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Ember Day

Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420

Many churches will be celebrating Harvest Festival at this time of year. Harvest Festival was invented in 1843 by a radical Cornish vicar.

Traditionally harvest celebrations were regarded as both dangerous and pagan by the churches. But this Cornish vicar was determined to make the church take seriously the lives of the people – which in his context meant poor rural labourers. So he made a loaf from the first corn and offered it in church in thanksgiving for human labour. Harvest today challenges us to make similarly radical connections.

PRAY for all those being ordained Deacon today, for their families and for the parishes where they serve.

The Diocese of Southern Ohio (Province V, The Episcopal Church)

NOTES:

Where parochial links are known to exist the names of overseas workers are placed immediately after the appropriate parish. Further information concerning overseas dioceses, including the names of bishops, is contained in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, available on their website www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer.aspx

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ABBREVIATIONS:

A Assistant Clergy; AAD Assistant Area Dean; AC Associate Priest/Minister; AD Area Dean; AM Assistant Minister, AR Associate Rector; AV Associate Vicar; AYO Area Youth Officer, BMO Bishop's Mission Order; BP Bishop; CA Church Army; CIC Curate in Charge; CHP Chaplain; EVN Evangelist; HT Head Teacher; LLM Licensed Lay Minister; MCD Minister of Conventional District; MIC Minister in Charge; PEV Provincial Episcopal Visitor; PIC Priest in Charge; PP Public Preacher; R Rector; RD Rural Dean; Rdes Rector designate; RDR Reader; PTO Permission to Officiate; RES Residentiary Canon; Sr Sister, TM Team Ministry; TR Team Rector; TV Team Vicar; V Vicar; Vdes Vicar designate; WDN Warden.

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Diocese of Chelmsford

Cycle of Prayer

for daily use in

August and September 2017



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*In the rush and noise of life, as you have intervals,
step within yourself and be still.
Wait upon God and feel his good presence;
this will carry you through your day's business.* (William Penn 1644-1718)

Tue 1 Maldon (St Mary) w Mundon (St Mary)
Clergy: Vacancy (R), Robert Wiggs (AC), John Dickens (A).
The Diocese of Port Elizabeth (Southern Africa)

Wed 2 Southminster (St Leonard) and Steeple (St Lawrence and All Saints)
Clergy: Peter Begley (PIC).
Southminster Primary School: Pauline Ward (HT).
Woodham Mortimer (St Margaret) w Hazeleigh and Woodham Walter (St Michael)
Clergy: Stephen Carter (PIC), Julie Willmot (A).
Woodham Walter School: Susan Dodd (HT).
The Dioceses of Popondota and Port Moresby (Papua New Guinea)

Thu 3 Mayland (St Barnabas) and Latchingdon (Christ Church)
Clergy: Vacancy (R).
Althorne (St Andrew), North Fambridge (Holy Trinity)
Clergy: Sandra Manley (R)
Licensed Lay Minister: Hayley Rogers.
The Diocese of Port Sudan (Sudan)

Fri 4 **Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Spiritual Guide, 1859**
The retired Clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Maldon and Dengie.
The Diocese of Portsmouth (Canterbury, England)

Sat 5	<p>Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642 Tomorrow is the feast of the Transfiguration – that extraordinary moment when Jesus goes up the mountain and appears in glory. It stands at the centre of Mark’s Gospel and is close to the heart of its message – as Jesus sets his face towards Jerusalem, knowing that means suffering and death, he demonstrates to his disciples that the only way of glory is the way of the cross.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Pretoria (Southern Africa)</i></p>
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Sun 6	<p>THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD Pray for the work of the Salvation Army, London North East Division: Major Norman Ord, Divisional Commander.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PRAY for the Diocese of Puerto Rico (Province XI, The Episcopal Church), The Rt Revd Wilfredo Ramos Orench, Bishop.</i></p>
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Mon 7	<p>John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866 The Deanery of Hadleigh Area Dean: David Tudor. Lay Chair: Ron McLernon.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Pune (North India)</i></p>
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Tue 8	<p>Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221 Canvey Island TM: (St Nicholas, St Anne, St Katherine) Clergy: David Tudor (AD, TR), Marion Walford (TV), Terry Brown (A), Lesley McGlynn (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Trudy Arnold. St Katherine’s School: Anne-Marie Taylor (HT).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Dioceses of Qu’Appelle (Rupert’s Land, Canada) and Quebec (Canada)</i></p>
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Wed 9	<p>Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers’ Union, 1921 Eastwood (St Lawrence and All Saints) Clergy: Steve Spencer (V), Edd Stock (A). Eastwood (St David) Clergy: Paul Joyce (V).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Rajasthan (North India)</i></p>

