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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; EHT Executive Head Teacher; EVN Evangelist; HoS Head of School; 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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Cycle of Prayer

for daily use in

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Now on Twitter @chelmsdio

O God, let me not interrupt you with my chatter.

Let me listen, rather, to your still, small, voice.

Thu 1 **Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c.525**

The Deanery of Epping Forest & Ongar continued...

Fyfield (St Nicholas), Moreton (St Mary Vn), Bobbingworth (St Germain) & Willingale (St Christopher) w Shellow and Berners Roding

Clergy: Christine Hawkins (PIC). Reader: Pam Watson.

Dr Walker's CE Primary School: Nicola Larkin (HT).

Moreton CE Primary School: Karen Wallace (HT).

The Diocese of Argyll & The Isles (Scotland).

Fri 2 **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

High Laver (All Saints) w Magdalen Laver (St Mary Magdalene)

w Little Laver (St Mary Vn) and Matching (St Mary Vn) w

Matching Green (St Edmund)

Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).

Matching Green CE Primary School: Amy Wareham (HT).

The Dioceses of Arizona and Arkansas (Provinces VIII and VII, The Episcopal Church).

Sat 3 **Anskar, Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary, 865**

In today's first reading (1 Kings 3.4-13) Solomon asks for understanding and discernment. The phrase "the Wisdom of Solomon" has become a proverb in many cultures even today. But the sting in the tail is, of course, that although God grants him "a wise and discerning mind" Solomon still goes off the rails, makes bad choices and brings glory and disaster to Israel in equal measure. The Bible in its narratives gives great advice about the use and abuse of power. Today's reading is a real invitation to pray for our leaders, political and ecclesiastical, and ask that they persevere in wisdom and discernment despite the great temptations to be co-opted by power.

The Diocese of Armidale (New South Wales, Australia).

Sun 4	<p>THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT National Marriage week begins on Wednesday: Lord of life and love, we pray for all who are preparing for marriage; for those who are already married and for those who find their marriages difficult. Be with them all; in their joy and sadness, their hope and their expectations, and above all, help them to understand that you hold them in love each moment of their lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PRAY for The Anglican Church of Burundi, The Most Revd Martin Nyaboho, Archbishop.</i></p>
Mon 5	<p>High Ongar (St Mary) w Norton Mandeville (All Saints) Clergy: Malcolm Peters (PIC), Andy Neale (AC). <i>The Diocese of Arochukwu/Ohafia (Aba, Nigeria).</i></p>
Tue 6	<p>The Martyrs of Japan, 1597 Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952 North Weald (St Andrew) Clergy: James Rodley (PIC). St Andrew's CE Primary School: Julie Lorkins (HT). <i>The Diocese of Aru (Congo).</i></p>
Wed 7	<p>The retired clergy, Readers, and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Epping Forest and Ongar. <i>The Diocese of Asaba (Bendel, Nigeria)</i></p>
Thu 8	<p>The Deanery of Harlow Area Dean: Martin Harris. Lay Chair: John Winterbotham. Assistant Area Dean: Brian Surtees. Chaplain: Christian Okeke (Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust). Pioneer Missioner: Jokey Poyntz. <i>The Diocese of Asante-Mampong (Ghana, West Africa).</i></p>
Fri 9	<p>Great Hallingbury (St Giles) & Little Hallingbury (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Janice Green (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Caroline Harding. Little Hallingbury CE Primary School: Sonia Strickland (HT). <i>The Diocese of Athabasca (Rupert's Land, Canada)</i></p>

