Committee
- 20 F** **Meath & Kildare** (*Dublin*) Richard Lionel Clarke
Chippenham St Paul
 We ask for prayer as we continue to develop our leadership team - and for our mission to the local community aimed both at older people and the young. Please pray for the RISE Trust & the Children's Centre at St Paul's Primary School.
- 21 Sa** **Medak** (*South India*) Badda Peter Sugandhar
Langley Burrell St Peter
 As with many churches on the edge of small, rural communities we pray for vision for what God wants us to do and be at this time and for

prepare for changes this year when Celia will leave in June and Paul in July.

Diocesan Advisory Committee

- 16 F Lusaka (Central Africa)** David Njovu
Bristol St Ambrose
David James (V); Keith Thomasson (PP); Susan Allman (PP); Michael Selman (PP); André Urbanczyk (PP); John Goodridge (C); Trevor Denley (OLM)
- 17 Sa** Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356
Luwero (Uganda) Evans Mukasa Kisekka
Bristol, St Leonard
David James (V); Keith Thomasson (PP); Susan Allman (PP); Michael Selman (PP); André Urbanczyk (PP); John Goodridge (C); Trevor Denley (OLM)
- 18 S EPIPHANY 2**
Lweru (Tanzania) Jackton Yeremiah Lugumira
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Chris Dobson, Ecumenical Officer
Reconcile your people. Ezekiel 37:15-28: God spoke to the Prophet Ezekiel and said "they shall be one in my hand... They will be my people and I shall be their God".
And so we pray:
We pray to you for the unity of all Christians
According to your will, According to your means,
May your Spirit enable us to experience the suffering caused by division; To see our sin and to hope beyond all hope.
God, you alone are our hope ; You alone are our hope
In the Bristol area pray for the review of Christians Together in Greater Bristol, and for a new vision to emerge.
Porvoo: The Diocese of Bangor, Wales, and the Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough, Ireland.
- 19 M** Wulfstan, Bp, 1095
Machatos (Kenya) Joseph Mutie Kanuku
Easton All Hallows
Richard Hoyal (PiC); Roger Durbin (Hon Asst P) Jessica Smith (LM)
Please pray for growth in our community outreach and service, and for development of our ability to meet the needs of growing numbers of children at church.
- 20 T** *Richard Rolle, Spiritual Writer, 1349*
Madhya Kerala (South India) Thomas Samuel
Easton Christian Family Centre
Philip J Nott, (PiC); David Moore (AM); Mrs Hilary Howard (LM)

- 25 W ASH WEDNESDAY**
Michigan (USA) Wendell Nathaniel Gibbs
Chippenham St Peter (vacancy) Rachel Pound (LM)
Give thanks for the ministry of Tony and Helen Fensome. Pray for the lay leadership during the inter-regnum.
Diocesan Finance Committee
- 26 Th Milwaukee (USA)** Steven Miller
Colerne St John the Baptist
Ann Ashcroft (PiC); Val Plumb (TV); G. Woods (AM); M Edmonds (LM)
- 27 F** George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633
Minna (Nigeria) Daniel Abu Yisa
North Wraxall St James
Ann Ashcroft (PiC); V. Plumb (V); G. Woods (AM); M Edmonds (LM)
- 28 Sa Minnesota (USA)** James Louis Jelinek
Benefice of Greater Corsham and Lacock
Roger Clifton (TR); Sally Wheeler (TV); Lin Culling (LM); Sharon Lovelock (LM), David Harvey (LM)
After several years of large new housing developments, work is under way on new commercial building and a major redevelopment of the military sites between Neston and Corsham. This will ensure employment opportunities for the future, but places more strain on the local infrastructure. There remains the possibility of further residential building in all our parishes. Please pray for us as we continue to build our ministry team to meet the needs of a growing population, and seek to develop our house groups.

March

Give us honest hearts, O God,
and send your kindly Spirit
to help us confess our sins
and bring us the peace of your forgiveness;
in Jesus Christ our Lord

1 S LENT 1

Missionary Area of Macau (Hong Kong) The Revd Simon Fan
Community of the Sisters of the Church
Give thanks for the presence of this community in the Diocese, and for their ministry to the poor and needy in the St Paul's area of Bristol.