Mon 25	<p>Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626 Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher of the Faith, 1392 Rawreth (St Nicholas) Clergy: Richard Jordan (AD, PIC), Elizabeth Jordan (Hon. A), Brenda Wallace (AC). Rawreth School: Lorna Pigram (HT).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Dioceses of Southeastern Mexico and Western Mexico (Mexico)</i></p>
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Tue 26	<p>Wilson Carlile, Founder of the Church Army, 1942. Rayleigh Team Ministry (Holy Trinity, St Michael, Grovewood Church) Clergy: Vacancy (TR), Nick Rowan (TV), Tracy Nutter (AC), Tracy Marlow (A). Reader: Peter Norgate.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Southern Brazil (Brazil)</i></p>
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Wed 27	<p>Ember Day Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660 Rochford (St Andrew) and Sutton (All Saints) w Shopland (St Andrew) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Kim Lepley (AC).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Southern Highlands (Tanzania)</i></p>
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Thu 28	<p>Stambridge (St Mary and All Saints) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC). Reader: Sandra Parker.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Southern Malawi (Central Africa)</i></p>
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Fri 29	<p>Ember Day MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS Rettendon (All Saints) and Hullbridge (St Thomas of Canterbury) Clergy: Richard Jordan (PIC), Susan Adams (AC), Brenda Wallace (AC). Pray for all retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Rochford.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Dioceses of Southern Nyanza (Kenya) and Victoria Nyanza (Tanzania)</i></p>

Wed 20	<p>John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871 Ashingdon (St Andrew) w South Fambridge (All Saints), Canewdon (St Nicholas) and Paglesham (St Peter) Clergy: Tim Clay (PIC). Reader: Ken Yeates. Canewdon CE Primary School: Lorna Pigram (HT). <i>The Dioceses of South Ankole and West Ankole (Uganda)</i></p>
Thu 21	<p>MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST Barling Magna (All Saints) w Little Wakering (St Mary the Virgin) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Kim Lepley (AC). Great Wakering (St Nicholas) w Foulness Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Kim Lepley (AC). <i>The Diocese of South Dakota (Province VI, The Episcopal Church)</i></p>
Fri 22	<p>Hawkwell (St Mary and Emmanuel) Clergy: Peter Smith (R). Hockley (St Peter & St Paul) Clergy: Kenneth Havey (PIC), Stephanie Stroebe (AC). <i>The Diocese of South Kerala (South India)</i></p>
Sat 23	<p>Today's Gospel – Luke 8: 4-15 – is the parable of the sower. It's one of the few parables that Jesus takes the trouble to explain. That's surprising given that the parable seems obvious to us. But Jesus wants to ram home two fundamental points about mission: first that all of us need to be passionate about spreading the good news of the kingdom; and secondly that we have to trust God about how that bears fruit. <i>The Dioceses of South West Tanganyika and Western Tanganyika (Tanzania)</i></p>
Sun 24	<p>THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Pray for the work of the Diocesan Director of Communications, Ralph Meloy, and his Communications Team. <i>PRAY for the Diocese of Southeast Florida (Province IV, The Episcopal Church), The Rt Revd Leopold Frade, Bishop.</i></p>

