

"Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen."

30 M **Andrew the Apostle**

Episcopal Church in Scotland

West Virginia (USA) Bp Willam Mitchie Klusmeyer

St Stephen Southmead

John Hall (V)

1) The continuing development of lay ministry within our church and discussions within our parish partnership as to how this can continue to move forward;

2) Southmead churches continuing to work together in mission and service in this community, following up our mission earlier this year.

Mission and Pastoral Committee

December 2009

1 T *Charles de Foucauld, hermit in the Sahara, 1916*

World AIDS Day

Pray for people living with HIV/AIDS

2 W **Western Izon** (Nigeria) Bp Edefe Emamezi

St Gregory Horfield

James Wilson (PiC)

Please pray for the whole congregation as it explores what its purpose is in being the a sign of God's Kingdom in Upper Horfield.

3 Th *Francis Xavier, missionary, 1552*

Western Kansas (USA) Bp James Marshall Adams

Holy Trinity with St Edmund, Horfield

John Hadley (PiC), Hilary Blancharde, preparing for priesthood.

Pray for our coming Stewardship campaign; for all children recently admitted to Communion; for all being confirmed in November; for all who take part in our Zeta course; Jenny Taylor, new head of Horfield C of E School.

Mission and Ministry Development Committee

4 F *John of Damascus, monk, teacher, c.749*

Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, founder of Little Gidding Community, 1637

Western Louisiana (USA) Bp David Bruce MacPherson

St Mary Magdalene with St Francis, Lockleaze

Joe Hasler (V); assistants: Janet Marker, Elaine Mills. 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 (OLM), learning ministry in this parish alongside other members of the congregation. For Sandra Truman, exploring the possibility 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.

5 Sa **Western Massachusetts** (USA) Bp Gordon Scruton

Please pray for Christians involved in The Wave, in London: a service and a march to 'stop climate chaos.'

6 S ADVENT 2

Western Mexico (Mexico) Bp Lino Rodriguez Amaero

Porvoo:Chester (England), Kuopio (Finland)

Climate Change summit beginning in Copenhagen tomorrow.

Diocesan Environment Officers

The Fifth Mark of the Church's Mission, supported by the Lambeth Conference is: 'To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth'.

7 M Ambrose, bishop of Milan, teacher, 397

Western Michigan (USA) Bp Robert Ronald Gepert

Christ Church with St Ewen, All Saints and St George Bristol
(Vacancy)

8 T Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Western New York (USA) Bp J Michael Garrison

St Peter, Filton

Brian Arman (R), Elspeth Desmond (C).

Bishop's Staff - residential meeting begins

9 W Ember Day

Western Newfoundland (Canada, Canada) Bp Percy Coffin

Vocations Advisers

Pray for all involved in the process of helping others to discern where and how God is calling them. Pray also for those at different stages of training for authorised ministry.

Bishop's Staff - continued

10 Th International Human Rights Day

Western North Carolina (USA) Bp Granville Porter Taylor

Warri (Nigeria) Bp Christian Ideh
The East Bristol Partnership (EBP)

Partnership Priests: Susan Allman, David James, Michael Selman, Keith Thomasson; Assistant clergy: Nick Adams, Trevor Denley, John Goodridge; LLMs: Nicola Callen, Angie Panes, Jo Selman; Graham Biddlecombe, Beryl Lines (both PTO); Administrator: Mark Gartside.

Pray for this 7-parish Partnership, which is planning a review of its vision and structures. Efforts are being made to consolidate and improve pastoral care. A 'Growing Leaders' course is under way. There is a conscious effort to explore 'Fresh Expressions' of church, through initiatives like the Fishponds Community Music School, which attracts many local people; pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all of this. There are good relations with a number of local schools. Several people are completing the 'Equipping God's People' course. Courses in Christian Listening and Pastoral Care are in hand. The Prayer Chain joins all the churches in shared intercession for one another, the wider church, and for those in need. The web-site also provides a focus of unity.

