

Please pray for the ongoing debate at General Synod about women and the episcopate and especially for Archbishop Rowan as he seeks to hold together those of different persuasions..

Thank God for all those areas of our Diocese in which women and men work effectively together.

14 F *Maximilian Kolbe, friar, martyr*

Sambalpur (*North India*) Christ Kiron Das
Church House: Property Department Sally Moody

15Sa **The Blessed Virgin Mary**

San Diego (*USA*) James Mathes
Child Protection Carolyn Buckeridge

A task which is quite lonely, by necessity, with a great deal of confidentiality and trust required all round. Pray for the continued implementation of the diocesan good practice guidelines.

16 S TRINITY 10

San Jaoquin (*USA*) Jerry Lamb
Diocesan Strategy

Pray that throughout the diocese the People of God may be empowered to advance the Kingdom of God.

Porvoo: Turku (Finland) and Edinburgh (Scotland)

17 M **Santiago** (*Philippines*) Alexander Wandag

Growth

Pray that the church in each place may grow in commitment to God, in partnership with others, in influence in the wider community, and in numbers of those who turn to Christ.

18 T **Sao Paulo** (*Brazil*)

Leadership

Pray for the discernment and development of those who have the gifts of leadership throughout the diocese.

19 W **Saskatchewan** (*Canada*) Michael Hawkins

Strategy Delivery Team

Pray for the oversight and support these members of the Bishop's Staff can give in each deanery.

20 Th Bernard, abbot, teacher of the faith

William and Catherine Booth, founders of the Salvation Army

Saskatoon (*Canada*) Rodney Osborne Andrews

Area Deans

Pray for the Area Deans as they respond to their greater responsibilities

30Th William Wilberforce, social reformer

Ripon and Leeds (*York*) John Richard Packer

Knarborough (*Ripon and Leeds*) James Harold Bell

Anti-slavery Society Director: Aidan McQuade Anti-Slavery International, founded in 1839, is the world's oldest international human rights organisation and the only charity in the United Kingdom to work exclusively against slavery and related abuses. Pray for our work at local, national and international levels to eliminate the system of slavery around the world.

Diocesan Advisory Committee

31 F *Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus*

Riverina (*New South Wales*) Douglas Stevens

RSCM Area Chairman: Andrew Kirk; Tutor: David Ogden

The Royal School of Church Music is an educational Christian charity encouraging and enabling the best use of music in worship, church life, and community Pray for the courses and training events for choristers, organists and choir trainers

August

Most high and holy God,
enthroned in fire and light,
burn away the dross of our lives
and kindle in us the fire of your love,
that our lives may reveal the light and life
we find in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Sa **Rochester** (*Canterbury*) Michael Nazir-Ali (*to retire on 1st September*)

Tonbridge - (*Rochester*) Brian Colin Castle

Initial Ministerial Education Derek Chedzey

Please pray for those who are presently training as Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMS) and as Ordinands. Remembering especially the first cohort of Ordained Local Ministers (OLMs) training at Trinity College. Pray also for those seeking their curacies and those parishes looking to receive training curates. Pray to for the tutors who work as volunteers training our LLMS

2S **TRINITY 8**

Rochester (*USA*) Prince Singh

Mission and Ministry

29 Sa Beheading of John the Baptist
Sialkot (Pakistan) Samuel Sand Masih Perviaz
Bristol Cathedral School

30 S TRINITY 12

The Province of South East Asia Abp John Chew

Suffragan: Rennis Poniah

Music at Bristol Cathedral

Please pray for all those who are concerned for musicmaking in the life of the Cathedral - Mark Lee, the Master of Choristers and Organist, Paul Walton, the Assistant Organist, David Bednall, the sub-organist and Canon Wendy Wilby, the precentor. Remember too the Cathedral Choir and Bristol Cathedral Choir School, a new and developing Academy, which the choristers attend. Pray that our music will open hearts to God and refresh weary souls.

Porvoo: Salisbury (England) and St Asaph (Wales)

31 M Aidan, bishop, missionary
Sittwe (Myanmar) Barnabas Theaung Hawi

Suffragan Bishop of **Sittwe**: Sein Aung

Church Musicians

Give thanks for organists, other instrumentalists and singers who lead the worship in our parishes by their ministry of music.