Thu 10	<p>Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr. 258 Hadleigh (St James the Less); Hadleigh (St Barnabas) Clergy: Ruth Cartwright (PIC elect), Christine Robinson (AC), Gemma Stock (A). Licensed Lay Ministers: Guy Negus, Sheena Slater. <i>The Diocese of Rayalaseema (South India)</i></p>
Fri 11	<p>Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares), 1253 John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, 1890 Leigh-on-Sea (St Aidan) Clergy: Gordon Tarry (V), Steve Poss (A). Reader: Wendy Thornhill. Leigh-on-Sea (St Clement) Clergy: Clive Hillman (PIC); Neil Dalley (A), Cherry Sandover (A). <i>The Diocese of Recife (Brazil)</i></p>
Sat 12	<p>Deuteronomy 6: 4-6 is one of today's readings: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart." Foundational to the Jewish faith and at the centre of Jesus' summary of the Law. <i>The Diocese of Rejaf (Loryko, Sudan)</i></p>
Sun 13	<p>THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Please pray for the work of the Leprosy Mission. Remember, too, the people of those countries where leprosy is still a major problem. <i>PRAY for the Diocese of Remo (Lagos, Nigeria), The Rt Revd Michael Fape, Bishop.</i></p>
Mon 14	<p>Maximilian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr, 1941 Leigh-on-Sea (St James the Great) Clergy: William Bulloch (V). Leigh-on-Sea (St Margaret) Clergy: Vacancy (V). St Michael's School: Steve Tompkins (HT). <i>The Diocese of Renk (Upper Nile, Sudan)</i></p>

Tue 15	<p>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY South Benfleet (St Mary) Clergy: Leslie Drake (V). <i>The Diocese of Rhode Island (Province 1, The Episcopal Church)</i></p>
Wed 16	<p>New Thundersley (St George) Clergy: Anthony Rose (V). <i>The Diocese of Rift Valley (Tanzania)</i></p>
Thu 17	<p>Thundersley (St Peter, St Michael & All Angels) Clergy: Vacancy (R), Susan Croucher (A). The Retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Hadleigh. <i>The Diocese of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)</i></p>
Fri 18	<p>The Deanery of Southend Area Dean: Jonathan Collis. Lay Chair: Linda Barnard. Assistant Area Dean: Louise Williams. Southend Healthcare NHS Trust: David Childs (Lead CHP). <i>The Diocese of Rio Grande (Province VII, The Episcopal Church)</i></p>
Sat 19	<p>Joshua 24: 14, one of today's readings, invites us to think seriously about idolatry: "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord." What do we worship instead of God? It probably isn't a traditional graven image, but may well be our possessions, our home, our career. Anything that we put before love of God and neighbour. <i>The Diocese of Perth (Western Australia)</i></p>
Sun 20	<p>THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Pray for the work of Beverley Vincent, Pastoral Assistants' Training Co-ordinator, and for all who minister as Pastoral Assistants in our parishes. <i>PRAY for the Dioceses of Rochester [USA] (Province II, The Episcopal Church) and Rochester (Canterbury, England)</i></p>
Mon 21	<p>North Shoebury (St Mary the Virgin) Clergy: Vacancy (V). <i>The Diocese of Rockhampton (Queensland, Australia)</i></p>

Thu 14	<p>HOLY CROSS DAY Stifford (St Mary and St Cedd) Clergy: Andy Higgs (R). <i>The Diocese of Sialkot (Pakistan)</i></p>
Fri 15	<p>Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258 Tilbury Docks (St John the Baptist) Clergy: Tim Codling (V). <i>The Diocese of Singapore (South East Asia)</i></p>
Sat 16	<p>Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432 Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, Tractarian, 1882 Ninian is one of the earliest missionary bishops in our country. He probably died around 432 and is celebrated as the apostle of the Picts in the Scottish borders. From what we know of him he combined life as a missionary bishop with a deeply committed and disciplined life of prayer. And what the history of the Church tells us is that without deep roots in prayer, all our activity comes to nothing. If Ninian visited us in Essex today he would tell us – as does Bishop Stephen – to "hit the ground kneeling". <i>The Diocese of Sittwe (Myanmar)</i></p>
Sun 17	<p>THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Peacemaking Sunday (Thursday is the UN International Day of Peace). Please pray for our brothers and sisters in the Religious Society of Friends, and Canon Jennifer Hodgkin of the Essex and Suffolk General Meeting. <i>PRAY for the Diocese of Sodor and Man (York, England), The Rt Revd Robert Paterson, Bishop.</i></p>
Mon 18	<p>Pray for all retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Thurrock. <i>The Diocese of Sokoto (Kaduna, Nigeria)</i></p>
Tue 19	<p>Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690 The Deanery of Rochford Area Dean: Richard Jordan. Lay Chair: Gordon Simmonds. <i>The Diocese of Soroti (Uganda)</i></p>