21 Sa Washington (USA) Bp John Bryson Chane
St Ambrose, East Bristol (EBP)

Vicar: David James.

Give thanks that most of the repairs and redecoration after the 2008 floods have been completed; pray now for repairs to the organ. Give thanks for the links with Beehive Day Centre, and pray for further ongoing discussion about the re-development of the church.

22 S CHRIST THE KING (SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT)

Wau (Sudan) Bp Henry Cuir Riak

Porvoo: St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Lappo (Finland), Aberdeen and Orkney (Scotland)

Leaders in Church and State

Pray that all with power and authority may acknowledge their calling to service of others. Give thanks for the Lordship of Christ over his church, and over all times and all places.

23 M Clement, bishop, martyr, c 100

Wellington (New Zealand) Bp Dr Thomas John Brown

St Leonard, East Bristol (EBP)

Vicar: David James.

Give thanks for the faithful few who maintain the life and witness of this church.

24 T **West Ankole (Uganda)** Bp William Magambo
St Aidan with St George, Bristol (EBP)

Pray for the work of the Crown Appointments Panel, under the Chairmanship of Sir Jay Tidmarsh, which is responsible for the appointment of a new Dean. For the Cathedral Chapter - Richard Outhwaite, Doug Holt, Tim Higgins, Tim Harle, Andrew Tremlett, Sue Topalian, Wendy Wilby, Caro Barker-Bennett. Each has a particular area of responsibility - worship, finance, fabric, education - and we are now working towards a common vision for the future.

16 W Worcester (England) Bp John Geoffrey Inge, Bp David Stuart Walker (Dudley)
Parish Treasurers

Pray for all working to strengthen the Church's financial health.

Finance Committee (David Froude, chair)

17 Th *O Sapientia*

Eglantyne Jebb, social reformer, founder of 'Save the Children', 1928

Wusasa (Nigeria) Bp Ali Buba Lamido

Save the Children.

Pray for the work of the society throughout the world. Pray for children who will not be looking forward to Christmas.

Bishop's Staff

18 F International Migrants' Day

Pray for recognition of the positive contributions made by migrants, and respect for their rights.

Wyoming (USA) Bp Bruce Edward Caldwell

Cathedral (continued)

Pray For the Cathedral's outreach and mission: please pray for students on placement from Trinity College, who work regularly on College Green to engage with young people. This work has been widely praised by others working in the area: please pray for discernment about the next steps in this ministry. For Bristol Cathedral Choir School: the Academy is now in its second year and is set to grow in size over the next few years. The school provides Choristers in the Cathedral Choir and is an integral part of our worshipping life.

19 Sa **Yambio (Sudan)** Bp Peter Munde Yacoub

Diocesan Advisory Committee - chair The Rev James Wilson.

Please pray for the work of DAC, the new Organ Advisor Phil Wilby, the Heating Advisor Colin Davies. For the DAC's statutory work in advising the Diocesan Chancellor, and its educational role. Please also pray for the swift recovery of the Chancellor, James Brehrens, after his recent illness.

20 S ADVENT 4

Yangon (Burma/Myanmar) Abp Stephen Than Myint Oo,) Bp Joseph Than Pe (Yangon)

Ex-Service Men and Women

Remember the work of the Royal British Legion, and other similar organisations.

Area Deans/Lay Chairmen

- 12 Th **Vermont** (USA) Bp Thomas C Ely
St Philip w St Jacob with Emmanuel, Bristol
(Vacancy): LLMs: P. Willson, L. Carr, D. Matthews, S. McKay, C. Perkins S. Sharples, A Bright, R. Hook.
Give thanks for the ministry of Malcolm Widdecombe; pray for those responsible for the church during the vacancy, and for guidance in the appointment process.