September

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

1 T *Giles of Provence, hermit*

Sodor & Man (York) Robert Paterson
Christ Church with St Mary's Swindon

Administrator: Ailsa Palmer. Director of music, Tim Eyles ; Lay ministers: Margaret Williams, Teresa Michaux, Trevor Day, Norma McKemey, Daphne Hardwick, Ann Macmillan, Genny Williams, Carol Simmons. Methodist Minister: Revd Ajay Sing. URC pastoral minister: Revd Geoff Gleed; Vicar: Revd Simon Stevenette,

Our Bible verse for the year is 'Be Strong Take Heart All Who Hope In The Lord' psalm 31.24. Please pray for our growing Christian community that we will do as the psalmist says and grow in Christian confidence fulfilling our God given vocation individually and together, as

Pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury and his visit to Bristol Cathedral today

21 T **Rayalaseema (North India)** K B Yesuvaraprasad
St Mary Redcliffe with Temple
Simon Taylor (PiC), Wendy Hough (Parish Missioner), Hester Jones (C), Glenys Spencer (LLM)
Please pray for our continued work on our Agenda for Growth, and in particular for our review of worship, our outreach to local residents and our welcome to visitors and tourists. Pray also for our growing group of young children and for our organ appeal.

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

22 W **Mary Magdalene**
Recife (Brazil) Sebastio Armando Gameleira Soares

Assistant Bishop: vacant

Christ the Servant Stockwood

Gwyn Owen (V); Andrew Schuman (C and PP)

We pray that we as a whole church will grow in the Holy Spirit of God and follow in the example of Jesus in all things. We pray especially for those who are exploring their gifts and calling and for Rev'd Andy as he grows in his leadership with us.

Diocesan Finance Committee

23 Th *Bridget, Abbess*
Rejaf (Sudan) Michael Sokiri Lugor

St Nicholas Whitchurch

Please pray for both St Nicholas and St Augustine's as they work toward the shape of their future ministries in their separate church councils. That they may be guided well to do God's will and to find a clear direction.

24 F **Remo (Nigeria)** Michael Fape
St Augustine Whitchurch

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25 Sa **St James the Apostle**
Renk (Sudan) vacant
The Parish of Worthywood
Judith Carpenter (V)

homes now being occupied to the south of the town. Pray for the continuing discussions over forming a deanery strategy.

Porvoo: Tuam Killala and Achonry (Ireland) and Bath and Wells (England)

- 7 M SouthRwenzori (Uganda)** Jackson Nzerebende Tembo
St Augustine Swindon
Alastair Stevenson (V); Angela Overton-Benge (Associate Minister and Industrial Chaplain) Janet Done (LM); Neil Fisher (LM)
Mission and Pastoral Committee
- 8 T The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
South West Tanganyika (Tanzania) vacant
St Peter Penhill Carol Stone (PiC); Hugh Milsom (LM)
Please pray for the future ministry in Penhill.
Strategy Group
- 9 W Charles Fuge Lowder, priest**
South Western Brazil (Brazil) Jubal Pereira Neves
St Philip Upper Stratton
Carol Stone (V); Hugh Milsom (LM)
- 10 Th Southeast Florida (USA)** Leopold Frade
Parish of Dorcan
Tony Knapp (TR), Derek Collins (Methodist), Beth Brown (seconded TV), Beth Lamb (LM), Barbara Wilcox (LM), Neil Marshall (Methodist LP), Alex Scott (Methodist LP); also Stuart Fisher (on EGP, applying OLM), Paul Tayler (on EGP).
An Anglican-Methodist partnership with 3 congregations: St Paul's, St Timothy's, Eldene, serving 18000 in Covingham, Nythe, Eldene, Liden. Give thanks for growth of cell groups; also work with schools through Abi Corry our schools worker + much lay involvement. Pray for Holiday Club up to 100 children
Diocesan Advisory Committee
- 11 F Southeastern Mexico (Mexico)** Benito Juarez-Martinez
Benefice and Parish of Parks and Walcot, Swindon
Rob Burles (TR), Jeremy Rigden (RC), Janet Evans (Meth Min)
Last summer our Curate left to take up a post as Vicar of 5 villages in mid-Wales; give thanks for all he taught us. Give thanks for the positive responses from new residents when they receive a welcome pack. Continue to give thanks for and ask for God's blessing upon Abi our schools worker
- 12 Sa Southern Brazil (Brazil)** Orlando Santos de Oliveira
Parks, St John
Rob Burles (TR), Betty Spence (LM)
Give thanks for a successful Alpha course recently; pray for 'Tea and Toast' a support service for young mums which the church has now run

