

change difficult and give thanks for the close knit sense of team work and unity in the deanery.

Porvoo: Church of Iceland and Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church

- 25 M** The Venerable Bede, monk, historian, 735
Aldhelm, abbot of Malmesbury, Bp of Sherborne, 709
Northwestern Pennsylvania (USA) Sean Walter Rowe
Minety, St Leonard
- 26 T** Augustine, First Abp Canterbury, 605
John Calvin, Reformer, 1564
Philip Neri, founder of the Oratorians, 1595
Norwich (Canterbury) Graham James
Lynn (Norwich) James Henry Langstaff
Thetford (Norwich) David John Atkinson
Charlton, St John the Baptist
- 27 W Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island (Canada)** Susan Elizabeth Moxley
Malmesbury, St Peter and St Paul with Brokenborough
Please pray: for wisdom and prayerfulness for clergy and lay ministers: Neill Archer (V), Mike Noah, (AM), Lay Ministers: Pete Campbell, Alice Pettit, James Pettit, David Smith, Nigel Pyman, Linda Sullivan for our new curate Lee Barnes as he prepares to arrive with his family, Mary, Arianna & Nathaniel for the reshaping of our churches with Corston & Rodbourne as the Malmesbury & Upper Avon Group next month. for the development of new crèche facilities and our ministry with the very young
Archdeacon of Bristol: Visitation
- 28 Th** Lanfranc, monk, Abp, scholar, 1089
Nsukka (Nigeria) Jonah Ilonuba
Brinkworth, St Michael and All Angels see also 31st May
Derek Ormston (R) David Tarr and Gina Compton (Lay Ministers)
Links: Pastor Amos and the Parish of Lake Bunyonyi, Kabale, Uganda
Give thanks for the contextual training scheme for rural ministry through Trinity College, Bristol, which commenced last September. Pray for more students to opt in for the future. May the two-way enriching process that has started be continued. Pray that we will play our full part in the new 'Woodbridge Group', which will be inaugurated on July 5th. May we cope with the change, be challenged by new opportunities, and be people of hope as we prepare for a 'mission' in the Autumn for the whole group.
Diocesan Advisory Committee

Howard Smith and Mike Swain (Lay Ministers); Howard Smith and Mike Swain (candidates for OLM).

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9 Sa North Mbale (Uganda) vacant

Yate, New Town, St Mary

The changing styles of worship offered at St Mary's Provide for a diverse cross section to all ages in the community. We pray that we can sustain this diversity as we look to future growth and development seeking God's help to building the resources required. We seek through prayer a pastoral awareness scheme that will provide a healthy oversight for all members.

Diocesan Synod

10 S EASTER 5

North Queensland (Australia) William Ray

Suffragan: Saibo Mabo

Suffragan: James Randolph Leftwich

Yate New Town Ministry and Ecumenical Parish

David Harrex (TR); Iain Macfarlane (TV); Chris Verey (SSM); Paul Edwards (Methodist Minister) Clive Dolton (LM), Wully Perks (LM); Nicola Jones (Youth Worker)

We give thanks for diversity and pray for the united Christian action which is taking place in our communities. Pray for Regenerate, an ecumenical group that supports Christian youth and children's work in our primary and secondary schools.

Christian Aid Week The focus of this year's Christian Aid Week is the Congo. Pray for those who collect, for a generous response, and for the Churches as they come together for worship.

Porvoo: Exeter (England) and Nord-Hålogaland (Norway)

11 M North West Australia (Australia) William Ray

Yate, New Town, St James the Great, Westerleigh

The church members are looking outwardly into the village community seeking to provide a greater use of the church in community life. We ask for prayers for all who seek to organise events that bring about this new mission incentive. We give thanks for new initiatives towards children in the community and the provision to support families within the church worship.

June

Creator God,
send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world,
that the whole creation,
in its groaning and striving,
may know your loving purpose
and come to reflect your glory;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 M Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Ogoni (*Nigeria*) Solomon Gberegbara

Great Somerford, St Peter & St Paul *see also 31st May*

The parish consists of a village and two hamlets nearby, Startley and Seagry Heath. Praise God for the increase in the number of Baptisms at our Family Services. Please pray that our services will attract more families and newcomers. Please pray, too for a smooth transition to the Woodbridge Group of Churches next month.

