

- 12 T Northern Argentina (South America)** vacant; Suffragan: vacant  
Yate, New Town, St Nicholas Family Centre at Abbotswood  
 Give thanks for several God-given partnerships in recent years. Our fourth year of explore groups (based on Emmaus) are at last bringing people without a church background to consider the gospel for the first time. We pray that this will lead to much needed growth in numbers.  
*Archdeacon of Bristol: Visitation*
- 13 W Northern California (USA)** Barry Beisner  
Yate, New Town, St Peter, Wapley  
 A church based in a small hamlet. We give thanks for the growth in the congregation who attend evening services in this delightful church. BCP Evensong once a month and Common Worship Eucharists provide a sound balance of worship. Please pray for this dedicated congregation.  
*Archdeacon of Malmesbury: Visitation*
- 14 Th Matthias, Apostle**  
**Northern Indiana (USA)** Edward Stuart Little  
Moorland Road Methodist Church, Yate  
 Pray for church and community groups who use the many rooms of this building throughout the week. We give thanks for the depth of pastoral care this church continues to provide. We pray too for the new larger Circuit and for added strength for those who are required to maintain it.  
*Kingswood and South Gloucester Uganda Link*  
*Archdeacon of Malmesbury: Visitation*
- 15 F Northern Luzon (Philippines)** Renato Abibico  
Upper Thames Group  
 Judith Ashby (PiC); Lay Ministers: Pam Cowler, Michael Potter, Katy Bell, Shirley Danby; Richard Lock-Pullan, Florence Muskett.  
Cricklade, St Sampson  
 We pray for our Youth group under new leadership, that they continue to flourish.  
 We pray for the start of our new school club.  
 We pray for Shirley Danby as she is ordained this year, and for Richard Lock-Pullan as he continues to study with the Oxford ministry training scheme.  
 We pray for our family services as they are led by new teams of people
- 16 Sa Caroline Chisholm, social reformer, 1877**  
**Northern Malawi (Central Africa)** Christopher John Boyle  
The Leigh, All Saints  
 We pray for the future of this parish with the greatly reduced service provision

## 17 S EASTER 6

**Northern Mexico (Mexico)** Marcelino Rivera-Delgado  
Bishop's Adviser for Rural Ministries Andrew Evans  
 Pray for those in the farming and related industries, especially those who struggle financially to make ends meet in a very competitive market place.  
 Pray for effective Christian witness in rural areas.  
*Porvoo: Hereford (England) and Lusitanian Church, Portugal*

## 18 M Rogation Day

**Northern Michigan (USA)** vacant  
Ashton Keynes, Holy Cross  
 We pray for our family service team.  
 We pray for Joan our lay minister.  
 We pray for Peter Tuck as he undergoes the EGP course  
*Archdeacon of Malmesbury: Visitation*

## 19 T Dunstan, Abp, monastic reformer, 988

*Rogation Day*  
**Northern Michigan**  
Latton w. Eisey, St John  
 We pray for discussions within the village regarding the re-ordering of the church that the outcome will be fruitful.  
 Diocesan visit to Kirchentag at Bremen

## 20 W Alcuin, deacon, abbot, 804

*Rogation Day*  
**The Northern Territory (Australia)** Gregory Edwin Thompson  
Ashley, St James

## 21 Th ASCENSION DAY

**Northern Uganda (Uganda)** Nelson Onono-Onweng  
Crudwell, All Saints  
*Archdeacon of Bristol: Visitation*

## 22F Northern Zambia (First) Albert Chama

Hankerton, Holy Cross

## 23 Sa Northwest Texas (USA) Wallis Ohl

Oaksey, All Saints

## 24 S EASTER 7 / SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION

North Wilts Deanery  
 Area Dean: Andrew Evans; Assistant AD: Barry Raven  
 The deanery is going through a period of profound change as the parishes reform into new groups with no less enthusiasm but considerably fewer stipendiary clergy. Please pray for those who find

Music with Mummy groups in worship, plans for community activities throughout the year, and opportunities to be of service to the wider community. Pray for Licensed Lay Minister Rex Allen as he Chairs the PCC, its members and Church Wardens.