12 S TRINITY 5

- Portsmouth (Canterbury)** Kenneth Stevenson
Bristol South Deanery
Gwyn Owen (Area Dean)
Please pray for an increase in the Deanery's ongoing commitment to Grow in Commitment to the Lord and from this may His Kingdom grow. May we be open to the Working of the Holy Spirit in all things and not fear change.
General Synod
Porvoo: Skara (Sweden) and Wakefield (England)
- 13 M Pretoria (South Africa)** Johannes T Seoka
St Luke Brislington
Debbie Dewes (PiC); Rosemary Spada (LM); Gillian Sayers (LM)
During the autumn St Luke's is having a series of sermons on mission to prepare for an Alpha course in the new year. We are also forming a bereavement team to meet the needs of the parish. Please pray for us that we would discern God's work and join in with his mission in this place.
General Synod
- 14 T John Keble, priest, poet**
Puerto Rico (Province IX, USA) David Andres Alvarez-Velazquez
St Andrew Hartcliffe
Richard Martin (V); Nicholas Ruskin (LM)
Give thanks for loyal congregation open to change but valuing tradition. Also for the opportunities given to many community groups who use the church hall facilities Pray for readiness to engage with the opportunities of the Diocesan Strategy and the challenges of being a missional church in a demanding community. Pray for the Enough404 youth work project achieving amazing transformation amongst the unchurched young.
General Synod
- 15 W Swithun, bishop; Bonaventure, friar, bishop, teacher of the faith**
Pune (North India) Vijay Bapurao Sathe
Christ Church Hengrove
Noel Hawkins (PiC); Katherine Bradley (LM)
Liturgy Committee
- 16 Th Osmund, bishop**
Qu'Appelle (Canada) Gregory Kerr-Wilson
St Barnabas Filwood Park
The Ministry Development Team: Alister Palmer (vicar), Ann Grinnell (LLM), Sandra Weaver (LLM), Lorna Payne (Churchwarden), Trevor Dean (ordinand in training), Tracey Pool (Tree of Life Project worker).

18 F Southern Philippines (*Philippines*) Danilo Bustamante

St Margaret Stratton St Margaret

Stratton Team Ministry

Victor Howlett (TR); Vicky Fleming (TV); Richard Burston (Hon C); Phil Ashby (Hon C); Lay Ministers: Dan Read, Chris Burston & Rob Stewart.

Please pray for our initiatives of reaching out into our communities especially 'Jump Start Sunday' at Colebrook Junior School and Meeting Point and Saturday Scene at South Marston. Pray for our involvement in local schools and the future development of our Youth and Children's Ministries.

19 Sa Theodore, archbishop

Southern Virginia (*USA*) Herman Hollerith

St Mary Magdalen South Marston *see 18th*

20 S TRINITY 15

Southwark (*Canterbury*) Thomas Frederick Butler

Croydon (*Southwark*) Nicholas Baines

Kingston-upon-Thames (*Southwark*) Richard Ian Cheetam

Woolwich (*Southwark*) Christopher Thomas Chessun

Children and Youth Work in the Diocese

Pray for all involved with children and young people. Pray for the children of the church, and for their homes and families.