Please pray for: an easy transition into the new See House in Winterbourne for his family and the workings of the office; That God would use his leadership in the Diocese for the sake of the Kingdom.
Porvoo: The Diocese of Tampere, Finland, and the Diocese of Manchester, England.

- 5 M Litoral Ecuador** (*Province of USA*) Alfredo Morante
Bishopston Church of the Good Shepherd (*see 2nd*)
- 6 T THE EPIPHANY**
Liverpool (*York*) James Stuart Jones
Warrington (*Liverpool*)
Bishopston St Bartholomew (*see 2nd*)
- 7 W Llandaff** (*Wales*) Barry Cenydd Morgan (Abp of Wales)
Suffragan: David Yeoman
City of Bristol St Stephen
Tim Higgins (PiC); Elizabeth Kesteven (C)
Give thanks for the team at St Stephen's and the ministry among the arts with Geoff Hall. Pray for discernment in encouraging new work with courses: especially the Work and Spirit programme. Hold before God the new pattern of Sunday morning worship, Critical Mass, the role of the Café and the nurture of music in worship and community building.
- 8 Th Lokoja** (*Nigeria*) Emmanuel Sokowamju Egbunu
Bristol Christ Church with St George
We give thanks that we are able to continue to offer traditional worship with fine music.
- 9 F London** (*Canterbury*) John Carew Chartres
Edmonton (*London*) Peter William Wheatley
Fulham (*London*) John Charles Broadhurst
Kensington (*London*) Michael Colclough
Stepney (*London*) Stephen Oliver
Willesden (*London*) Peter Allan Broadbent
Bristol St Philip and St Jacob with Emmanuel
Malcolm Widdecombe (V); Lay Ministers: P.Wilson, L. Carr, D. Matthews, S. McKay, C. Perkins, S. Sharples, A. Bright, R. Hook
- 10 Sa** *William Laud, Abp Canterbury, 1645*
Long Island (*USA*) Rodney Rae Michel
Bristol St Matthew and St Nathanael
Mat Ineson (PiC); Edward Davies (Partnership Priest); Emma Ineson (Assistant Priest); Joyce Caithness (OLM - Training); Lay Ministers: Catherine Hammond, David Thyer, Richard Pendlebury, Martin Stanisstree

Benefice of Marshfield with Cold Ashton and Tormarton with West Littleton
Simon Drew (V); Peter Ostli-East (Asst. Minister); Aurea Hart (LM), Mike Strathdee (LM); John Woodham (LM)

8 S LENT 2

Montreal (*Canada*) Barry Clarke
Network Mission Nick Crawley (*Network Mission Priest*)
"Please join in thanking God for: sound progress, the establishment of two more focuses of ministry, and the Diocesan authority's agreement to an additional two year extension to the project.
Please pray for: God to be glorified through our mission and discipleship, our rhythm of prayer, our hospitality and service of the poor, and our community life."
Porvoo: The Diocese of Lund, Sweden, and the Diocese of Cashel and Ossory, Ireland

- 9 M Moosonee** (*Canada*) Caleb James Lawrence
Marshfield St Mary the Virgin
Marshfield is a medium size mixed village with many new professional families. The church has a growing ministry to young families whilst maintaining traditional worship for the older members of our community. Please pray particularly for renewed vision within the church, our growing children's and youth work, our partnership with Marshfield Chapel (FIEC), and for guidance as we rethink our use of the building.
- 10 T Moray, Ross & Caithness** (*Scotland*) Mark Strange
Cold Ashton Holy Trinity
Cold Ashton is a small parish encompassing several hamlets in addition to the village itself. The ancient village church is a focus of village identity. Please pray for the small but faithful congregation as they seek to maintain the life of the church and keep the gospel at the heart of the community.
Area Deans
- 11 W Morogoro** (*Tanzania*) Dudley Mageni
Tormarton St Mary Magdalene
The village of Tormarton has a good mix of ages and still has a strong link with farming. The church still plays an important role at festivals and the monthly family service is the key point in the worshipping life of the community. Please pray for the congregation as they seek to bring the Christian faith to this village.
- 12 Th Mount Kenya Central** (*Kenya*) Isaac Nganga
Suffragan: Allen Macharia Waithaka
West Littleton St James

The Porvoo Prayer Calendar

Introduction

The Porvoo Declaration commits the churches which have signed it 'to share a common life' and 'to pray for and with one another'. An important way of doing this is to pray through the year for the Porvoo churches and their Dioceses.