Board of Education

- 13 F Charles Simeon, priest, evangelical divine, 1836
Victoria Nyanza (Tanzania) Bp Boniface Kwangu
St Matthew and St Nathaniel Kingsdown
Mat Ineson (PiC). Assistant clergy: Joyce Caithness, Tanya Lord; LLMs: Richard Pendlebury, Martin Stannistreet, Dave Thyer (emeritus).
Give thanks for all that God is doing. Pray for St Matthew's in all the challenges of growth and change. May we increasingly become a community of people deeply rooted in Christ. Pray for wisdom for all the leaders, lay and ordained. Give thanks for our partnership with other churches and ask for God's blessing on them.

- 14 Sa *Samuel Seabury, bishop, 1796*
Virgin Islands (USA) Bp Edward Ambrose Gumbs
St Saviour with St Mary, Cotham; St Paul, Clifton
Pray for all responsible for these parishes during the vacancy.
Diocesan Synod meets today

15 S SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Virginia (USA) Bp Peter James Lee; Bp Coadjutor Shannon Sherwood Johnston, Bp David Colin Jones (Suffragan)
Porvoo: Church of Estonia, Rochester (England)
ISR (Churches' Council for Industry and Social Responsibility)
Director: Revd Jon Doble; Chairman of Executive Board: John Savage;
Administrators: Alison Paginton, Christine Durant, Vena Prater. Industrial Chaplains: Heather Pencavel, Tim Harrison, Malcolm Warren.
Please pray for the team as they engage with people where they live, work and worship on the issues that matter to them. Give them vision as they encourage and support churches to develop new ways of engaging with the communities around them. Help them to discern the problems, develop the

Pray for Archbishop Rowan in his many responsibilities, as head of the Church of England and leader of the Anglican Communion.

- 30 W **Zonkwa** (Nigeria) Bp Praises Omole-Ekun
Pray for those whose efforts at this season are sometimes taken for granted: organists and choirmasters, bell-ringers, flower arrangers.

- 31 Th *John Wyclif, 1384*
Zululand (South Africa) Bp Dino Gabriel
"For all that has been, Thanks. To all that shall be, Yes" (Dag Hammarskjöld)
As the calendar year ends, reflect on what has been (what went well, what did not); pray for guidance and blessings for 2010.

November 2009

1 S ALL SAINTS' DAY

Ughelli (Nigeria) Bp Vincent O Muoghereh
Porvoo: Winchester (England), Agder (Norway)

City Deanery

Debbie Frazer (Area Dean), Gerry Nichols (Lay Chair).

Pray that as a Deanery we will grow in the knowledge and love of God help each other create the environment for God's Kingdom to grow. That we will actively seek to recognise those working for kingdom values in our communities, who are not necessarily within the church, and work with them if appropriate.

That we will focus on doing God's will and work to bring love, joy, peace and justice to our communities. That we will find our prophetic voice and preach and live out the values of God's kingdom.

2 M Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Ukwa (Nigeria) Bp Kelechi

"Everlasting God, you hold all souls in life, we pray you to pour forth on your whole church the bright beams of your light and heavenly comfort. That we following the steps of those who have loved and served you here on earth and are now at rest, may at the end go with them to your full joy that has no end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

Melanesian Prayer Book

The Departed

Remember all who have died in the past year. Pray for the bereaved, and those who minister to them. Pray for funeral directors, and for crematorium and cemetery staff.

3 T Richard Hooker, priest, teacher of the faith, 1600

Umuahia (Nigeria) Bp Dr. Ikechi Nwachukwu Nwosu

St Luke Barton Hill (Benefice of St Luke with Christ Church Barton Hill and St Matthew Moorfield)

Priest in charge Debbie Frazer, LLM Wendy Gardiner, (NS Curate from 2010) Martin Gainsborough.

Please pray for the reordering of the church and hall and the partnership with Aspire. Pray that together we will reach out more effectively to those who are marginalised in our community.

4 W **Umzimvubu** - (South Africa) Bp Mbilo Ngewu

Benefice of Bishopston and St Andrews

Clergy: Richard Burbridge (TV), Veronica Lee, Steve Truscott; LLMs:

C.Burbridge, M.Hillman, A. Iles, T. Overton, D. Trist, B.Charles, W. Hopkins.