Porvoo: Swansea and Brecon (Wales) and Leicester (England)

21 M Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Southwell & Nottingham (*York*) George Henry Cassidy

Sherwood (*Southwell & Nottingham*) Anthony Porter

St Leonard Stanton Fitzgerald *see 18th*

22 T Southwest Florida (*USA*) Dabney T Smith

St Michael Highworth and St James Sevenhampton

Geoffrey Sowdon (V); John Rees (SSM); Arthur Woo (C); Lay Ministers: Jean Ashton; Hilary Fortnam; Philip Bradley; C Kirke; Rob Stewart

Please pray for us at a time of change to the pattern of our services.

Pray too that the right person will apply for the position of Youth & Schools Worker.

Bishop's Staff

Bishop's Council/Directors

23 W Ember Day

Southwestern Virginia (*USA*) Frank Neff Powell

St John the Baptist Hannington *see 22nd*

24 Th Spokane (*USA*) James Edward Waggoner

St Leonard Broad Blunsdon *see 22nd*

July

Open our ears, glorious Lord Christ,
to hear the music of your voice
above the chaos of this world;
open our eyes to see the vision of your glory,
for you are our King, now and for ever.

1 W Henry, John and Henry Venn, priests, evangelical divines

Perth (*Western Australia*) Roger Adrian Herft

Perth - Goldfields Country Region: Tom Wilmot

Perth - Northern Region: Mark Burton

Perth - Southern Region: Kay Goldsworthy

Benefice and Parish of Bedminster

Michael Jeffery (TV); Cathrine Gardiner (C); Anthony Everitt (LM);

Tanya Lord (LM); Rachel Oates (LM); Marry Carol Schoberg (LM)

2 Th Peru (*South America*) Harold William Godfrey

St Francis Ashton Gate, *see 1st*

3 F Thomas the Apostle

Peshawar (*Pakistan*) Munawar Kenneth Rumlshah

St Paul Bedminster, *see 1st*

4 Sa Peterborough (*Canterbury*) Ian Cundy

Brixworth (*Peterborough*) Francis White

St Aldhelm Bedminster, *see 1st*

5 S TRINITY 4

Phulbani (*North India*) Bijay Kumar Nayak

Sea Sunday

The Mission to Seafarers, formerly called The Missions to Seamen, cares for the spiritual and practical welfare of all seafarers regardless of nationality or faith. Pray for the Port of Bristol Seafarers' Centre at Portbury Dock, for its Chaplain Philip Auden and Honorary Lay Chaplain John Herbert. Remember too Ray Arnel and Nic Collins, the duty managers. Especially at this time pray for all seafarers affected by piracy.

Porvoo: Newcastle (England) and Møre (Norway)

6 M Thomas More, Scholar, and John Fisher, bishop

Pittsburgh (*USA*) Robert William Duncan

Asst Bp: Henry William Scriven

St Michael and All Angels Windmill Hill

David Moss (V); Andrew Josham (LM); Sally Tooze (LM)



29 T Michael and All Angels

St David's (*Wales*) John Wyn Evans

Parish of West Swindon and the Lydiards

Please pray for: Anne Carter, Dick Gray and Tudor Roberts in this Ecumenical Partnership. Pray for the Consultation process of finding a new team leader. Give thanks for encouragements, e.g The Community Café at Toothill Church, Healthy Church Process at Holy Trinity Shaw, new members and growth at Westlea, children's work at All Saints and a sense of hope for the future at St Mary's

30 W Jerome, translator of the Scriptures, teacher of the faith

St Edmundsbury & Ipswich (*Canterbury*) William Nigel Stock

Dunwich (*St Edmundsbury & Ipswich*) Clive Young

St Mary, Purton

Jane Haslam (PiC); J Partridge (Methodist Minister)

The Diocesan Prayer for Growth

Gracious God,
Grant us the imagination
to see fresh possibilities for growth
and the passion to bring them to birth.
Deepen our commitment to your ways;
Expand our partnership in your cause;
Increase our influence for your purpose;
And add to the numbers of those who
acclaim you as Lord.
Lead us from the fear of failure
to that confidence which flows from faith
and to lives of fruitfulness and joy.
In the power of your Spirit
help us create communities of wholeness
with Christ at the centre;
for in his Holy name we ask.
Amen.

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