### 3 S EASTER 4

**North Central Philippines** (*Philippines*) Joel Pacheo

Bristol-Uganda Link Chris Dobson

This week we celebrate 40 years of partnership with Ugandan Dioceses. Praying for our Deanery links, thanking God for all those who work hard to maintain them, for lasting friendships and future dreams. Please pray for all our visitors from Uganda over these few weeks, for safe travelling and mutual encouragement. Finally please pray for all our Deanery events during the coming week, and for a wonderful celebration in Bristol Cathedral on the 10th May at 3.30 p.m.

*Porvoo: Guildford (England) and Visby (Sweden)*

**4 M** English Saints and Martyrs of Reformation Period

**North Dakota** (*USA*) Michael Gene Smith

Bitton, St Mary

Paul Denyer (R); Maria Shepherdson (C)

Please pray in thanksgiving for the success of the 'Living Stones' appeal to date and for the further development of a complementary Mission Strategy in embryonic form. For the work of PCC, Living Stones and Worship and Witness committees, for the success of Prayer Breakfasts underpinning thinking and development and for the ongoing planning of Fresh Expressions of worship aimed at the needs of families with younger children and teenagers. For Licensed Lay Ministers Ken and David. For others currently exploring God's call on their lives including potential Confirmation candidates.

**5 T** **North East India** (*North India*) Purely Lyngdoh

Wick, St Bartholomew

*Archdeacon of Malmesbury: Visitation*

**6 W** **North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba** (*West Indies*) Leroy Errol Brooks

Doynton, Holy Trinity

**7 Th** **North Kerala** (*South India*) K P Kuruvila

Dyrham, St Peter

*Bishop's Council/Directors*

**8 F** Julian of Norwich, Spiritual writer, c. 1417

**North Kigezi** (*Uganda*) Edward Muhima

Winterbourne, St Michael the Archangel

Colin Lunt and Martin Clacker (Associate Vicars); Jane Tailby and Malcolm Strange (Associate Priests); Frank Smith, Jackie Sherlock,

**29 F** **Nyahururu** (*Kenya*) Charles Gaikia Gaita

Dauntsey St James the Great see also 31st May

Derek Ormston (Rector) David Tarr and Gina Compton (Lay Ministers)

Links: Pastor Amos and the Parish of Bunyonyi, Kabale, Uganda.

Continue to give thanks for our Village School (CEVC) federated with Brinkworth. For our Headteacher, Sarah Finlay-Cobb, staff, governors, pupils, and parents.

Pray that we may reach out to the community that we may grow, and that we play our part fully in the 'Woodbridge Group', coping with the change and the new opportunities this will give us.

*Bishop's Staff*

**30 Sa** *Josephine Butler, social reformer, 1906*

Joan of Arc, visionary, 1431

Apolo Kivebulaya, priest, evangelist, (Uganda and Congo) 1933

**Offa** (*Nigeria*) **Gabriel Akinbolarin Akinbiyi**

Great Somerford, Little Somerford, Seagry and Corston with Rodbourne

Guy Oswald (R); Tim Harle (LM); Heather Lee (LM)

Give thanks to God for the way in which all these parishes have worked together so well since January 1984. Praise him, too, for the joint Family Services and for the United Services with the Methodists.

Please pray for the staff, governors and children of the Seagry and Somerfords' Walter Powell Church Primary Schools' Federation.

Please pray, too, that the valiant attempts to keep the present Parish Newsletter going after Guy's retirement in June will be successful

### 31 S PENTECOST

**Ogbomoso** (*Nigeria*) Matthew Osunade

Renewal of the Church in the power of the Spirit

Pray for the Woodbridge Group of parishes in the North Wiltshire Deanery, to be inaugurated on 5th July. Pray for Richard East (Area Rector) and for Barry Raven and Derek Ormston who will be accepting additional responsibilities in the Group. Pray too for Heather Lee (LM).

Give thanks for the continuing commitment of students from Trinity College Bristol.