Sat 9	<p>Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880 Charles Lowder died on this day in 1880 – a truly remarkable Anglican priest who spent most of his ministry living and working among the slums of London Docks. In what today we might call a “fresh expression” he introduced highly visual and dramatic worship which powerfully communicated the love of God to some of the most deprived people in London. He poured himself out in love and service, and on the day of his funeral thousands lined the route. Pray for your priests today.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Sekondi (Ghana, West Africa)</i></p>
Sun 10	<p>THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Today is Education Sunday: Lord God, we thank you for the education we have received from teachers and schools, from colleges, academies and universities, from parents and friends. Help us to support those who work in education, to appreciate the important job that they do in shaping the future of our world and to remember them in our prayers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PRAY for the Diocese of the Seychelles (Indian Ocean), The Rt Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song, Bishop.</i></p>
Mon 11	<p>Grays North (St John the Evangelist) Clergy: Clive Russell (V).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Sheffield (York, England)</i></p>
Tue 12	<p>Orsett (St Giles and All Saints) and Bulphan (St Mary the Virgin) and Horndon-on-the-Hill (St Peter & St Paul) Clergy: Sue Mann (PIC), Max Blake (AC). Licensed Lay Minister: Anne Sentance. Orsett School: Shelley Jones (HT). Bulphan School: Emma Wigmore (HT). Horndon-on-the-Hill School: Travis Martinson (HT).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Shinyanga (Tanzania)</i></p>
Wed 13	<p>John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407 Stanford-le-Hope (St Margaret) w Mucking (St John the Baptist) Clergy: John Guest (R). Licensed Lay Minister: Maureen McPherson.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Dioceses of Shyira and Shyogwe (Rwanda)</i></p>

Tue 22	<p>Prittlewell (St Mary the Virgin) and Westcliff (St Paul) Clergy: Paul Mackay (V), Jacky Lindoe (A). Prittlewell School: Nicholas Booth (HT). Prittlewell (St Luke) Clergy: James McLuskey (V).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Rokon (Loryko, Sudan)</i></p>
Wed 23	<p>Westcliff (St Peter) w St Cedd and the Saints of Essex (The Bridgewater Drive Church); and Prittlewell (St Stephen) Clergy: Colin Baldwin (PIC), David Pierce (A).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Dioceses of Rorya and Ruaha (Tanzania)</i></p>
Thu 24	<p>BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE Southchurch (Holy Trinity) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC). Southchurch (Christ Church) Clergy: Simon Roscoe (V). Readers: Elizabeth Butterworth, Sandra Evans.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Rumbek (Bahr El Ghazal, Sudan)</i></p>
Fri 25	<p>Southend Team Ministry (St John the Baptist, St Mark, All Saints, St Alban Westcliff) Clergy: Vacancy (TR), Neil Paxton (TV), Philip Roberts (TV), Michael Ballard (AC), Phyllis Owen (AC). Reader: Margaret Henning.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Rumonge (Burundi)</i></p>
Sat 26	<p>One of today’s readings is the end of the book of Ruth. In English Bibles Ruth normally appears in the history books but in the Hebrew Bible it is always placed with the wisdom literature – Psalms, Proverbs, Job, etc. It is a profoundly subversive text with a massive sting in the tail – the point of the book is in the final verses: 4: 13-17. They make the point that King David’s great grand mother, Ruth, was not Jewish – so if it all depends on rules, then David wasn’t a proper Jew. A real challenge to those who want their religion neatly packaged.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Rupert’s Land (Rupert’s Land, Canada)</i></p>
Sun 27	<p>THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Please pray for the Diocesan Registry: George Pulman, Chancellor; Aiden Hargreaves-Smith, Registrar; Melanie Tucker, Registry Clerk.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PRAY for the Diocese of Ruvuma (Tanzania), The Rt Revd Maternus Kapinga, Bishop.</i></p>