Mon 26	<p>Monday of Holy Week East Ham (St Paul) Clergy: Merrin Playle (V), Elis Matthews (A). Reader: Philip Burgess. <i>The Diocese of Bukavu (Congo).</i></p>
Tue 27	<p>Tuesday of Holy Week Forest Gate (All Saints) Clergy: Jeremy Fraser (PIC), David Hoyte (A). Forest Gate (Emmanuel w St Peter Upton Cross) Clergy: Chigor Chike (V), Barnabas Matloob (CP), Kingsley Akwasi- Yeboah (A). <i>The Diocese of Bukedi (Uganda).</i></p>
Wed 28	<p>Wednesday of Holy Week Forest Gate (St Mark) Clergy: Peter Stow (V). Forest Gate (St Saviour and St James) Clergy: Cornelius Henry (R). <i>The Diocese of Bukuru (Jos, Nigeria).</i></p>
Thu 29	<p>MAUNDY THURSDAY Little Ilford (St Barnabas) Clergy: Vacancy (V). Manor Park [Little Ilford] (St Michael and All Angels, St Mary the Virgin) Clergy: Brian Lewis (R), Patrick Morrow (AC). <i>The Diocese of Bunbury (Western Australia).</i></p>
Fri 30	<p>GOOD FRIDAY North Woolwich (St John w Silvertown) Clergy: Princely Croos (PIC). <i>The Diocese of Bungoma (Kenya).</i></p>
Sat 31	<p>EASTER EVE/HOLY SATURDAY “This is the night!” goes one of the great ancient songs sung on Easter Eve. Today we move from the cross to glory. We “pass over” with Christ from death to life, from slavery to freedom. That’s why Easter Eve and Easter Day are often days when churches celebrate baptism and indeed invite whole congregations to renew their own baptismal commitments and to walk more closely with the risen Christ day by day. <i>The Dioceses of Bunyoro-Kirara and Busoga (Uganda).</i></p>

Wed 21	<p>Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556 The retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Havering <i>The Diocese of Bristol (Canterbury, England).</i></p>
Thu 22	<p>The Deanery of Newham Area Dean: Jeremy Fraser. Lay Chair: Shirley Biro. Assistant Area Deans: Dave Chesney, Cornelius Henry, Merrin Playle. Chaplains: Christopher Oladuji, Tristan Alexander-Watts (Barts Healthcare NHS Trust), Stephen Chandler (East London NHS Foundation Trust); Vacancy (London City Airport). <i>The Diocese of British Columbia (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada).</i></p>
Fri 23	<p>East Ham Holy Trinity Team Ministry (St Mary, St Bartholomew, St Alban Upton Park, St Edmund) Clergy: Susan Lucas (TR), Quintin Peppiatt (TV), Ann Easter (AC), Fred Ashford-Okai (AC). East Ham (St George and St Ethelbert) Clergy: David Haokip (V), Gabriel Anan (AC). <i>The Diocese of Buhiga (Burundi).</i></p>
Sat 24	<p>Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon, Mystic, 1396 Paul Couturier, Priest, Ecumenist, 1953 Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980 Walter Hilton is one of the great Christian writers of the English tradition. He lived in the East Midlands in the 14th century, but his teaching is still fresh today. His greatest book is the Mirror of Perfection and the simplicity and directness of his teaching is well caught in these quotes: "When you attack the roots of sin, fix your thought more on the God you desire than on the sin you abhor." And "I desire the love of God not because I am worthy, but because I am unworthy." <i>The Diocese of Byjumbura (Burundi).</i></p>
Sun 25	<p>PALM SUNDAY Jesus, you rode into your city in triumph of this day, receiving the shouts and welcome of many. Come into our Churches today. Receive our welcomes and our acclaim. Come to rule in the hearts and minds of all who lead us and help us all to go out and proclaim you as King over all the world. <i>PRAY for the peace of Jerusalem.</i> <i>The Diocese of Jerusalem (Jerusalem & Middle East) ,</i> <i>The Most Revd Suheil Dawani, Archbishop.</i></p>