Little Somerford, St John the Baptist *see also 31st May*

Praise God for more frequent Baptisms at our main services. Please pray that as a result of this more families and newcomers will be drawn to worship God here. Please pray, too, for a smooth transition to the Woodbridge Group of Churches.

Mission & Pastoral Committee

2 T Ohio (USA) Mark Hollingsworth

Lea & Cleverton, St Giles *see 31st May*

3 W Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7, 1977

Oji River (*Nigeria*) Amos Amankechinelu Madu

Garsdon, St Giles *see 31st May*

Bristol/Uganda Link Committee

4 Th Petroc, abbot, 6th century

Christian Malford, All Saints

Geoff Hewitt (PIC)

Please pray for our "Church in the Week" initiative to promote active involvement in Christian living through home groups. Please pray for our work with families through "First Thursday", Family Services and Children's Church.

Please pray too for our new lay minister Dawn Beresford and for Evelyn Bone as she begins her priestly ministry in June.

The new Draycot Benefice begins on 21 June. Please pray for God's blessing on the exciting possibilities of this new situation.

29 W Catherine of Siena, Teacher, 1380

The Niger Delta (*Nigeria*) Gabriel H Pepple

Stoke Gifford St Michael

Simon Jones (V); Thomas Webber (TV); Julie Bradley (C); Elizabeth Slater (C); Simon Dunn (C); Richard Wiilerton (LM); Elizabeth Mellor; Murray Hepburn (LM)

Bishop's Staff

30 Th Pandita Mary Ramabai, translator, 1922

Nnewi (*Nigeria*) Godwin Izundu Nmezinwa Okpala

Bradley Stoke, Christ the King (see 29th)

May

In the face of Jesus Christ
your light and glory have blazed forth,
O God of all the nations;
with all your people,
may we make known your grace
and walk in the ways of peace;
for your Name's sake.

1 F Philip and James, Apostles

Nord Kivu (*Congo*) Methusela Musubaho Munzenda

Assistant Bishop: Enoch Kayeeye

Warmley, St Barnabas

Paul Denyer (R); Maria Shepherdson (C)

In thanksgiving for the largely positive response to the plans for the re-ordering of the church and changes to patterns of worship, including the formation of World of Worship and Working Hard at Masonry groups working in tandem. Please pray for the new Chair of the WHAM group Celia Downie as she takes a lead on the practical end of reordering. Pray for the success of the Year of Talents initiative, the 'Church Open' team and plans to extend this mission opportunity further, and for Rise & Shine under the leadership of Fiona Rogers

2 Sa Athanasius, Bp, Teacher, 373

North Carolina (*USA*) Michael Bruce Curry

Syston, St Anne

Paul Denyer (R); Maria Shepherdson (C)

In thanksgiving for the work of the Outreach Group and the energy and enthusiasm of its diverse members drawn from the local community and congregation. We ask prayers for the plans to continue to draw families and children to the church through involvement of Deb Denny's

Pray for Sue Harvey as she explores OLM
Area Deans/Lay Chairmen

12 F Barnabas the Apostle (*transferred if Corpus Christi is celebrated*)

Olympia (USA) Gregory H Rickel

Suffragan: Bavi Edna Rivera

Alderton, St Giles

Andrew Evans (PiC)

For those following the Cover to Cover bible study challenge, that scripture might be opened and understood in new and exciting ways.

13 Sa On the Niger (*Nigeria*) Ken Okeke

Easton Grey

For our first joint Alpha Course which runs through March to May.

14 S TRINITY 1

Ondo (Nigeria) George Lasebikan

Diocesan Adviser for Licensed Ministry: Sam Rushton

Please pray for all those willing to put themselves forward for ministry, whether Lay or Ordained, that God will keep their feet securely on the path he has set for them.

Porvoo: Diocese in Europe and Down and Dromore (Ireland)

15 M Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer, 1941

Ontario (Canada) George Bruce

Foxley w Bremilham

For Sarah Evans as she prepares for her priesting in June.