*Porvoo: Chichester (England) and Mikkeli (Finland)*

## 25 Sa Mark the Evangelist

**Niassa** (*Mozambique, South Africa*) Mark van Koevering

Bradley Stoke North, Holy Trinity (LEP)

Paul Peterson (PiC); Jongsin Lee (Methodist Pastoral Worker); Paul Harding (LM); Peter Moore (LM); David Head (LM)

Please pray:

For a real vision for spiritual and numerical growth amongst church members in 2009

For preparations for a mission weekend with Bishop Lee in the autumn

Give thanks for the provision of grant funding for a youth and children's worker and pray for the right appointment to be made in the summer term

## 26 S EASTER 3

**Nicaragua** (*Central America*) Sturdie Downs

The Anglican Communion Pray for the Primates of the Anglican

Communion, and for the Anglican Consultative Council, for mutual respect and understanding.

Gloucester (England) and Västerås (Sweden)

## 27 M Christina Rossetti, poet, 1894

**Niger Delta North** (*Nigeria*) Ignatius Kattey

Pucklechurch, St Thomas à Becket

Stuart Young (V)

## 28 T Peter Chanel, missionary, martyr, 1841

**Niger Delta West** (*Nigeria*) Adoluphus Amabebe

Soundwell, St Stephen

Ian Wills (vicar), Sandy Cooper (curate), Liz Perry (curate), Julia Chard (Lay Minister), Sue Clements (Lay Minister), Graham Lewis (Lay Minister), Peter Robbins (Lay Minister)

Two things to pray for:

First, we have recently united our 'all age' congregation and our Parish Communion congregation, because we believe this will release more energy for mission and growth. Please pray for many hearts (of all ages) to be set on fire with love for Jesus Christ through this risky but exciting step forward.

Second, we are now initiating collaborative activities with our local authority and some community groups in moving toward our goal of "being Church at the heart of our community". Please pray that the Holy Spirit will be at the heart of all these mission endeavours.

*Liturgy Committee*

## 5 F Boniface, Bp & martyr

**Oke-Osun** (*Nigeria*) Nathaniel Fasogbon

Kington Langley, St Peter see 4th

## 6 Sa Ini Kopuria, founder, Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945

**Okigwe North** (*Nigeria*) Godson Ukanwa

Sutton Benger, All Saints see 4th

## 7 S TRINITY SUNDAY

Trinity Theological College Principal, George Kovoov

1. Praise God for growth in faculty, students and courses.

2. Pray that our recruitment of ordinands and independent students will grow.

3. Pray that Trinity will be a rich resource for the city of Bristol, it's civic bodies and the Churches here.

*Porvoo: Linköping (Sweden) and Argyll & the Isles, (Scotland) and Connor (Ireland)*

## 8 M Thomas Ken, Bp, nonjuror, hymn writer, 1711

**Okinawa** (*Japan*) David Shoji Tani

Tytherton Kellaways, St Giles see 4th

## 9 T Columba, abbot, missionary, 597

**Oklahoma** (*USA*) Edward J Konieczny

Seagry, St Mary the Virgin

There are two villages in the parish, Upper and Lower Seagry. Praise God for the success of the Seagry Talks during the last year. Please pray that the Family Service on the first Sunday and the Family Communion Service on the third Sunday will attract more families and newcomers. Please pray, too, for a smooth transition to the Draycot Benefice.

## 10 W Okrika (*Nigeria*) Tubokosemie Abere

Gauzebrook Group of Churches

Andrew Evans (R); Eve Pegler (C); Sarah Evans (C); Sue Harvey (LM); Henrietta Matters (LM); John Metters (LM)

For our vision to become Acts 2 based churches.

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

Praise God for the many exciting and challenging things that are happening in our group of 8 rural churches.

## 11 Th Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion (Corpus Christi)

**Oleh** (*Nigeria*) Jonathan Francis Ekokotu Edewor

Sherston, Holy Cross

Andrew Evans (PiC); Eve Pegler (C); Sue Harvey (LM)

**17 F Friday in Easter Week****New Jersey (USA)** George E CouncellHanham, Christ Church with Hanham Abbots

Pat Willis (I) Anja Thomson (LLM) Rebecca Waring (LLM) Geoff Iles (LLM)

Please pray for our growth strategy giving thanks for the success of Wake up and Worship, and the discernment in other initiatives and that we will become more of a praying parish.