Sat 10	<p>Scholastica, sister of Benedict, Abbess of Plombariola, c.543 One of today's readings - Mark 8.1-10 – tells us about Jesus feeding 4,000 with only seven loaves. Again and again the parables and miracles of Jesus tell us about the abundance of God's generosity. Whether we deserve it or not, God loves us completely and will never give up on us. God's love for us is like water in a dry desert, like gallons of wine at a wedding. <i>The Diocese of Atlanta (Province IV, The Episcopal Church).</i></p>
Sun 11	<p>SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT Racial Justice Sunday: Today is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of racial justice, to give thanks for human diversity, and pray for an end to misunderstanding, racism and injustice, Pray too for the work of the Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns Group. <i>PRAY for The Anglican Church of Canada,</i> <i>The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz, Primate.</i></p>
Mon 12	<p>Harlow (St Mary & St Hugh w St John the Baptist) Clergy: Dave Welch (V). Harlow Churchgate CE Primary School: Jonathan Tye (HT). <i>The Diocese of Attooch (Upper Nile, Southern Sudan).</i></p>
Tue 13	<p>Harlow (St Mary Magdalene) Clergy: James Rodley (PIC), Garry Neave (AC). <i>The Diocese of Auckland (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia).</i></p>
Wed 14	<p>Ash Wednesday Harlow Town Centre (St Paul w St Mary), Little Parndon TM Clergy: Martin Harris (AD, TR), Jokey Poynz (TV), Brian Surtees (AC), Barbara Aylett (A). Reader: Peter Smith. <i>The Dioceses of Aweil and Awerial (Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan).</i></p>
Thu 15	<p>Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045 Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of SPCK and SPG , 1730 Great Parndon (St Mary) Clergy: Sharon Guest (AC). St James' CE Primary School: Gina Bailey (HT). <i>The Diocese of Awgu/Aninn (Niger, Nigeria).</i></p>

Fri 16	<p>Tye Green (St Stephen) w Netteswell (St Andrew) Clergy: Ernie Guest (PIC), Christian Okeke (AC), Richard Attew (A). William Martin CE Infant & Nursery School: Janet Matthews (HT). William Martin CE Junior School: Janet Matthews (HT).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Dioceses of Awka (Niger, Nigeria) and Awori (Lagos, Nigeria).</i></p>
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Sat 17	<p>Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda, Martyr, 1977 The journey of Lent has now begun! Lent is marked by fasting, almsgiving and prayer but all these mark a glorious journey to Easter. Lent is certainly a time to take our spiritual disciplines seriously, and to renew them if they have slipped a bit. Lent is not so much about beating ourselves up as simply opening ourselves up to God and allowing God to get to grips with the rough stuff of our humanity. And although that may mean taking a hard look at ourselves, that is precisely the way we embrace the abundant life that Christ offers to all.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Badagry (Lagos, Nigeria).</i></p>
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Sun 18	<p>THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Please pray for the success of the Bishop’s Lent Appeal this year, that people may be moved to give generously.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PRAY for The Church of the Province of Central Africa, The Most Revd Albert Chama, Archbishop.</i></p>
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Mon 19	<p>Latton (St Mary) Clergy: Lynn Hurry (V), Malcolm Green (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Piers Northam.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Ballarat (Victoria, Australia).</i></p>
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Tue 20	<p>Hatfield Broad Oak (St Mary Vn) w Bush End (St John the Evangelist) Clergy: Naomi Wormell (V). St Mary’s CE Primary School: Sonia Strickland (HT).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Bangor (Wales).</i></p>
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Wed 21	<p><i>EMBER DAY</i> Hatfield Heath (Holy Trinity) w Sheering (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Dawn Jewson (PIC). Sheering CE Primary School: Lorna Brittain (HT). Staple Tye (St James) Clergy: Vacancy (V).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Banks & Torres (Melanesia).</i></p>

Fri 16	<p>Romford (St Alban) Clergy: Roderick Hingley (V). Romford (St Augustine of Canterbury) Clergy: Martin Howse (V).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Brandon (Rupert’s Land, Canada).</i></p>
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Sat 17	<p>Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c. 460 Tomorrow Lent changes pace – in the readings and the prayers we begin to focus more closely on the cross. A great discipline for the coming two weeks is to spend some time simply reading the different accounts of Jesus; death. You will find them at Matthew 26:30–27:66, Mark 14:26–15:47, Luke 22:39–23:56, and John 18:1–19:42. You will see that Matthew and Mark are very close in tone; that Luke gives a striking portrait of Jesus still healing as he dies; and John shows us Jesus going to his crucifixion not as a convict going to his death but as a king going to his coronation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Brasilia (Brazil).</i></p>
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Sun 18	<p>THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSIONTIDE BEGINS) Father, help us to be like Christ your Son, who loved the world and died for our salvation. Inspire us by his love, and guide us by his example. Amen.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PRAY for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, The Most Revd Paul Kwong, Archbishop.</i></p>
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Mon 19	<p>JOSEPH OF NAZARETH Romford (St Andrew [& St Agnes]) Clergy: Lara Dose (R) (also Romford Town Centre Chaplain). Romford(St Edward the Confessor) Clergy: Mike Power (V), Roger Clarke (A), Dan Barnes-Davies. St Edward’s CE School & VI Form College: Dan Steel (Acting HT). St Edward’s CE Primary School: Stephanie Ellner (HT).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Brechin (Scotland).</i></p>
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Tue 20	<p>Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne Missionary, 687 Upminster (St Laurence) Clergy: Susannah Brasier (R), Nicola Teverson (AC).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Brisbane (Queensland, Australia).</i></p>