16 T Richard of Chichester, Bp, 1253

Joseph Butler, Bp, philosopher, 1752

Oregon (USA) Johncy Itty

Luckington, St Mary

For those studying on the Equipping God's People course;
Chris Newton-Evans, Julia Evans, Steve Slarke.

17 W Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, social reformers, 1913 and 1936

Orlu (Nigeria) Bennett Okoro

Stanton St Quintin, St Giles

Pray for Sue Harvey as she explores OLM

18 Th Bernard Mizeki, martyr, 1896

Osaka (Japan) Samuel Osamu Ohnishi

Hullavington, St Mary Magdalene

For Ness and Alan as they explore calls to ordained ministry
Praise God for the many exciting and challenging things that are happening in our group of 8 rural churches

Suffragan: Paul Richardson

United Church Longwell Green, All Saints

David Adams (V); David Hardy (Methodist Minister); Hilary Cooke (Hon Methodist Minister); Alan Tarbard (LM); Stephen Britton (LM); Christine Perkins (Methodist Lay Preacher);

Please Pray for

1 Growth

2. Outreach to local schools via an ecumenical assembly team.

3. Early Bird, breakfast services, Kidz Klub, and 7up childrens activities.

4. Pastoral care for the elderly

5. Building development project planned to commence July this year.

22 W Newcastle (*New South Wales, Australia*) Brian George Farran

Suffragan: Graeme Stanley Rutherford

Mangotsfield, St James

Stephen Abbott (PiC); Valerie Abbott (Associate Minister); Barrie Fleet (LM); Jacqueline Long (LM)

Please pray

(a) for our monthly outreach "events", "Little Acorns" and "Primary Praise" for children and parents, in our church school on Emerson's Green.

(b) for the development of our worship, as we plan for the installation of new audio/visual equipment.

(c) for the Outreach Strategy Group, as we develop and implement our growth plan.

23 Th George, Martyr, Patron of England c 304

Oldland, St Anne

Andrew Spear (V); Lay Ministers: Lynette Bryant, Michelle Bates, Debs Fowler; Training: Ben Searle; Church Army (Retired) Gerald Mann

Please pray for greater depth in our walk with God as a Church and as individuals, a greater realisation of the Grace of God and an increased hunger for the word of God. Please pray for more leaders.

Diocesan Advisory Committee

24 F Melitus, Bp, 624

Niagara (Canada) Michael Bird

Patchway, St Chad David Byrne (V)

We praise God for the arrival of our new Methodist Minister, Revd Yemi Jaiyesimi, last September.

We thank him too for our two youth work students Amy and Mike, and pray for the work they are doing in the church and in five schools in the parish.

We have a new Partnership with the Müller Foundation, and pray they will be able to help us develop our service and outreach in Patchway.

Continue to give thanks for our growing involvement in such as Diversity Week; Equal Opportunities Group; Social & Community Cohesion working party; the Student Services Team; Christian Union; 'Faith Matters' group; working with Access students; offering pastoral care to staff and students; encouraging outside groups and individuals from faith communities into College etc. (see also 25th)

Bishop's Staff

24 W Birth of John the Baptist

Oxford (*Canterbury*) John Pritchard

Buckingham (Oxford) Alan Thomas Lawrence Wilson

Dorchester (Oxford) Colin William Fletcher

Reading (Oxford) Stephen Geoffrey Cottrell

Ember Day

Pray for those in training for ministry

25 Th Oyo (*Nigeria*) Jacob Fasipe

Colleges of Further Education

Pray for Chaplaincy Teams in FE Colleges.

Pray for the SW Fbfe (National Faiths Board in Further Education)

sessions enabling those in FE Colleges of all faiths to come together.

Diocesan Advisory Committee

26 F Panama (*Central America*) Julio Murray

Ember Day

Pray for those to be ordained this Petertide, for their families, and for the parishes in which they will serve.

27 Sa Cyril, Bp, teacher, 444

Paraguay (*South America*) John Alexander Ellison

Ember Day

Pray for those to be ordained to the Diaconate today.

Nicholas Adams, Lee Barnes, Erica Bebb, Hilary Blancharde, Leighton Carr, Shirley Danby, Tanya Lord, Jo Northey, Caroline Yandell.