For Andy our Church Warden and that we might find another warden at this year's AGM.

Please pray for all the various young people's groups attached to the church and also the links with our local schools especially our Church School.

**18 Sa Saturday in Easter Week****New Westminster (Canada)** Michael InghamKingswood, Holy Trinity

Peter Huzzey (TR); Teresa Taylor (SSM Associate Minister):TV to be appointed; LLM's: Joan Reeves, John Godfrey, Jill Ewans, Nikki Middel, Kirsty Hulbert.

Please pray for 'Elevenses', our new 'fresh expression' of worship, meeting in our hall, for our reorganised ministry of healing and for the new Team Vicar, with a special responsibility for outreach to the community.

**19 S EASTER 2****New York (USA)** Mark Sean Sisk

Assisting Bishop: Egbert Don Taylor;

Suffragan Bishop: Catherine Roskam

Kingswood & South Gloucester Deanery

David Adams (AD); Paul Peterson and Stephen Pullin (Assistant Area Deans); Richard Westcott (Lay Chair); Wulstan Perks (Assistant Lay Chair)

Pray for Deanery Synod and all who are engaged in ministry whether ordained or otherwise that together we may acknowledge the realities of serving Christ in an increasingly fast changing, post Christian era and respond with imagination and grace. Pray for the vision and courage to make the decisions that will enable " church" to be the hope of the world! Pray for Kingswood Uganda Link Celebration service at United Church Longwell Green 7.30 pm on May 6 *Southwark (England) and Björgvin (Norway)***20 M Newark (USA)** Mark BeckwithKingswood, Church of the Ascension see 18th**21 T Anselm, Abbot, Abp, Teacher, 1109****Newcastle (York, England)** Martin Wharton**19 F Sundar Singh, sadhu (holy man), evangelist, teacher, 1929****Osun (Nigeria)** James Afolabi PopoolaNorton, All Saints

Praise God for the many exciting and challenging things that are happening in the Gauzebrook group of 8 rural churches

**20 Sa Ottawa (Canada)** John Holland ChapmanCorston All Saints & Rodbourne, Holy Rood

The parish consists of the village of Corston and the hamlet of Rodbourne nearby. Praise God for the success of the Rodbourne Festival last August and for all the hard work which went into the preparations for it. Please pray that the Family Service at Rodbourne on the third Sunday will attract more families and newcomers. Please pray, too, for a smooth transition to the Malmesbury and Upper Avon Group of Churches.

**21 S TRINITY 2****Oturkpo (Nigeria)** David BelloCMS/USPG

Canon Timothy Dakin (Gen Sec. CMS)

Bp Michael Doe (Gen. Sec. USPG)

Give thanks for the continued support of these mission agencies working to support the Church in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe. Pray that the giving of the Church in the UK and Ireland may match the vision of CMS and USPG.

*Porvoo: Ely (England) and Hämösand (Sweden)***22 M Alban, first martyr of Britain, c. 250****Owerri (Nigeria)** Cyril Chukwunonyerem OkorochoaChurch Army

We're about sharing faith through words and action to transform lives by making Jesus famous. Our focus is on the 7 out of 10 people who have little or no meaningful contact with church.

We give thanks to God for the many parishes supporting our work with their prayers and generous gifts. We are grateful for the gracious and dedicated service of so many parish representatives who raise funds for Church Army.

**23 T Etheldreda, abbess, c. 678****Owo (Nigeria)** James Adedayo OladunjoyeNew College, Swindon

Chaplaincy Team (LEP): Derek Ormston (Leader); Bob Doyle (RC); Shirley Danby (Anglican); Ed Poole (Anglican); Paul Knight (Baptist); Simon Hills (Youth for Christ).

Give thanks for a successful Ofsted inspection earlier this year where, amongst others, Student Services-which includes the Chaplaincy- were stated as 'outstanding' for the first time!