Sat 10	<p>Tomorrow is Mothering Sunday, also known as Refreshment Sunday. Although this has become a big retail opportunity for card shops and flower stalls, the theme of “Mother’s Day” (with the apostrophe before the “s”) is an entirely secular 20th century creation – celebrated in all other countries in May, but in the UK has become elided with Mothering Sunday. Some regard that as a great shame, but the church should greet this as an opportunity – because the Bible means something universal when it talks about mothering, even speaking of God as mother.</p> <p><i>The Diocese of Boga (Congo).</i></p>
Sun 11	<p>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY) Pray for mothers everywhere, give thanks for their love and devotion, and pray, too, for the work of the Mothers’ Union and the Women’s Institute and all who work untiringly to maintain the values of the home and family life.</p> <p><i>PRAY for The Church of England, The Most Revd and Rt Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.</i></p>
Mon 12	<p>Rainham (St Helen & St Giles) w Wennington (St Mary & St Peter) Clergy: Henry Pradella (V), David Stainer (AC).</p> <p><i>The Diocese of Bolivia (South America).</i></p>
Tue 13	<p>South Hornchurch (St John & St Matthew) Clergy: Vacancy (V).</p> <p>Collier Row (The Ascension) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Suzanne Mayes (AC).</p> <p><i>The Diocese of Bondo (Kenya).</i></p>
Wed 14	<p>Collier Row (The Good Shepherd) Clergy: David Hague (AD, V), Keith Turner (AC), Dave Scott (A). Licensed Lay Ministers: Kerry Shipley, Rob Williams. Licensed Lay Pioneer Minister: Marcus Giddy. Reader: Hosten Garraway.</p> <p><i>The Diocese of Bor (Upper Nile, Sudan).</i></p>
Thu 15	<p>Collier Row (St James) w Havering-atte-Bower (St John Evn.) Clergy: David Anderton (V). Dame Tipping School: Kathryn Waters (HT).</p> <p><i>The Diocese of Botswana (Central Africa).</i></p>

Thu 22	<p>Nazeing (All Saints w St Giles) Clergy: Helen Gheorghiu Gould (PIC). Roydon (St Peter) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).</p> <p><i>The Diocese of Bari (Kaduna, Nigeria).</i></p>
Fri 23	<p><i>EMBER DAY</i> Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, c 155 Church Langley Clergy: Ann Kosla (V). Licensed Lay Minister: Lis Scott.</p> <p><i>The Diocese of Barisal (Bangladesh).</i></p>
Sat 24	<p><i>EMBER DAY</i> This very day the LORD your God is commanding you to observe these statutes and ordinances; so observe them diligently with all your heart and with all your soul. Today you have obtained the LORD’s agreement: to be your God; and for you to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, his commandments, and his ordinances, and to obey him. Today the LORD has obtained your agreement: to be his treasured people, as he promised you, and to keep his commandments; for him to set you high above all nations that he has made, in praise and in fame and in honour; and for you to be a people holy to the LORD your God, as he promised. (<i>Deuteronomy 26.16-end</i>)</p> <p><i>The Diocese of Barrackpore (North India).</i></p>
Sun 25	<p>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Fairtrade Fortnight starts tomorrow. Pray for fairness and justice in our trading system globally, for fair prices for producers, and a wide perspective for consumers in the impact of their choices. Give thanks for the Fairtrade Movement, and local initiatives in our diocese which highlight fairtrade products and raise debate about economic justice for all.</p> <p><i>PRAY for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America, The Most Revd Sturdie Downs, Primate.</i></p>
Mon 26	<p>The retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Harlow.</p> <p><i>The Diocese of Bath & Wells (Canterbury, England).</i></p>