28 S TRINITY 3

Patna (*North India*) Philip Phembuar Marandih

Pray for those to be ordained to the priesthood today:

Philip Ashby, Evelyn Bone, Simon Dunn, Sarah Evans, Cathrine Gardiner, Elizabeth Kesteven, Arthur Woo

Porvoo: Saint Albans (England) and Syd-Hålogaland (Norway)

29 M Peter and Paul, Apostles

or **Peter the Apostle**

Pelotas (*Brazil*) Renato Raatz

Pray that we may share the hunger of the apostles to share the riches of the Good News of Jesus.

12 S EASTER DAY

Pray that the world may receive the promise of the risen Lord: Peace be with you! Alleluia!

Porvoo: Gothenburg (Sweden) and Glasgow & Galloway (Scotland)

13 M Monday in Easter Week

Nevada (*USA*) vacant

Iron Acton St James the Less

David Harrex (PiC)

The church community is central to the many organisations that exist in Iron Acton and the PCC membership keep positively active in all community life including the Church School. Please pray for the church members, PCC and Mission Group as it works to provide a spiritual base available for everyone. The outreach through the Village Web Site set up and maintained by the church enables communication for use by all organisations and seen as a vital tool towards unity. The monthly Family / All Age Service, continues to witness to church growth. Please pray for the furtherance of God's Spirit as we look to our future development.

14 T Tuesday in Easter Week

Frenchay, St John the Baptist

Stephen Pullin (PiC)

15 W Wednesday in Easter Week

The New Guinea Islands (*Papua New Guinea*) Allan Migi

Stapleton Holy Trinity

Stephen Pullin (PiC); Lay Ministers: Michael Graham, Sarah Pullin, Vivienne Robertson; Kate Davison

16 Th Thursday in Easter Week

New Hampshire (*USA*) Gene Robinson

Winterbourne Down, All Saints

Colin Lunt and Martin Clacker (Associate Vicars); Jane Tailby and Malcolm Strange (Associate Priests); Frank Smith, Jackie Sherlock, Howard Smith and Mike Swain (Lay Ministers); Howard Smith and Mike Swain (candidates for OLM).

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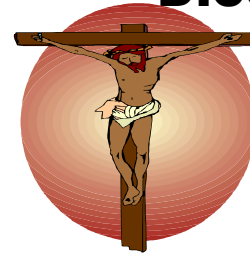
April

God of life and love,
whose Son was victorious over sin and death,
make us alive with his life,
that the whole world may resound with your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- 1 W** Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher
Namirembe (Uganda) Samuel Balagadde Ssekkadde
Coalpit Heath St Saviour
Colin Lunt and Martin Clacker (Associate Vicars); Jane Tailby and Malcolm Strange (Associate Priests); Frank Smith, Jackie Sherlock, Howard Smith and Mike Swain (Lay Ministers); Howard Smith and Mike Swain (candidates for OLM).
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- 2 Th** **Nandyal (South India)** P J Lawrence
Downend Christ Church
Jo Vickery (V); Penelope Nash (C); Martin Brown (LM); Myra Brown (LM)
Give thanks for the growing ministry of the Debt Counselling Centre we run in partnership with Christians Against Poverty. Please pray for the managers, Sally and Annette, for those with whom we have contact and the Church teams who visit, befriend and pray.
- 3 F** **Nasik (North India)** Kamble Lemuel Pradip
Filton St Peter
Brian Arman (R); Elspeth Desmond (C)
Filton is a large and busy parish in the Catholic tradition, on the edge of Bristol with strong links to the Aerospace Industry. Pray for our work with our schools and colleges, our plans to open a Café and our Pilgrimage to Lourdes in September 2009. Pray too for those seeking to discover their vocations to the priesthood who worship at St Peter's.
- 4 Sa** **Nassau & the Bahamas and The Turks & Caicos Islands**
Abp Drexel Gomez
Frampton Cotterell St Peter
Colin Lunt and Martin Clacker (Associate Vicars); Jane Tailby and Malcolm Strange (Associate Priests); Frank Smith, Jackie Sherlock,

Diocese of Bristol

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer



April – June 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

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.