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

Please pray for St Peter's as we continue to adjust to being part of the newly formed Fromeside Partnership of Churches, together with St Saviour's, Coalpit Heath. Pray that the churches will be inspired and guided as we engage with the diocesan "Child Friendly Church" project throughout 2009. We have a new Administrator for the Partnership; please pray that she will be helped and encouraged in her work for the four parishes. Also pray for our two prospective candidates for Ordained Local Ministry.

## 5 S PALM SUNDAY

**The Province of the West Indies** Archbishop (vacant)

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: for Israelis and Palestinians, and for Christians in the Holy Land.

*Porvoo: Blackburn, England, and Brechin, Scotland*

## 6 M Monday of Holy Week

**Natal (South Africa)** Rubin Phillip

Suffragan: Fungunkosi Niclaus Mbhele

Suffragan: Hummingfield Charles Ndwandwe

Pray for our friends in Uganda as together we prepare to celebrate the death and resurrection of our Saviour.

## 7 T Tuesday of Holy Week

**Navajoland Area Mission (USA)** vacant

National Indigenous Bishop (Rupert's Land, Canada) Mark Lawrence

Pray for those preparing for (Baptism and) Confirmation this year.

## 8 W Wednesday of Holy Week

**Nebbi (Uganda)** Alphonse Watho-kudi

Pray that we may be ready at all times to pray with our Lord: 'Not my will but yours be done'.

## 9 Th MAUNDY THURSDAY

Pray for our bishops, priests, deacons and lay ministers as they are invited today to renew their commitment to ministry.

## 10 F GOOD FRIDAY

**Nebraska (USA)** Joe Goodwin Burnett

'Love so amazing, so divine,

Demands my soul, my life, my all'

## 11 Sa HOLY SATURDAY

**Nelson (New Zealand)**

Pray we and all God's people may have the grace to live day by day the promises made at our baptism.

**30 T Pennsylvania (USA)** Charles Ellsworth Bennisson

Pray for all church officers and pastoral carers.

## To be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday 27th June:

Nicholas Adams The East Bristol Partnership: Benefice and Parish of St John, Fishponds and the Benefice and Parish of All Saints, Fishponds and the Benefice and Parish of St Mary, Fishponds and the Benefice and Parish of St Aidan with St George, Bristol and the Benefice of St Ambrose and St Leonard, East Bristol and the Benefice and Parish of St Michael, Two Mile Hill.

Lee Barnes the Benefice and Parish of Malmesbury with Westport and Brokenborough

Erica Bebb the Benefice and Parish of St Edyth, Sea Mills

Hilary Blancharde the Benefice and Parish of Holy Trinity, Horfield

Leighton Carr Details of parish not finalised at time of going to press

Shirley Danby the Benefice of Cricklade with Latton and in the parishes of Ashton Keynes and The Leigh, both of which are in the benefice of Ashton Keynes, Leigh and Minety

Tanya Lord the Benefice and Parish of St Matthew and St Nathanael, Bristol

Jo Northey the Benefice and Parish of Christ Church, Swindon

Caroline Yandell the Benefice and Parish of St Peter, Henleaze

## To be ordained to the priesthood on Sunday, 28th June:

Philip Ashby Stratton St Margaret with South Marston and Stanton Fitzwarren

Evelyn Bone Draycot

Simon Dunn Stoke Gifford (based at Christ the King, Bradley Stoke)

Sarah Evans Hullavington, Norton, and Stanton St Quintin, and also Sherston Magna, Easton Grey, Luckington, Alderton, and Foxley with Bremilham, together known as the Gauzebrook Group of Parishes

Cathrine Gardiner Bedminster

Elizabeth Kesteven The City of Bristol

Arthur Woo Highworth with Sevenhampton and Inglesham and Hannington and the Benefice of Broad Blunsdon

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](http://www.porvoochurches.org)

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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](http://www.anglicancommunion.org) To the best of my knowledge the information is up-to-date as in February 2009.
- 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](http://www.porvoochurches.org)
- This Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, updated quarterly, can be downloaded from the Bristol Diocese website: [www.bristol.anglican.org](http://www.bristol.anglican.org)
- Some abbreviations:

AD: Area Dean	AM: Associate Minister
AV: Associate Vicar	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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