Tue 27	<p>George Herbert, Priest, Poet, 1633 <i>Fairtrade Fortnight begins</i> The Deanery of Havering Area Dean: David Hague. Lay Chair: Lynne Bennett. Assistant Area Deans: Amanda Keighley, Shaun Moore. Chaplains: Tim Coleman, Philip Wright (Barking, Havering & Redbridge Hospitals NHS Trust); Lara Dose (Romford Town Centre). <i>The Diocese of Bathurst (New South Wales, Australia).</i></p>
Wed 28	<p>Cranham (All Saints) Clergy: Marion Williams (PIC), (also CHP St Clare Hospice). <i>The Diocese of Bauchi (Jos, Nigeria).</i></p>
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MARCH	
Thu 1	<p>David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601 Cranham Park (St Luke) Clergy: Michael Vickers (V), Kevin Browning (AC), Jenny Heinink (A). <i>The Diocese of Belize (West Indies).</i></p>
Fri 2	<p>Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672 Today is the Women's World Day of Prayer Gidea Park (St Michael) Clergy: Philip Weston (V), Ken Perkins (A). <i>The Diocese of Bendigo (Victoria, Australia).</i></p>
Sat 3	<p>Costly grace is the gospel which must be sought again and again and again, the gift which must be asked for, the door at which a man must knock. Such grace is costly because it calls us to follow, and it is grace because it calls us to follow Jesus Christ. It is costly because it costs a man his life, and it is grace because it gives a man the only true life. It is costly because it condemns sin, and grace because it justifies the sinner. Above all, it is costly because it cost God the life of his Son: 'Ye were bought at a price', and what has cost God much cannot be cheap for us. Above all, it is grace because God did not reckon his Son too dear a price to pay for our life, but delivered him up for us. Costly grace is the Incarnation of God." - <i>Dietrich Bonhoeffer.</i> <i>The Diocese of Benin (Bendel, Nigeria).</i></p>

Sun 4	<p>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Pray that we will daily continue to look and listen for God in our lives during this holy season of Lent. <i>PRAY for Province de L'Eglise Anglicane du Congo,</i> <i>The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda, Archbishop.</i></p>
Mon 5	<p>Harold Hill (St George) Clergy: Shaun Moore (V), Christopher Cozier (A). Harold Hill (St Paul) and Noak Hill (St Thomas) Clergy: Russell Moul (V), Martin Bailey (AC). <i>The Diocese of Bethlehem (Province III, The Episcopal Church).</i></p>
Tue 6	<p>Harold Wood (St Peter) Clergy: David Banting (V), Robert Hudson (AC), Jonnie Deja (A). Reader: Chris Knowles. <i>The Diocese of Bhopal (North India).</i></p>
Wed 7	<p>Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203 Hornchurch (St Andrew) Clergy: Barry Hobson (V), Sonia Groombridge (AC), Ken Wylie (AC), Saffron Ryan (A). Reader: Carole Sherratt. <i>The Diocese of Bida (Abuja, Nigeria).</i></p>
Thu 8	<p>Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910 Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles, 647 Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929 Hornchurch (Holy Cross) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Sue Sterry (AC). Licensed Lay Minister: Donatus Nwobi. Hornchurch (St Nicholas) [Elm Park] Clergy: Amanda Keighley (V), Tom Keighley (AC). <i>The Diocese of Birmingham (Canterbury, England) and</i> <i>The Diocese of Blackburn (York, England).</i></p>
Fri 9	<p>Squirrels Heath (All Saints) [Ardleigh Green] Clergy: Chris Wragg (V). North Ockenden (St Mary Magdalene) Clergy: Michael Sparrow (PIC). <i>The Diocese of Bo (Sierra Leone).</i></p>