Mon 28	<p>Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 1153 South Shoebury (St Andrew w St Peter) Clergy: Louise Williams (R). Licensed Lay Minister: Andy Clipsham. <i>The Dioceses of Ruwenzori and South Ruwenzori (Uganda)</i></p>
Tue 29	<p>The Beheading of St John the Baptist Thorpe Bay (St Augustine) Clergy: Jonathan Collis (AD, V), Chris Giles (A). <i>The Diocese of Sabah (South East Asia)</i></p>
Wed 30	<p>John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1699 Westcliff-on-Sea (St Andrew) Clergy: Tom Loh (PIC), Paul Gambling (AC), Clive Lucas (A). Westcliff (St Michael & All Angels) Clergy: Tom Loh (PIC), Paul Gambling (AC), Clive Lucas (A). Reader: Richard Brown. <i>The Diocese of Sabongidda-Ora (Bendel, Nigeria)</i></p>
Thu 31	<p>Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651 Westcliff-on-Sea (St Saviour) Clergy: Lee Mullen (V). The Retired clergy, Readers, and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Southend. <i>The Diocese of Saldanha Bay (Southern Africa)</i></p>
SEPTEMBER	
Fri 1	<p>Giles of Provence, Hermit, c. 710 The Deanery of Thurrock Area Dean: Darren Barlow. Lay Chair: Leslie Brock. Assistant Area Dean: Dave Rollins. <i>The Diocese of Salisbury (Canterbury, England)</i></p>
Sat 2	<p>The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901 and 1942 The Martyrs we commemorate today gave their lives for the Gospel in two separate events in 1901 and 1942. It is no accident that the Anglican Church in Papua New Guinea is one of the most thriving provinces of the Anglican Communion, with a passionate commitment to sharing the Gospel. It is a church rooted in the witness of these 20th century martyrs and really challenges us – as Christianity becomes increasingly marginalised in our culture, will we stand up and be counted? <i>The Diocese of Sambalpur (North India)</i></p>

Sun 3	<p>THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Please pray for the work of the Dean and Chapter in their daily work of the administration of the Cathedral. <i>PRAY for the Dioceses of San Diego and San Joaquin, (Province VIII, The Episcopal Church)</i></p>
Mon 4	<p>Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex, 650 Mardyke Team Ministry: Aveley (St Michael) and Purfleet (St Stephen), South Ockendon (St Nicholas) and Belhus Park (All Saints) Clergy: Tara Frankland (TR), Andy Hudson (TV), Peter Rabin (TV), David Bates (A), Austin Uzoigwe (A). Reader: Glynis Pettit. <i>The Diocese of Santiago (Philippines)</i></p>
Tue 5	<p>Chadwell (St Mary the Virgin) (Emmanuel) Clergy: Michael Walton (R). <i>The Diocese of Sao Paulo (Brazil)</i></p>
Wed 6	<p>Alan Gardiner, Missionary, Founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851 Corringham (St Mary the Virgin) and Fobbing (St Michael) Clergy: David Rollins (R), Justin Hutcherson (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Wendy Mott. <i>The Diocese of Sapele (Bendel, Nigeria)</i></p>
Thu 7	<p>East and West Tilbury (St Catherine) and Linford (St Francis) Clergy: Vacancy (R). <i>The Dioceses of Saskatchewan and Saskatoon (Rupert's Land, Canada)</i></p>
Fri 8	<p>THE BIRTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Grays Thurrock Team Ministry: Grays (St Peter & St Paul), Little Thurrock (St Mary the Virgin), West Thurrock (St Clement), Chafford Hundred (All Saints) Clergy: Darren Barlow (AD, TR), Michelle Reynolds (TV), Christine Williams (TV). Reader: Cathy Hasler. <i>The Diocese of Sebei (Uganda)</i></p>