Those using the calendar are invited to choose one day each week on which they will pray for the Porvoo churches. It is hoped that individuals and parishes, cathedrals and religious orders will make use of the Calendar in their own cycle of prayer week by week.

In addition to the churches which have approved the Porvoo Declaration, we continue to pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia and the Church of Denmark. Observers from both churches attend all the meetings held under the Agreement.

The Calendar may be freely copied or emailed for wider circulation. It is also available, together with much other information on Porvoo, on the website www.porvoochurches.org

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Canon Charles Hill, *Anglican Co-Secretary of the Porvoo Contact Group.*

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Notes

- The prayers at the beginning of each month have been chosen from the prayers at the end of the Psalms in Common Worship: Daily Prayer.
- The Anglican Cycle of Prayer We pray for each diocese and its bishop as listed in www.anglicancommunion.org To the best of my knowledge the information is up-to-date as in November 2008.
- The Porvoo Declaration of 1996 commits the churches which have signed it 'to pray for and with one another'. Because of the new formula described above the linked dioceses for the week are now listed each Sunday. Leaders of intercessions should be aware that they can be used on any day of the week, not necessarily on the Sunday. A fuller prayer diary is available on the website: www.porvoochurches.org
- Some abbreviations: AM: Associate Minister; C: Curate; LM: Lay Minister (Formerly Reader), OLM: Ordained Local Minister; PiC: Priest in Charge; PM: Partnership Minister; PP: Partnership Priest; R: Rector, SSM Self-supporting Minister, TR: Team Rector; TV: Team Vicar.

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3. Pray for our Deanery Links that they may grow and thrive
[For more prayer information visit the Link Website:
www.bristol-uganda.co.uk]

- 19 Th JOSEPH OF NAZARETH**
Muhabura (Uganda) vacant
City Deanery Links with Uganda
Pray for the dioceses of Central Buganda and West Buganda, their bishops, clergy and people.
- 20 F** Cuthbert, Bishop & Missionary, 687
Mukono (Uganda) Elia Paul Luzinda Kizito
Chippenham Deanery Link with Mukono Bp: Paul Elia Luzinda Kizito:
Pray for our plans to celebrate 40 years of the diocesan partnership as we look forward to an exchange of visitors with our partners in Mukono later this year.
- 21 Sa** Thomas Cranmer, Abp Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556
Multan (Pakistan) vacant
The unemployed
Pray for those seeking work, and for the many families suffering economic hardship at this time.
- 22 S LENT 4 (Mothering Sunday)**
Mumbai (North India) Prakash Dinkar Patole
Mothers' Union, Diocese of Bristol: Rosemary Thomas (Diocesan President); Janet Dugan (Vice-President)
We pray for the strengthening of family life. As children of the same Heavenly Father, Christians are called to serve some of the most marginalised and forgotten members of God's family. Give thanks for the commitment of Mothers' Union branches and members in every parish.
Porvoo: The Diocese of Uppsala, Sweden, and the Diocese of Llandaff, Wales
- 23 M** **Mumias (Kenya)** Beneas Salaiah Okumu
Mothers' Union Overseas Links
Give thanks for the links we enjoy in this diocese with Mothers' Unions overseas. We pray for the MU in Bankes and Torres in Melanesia, Johannesburg and Matlosane in Southern Africa, Oturkpo in Nigeria and West Ankole in Uganda.
- 24 T** *Walter Hilton, Mystic, 1396 ; Oscar Romero, Abp, Martyr, 1980*
Mundri (Sudan) Bismark Monday
Those preparing for marriage in 2009
- 25 W ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE B.V.M.**
Muyinga (Burundi) Eraste Bigirimana
Mothers' Union Worldwide