Diocese of Chelmsford
Cycle of Prayer
for daily use in
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“A praying church is a living organism, powered by the love of God, and directed by his will.” (Susan Sayers Hill)

Sun 1
EASTER DAY
The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said.”
Matthew 28: 5-6

Mon 2
West Ham (St Matthew)
Clergy: Christiana Asinugo (PIC), David Richards (AC).
Stratford (St John w Christ Church)
Clergy: David Richards (V), Christiana Asinugo (AC), Annie McTighe (AC), Nicholas Bryzak (A).
Readers: Iris Bryzak, Rosemond Isiodu, Robert Otule, Carole Richards, Sheva Williams.

Tue 3
Stratford (St Paul) and (St James)
Clergy: Jeremy Fraser (V), Annie McTighe (AC), Jeanette Meadway (AC), Ivo Anderson (A), Milen Bennett (A).
St James’ Junior School: Shirleyann Jones (HT).

Wed 4
Victoria Docks (The Ascension)
Clergy: Dave Chesney (V).
Victoria Docks (St Luke)
Clergy: Dave Wade (V), Emeka Ejinkonye (AC), Benedict Atkins (A).
Reader: Carole Davison.
St Luke’s School: Matt Hipperson (HT).

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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 Residiatory Canon; Sr Sister, TM Team Ministry; TR Team Rector; TV Team Vicar; V Vicar; Vdes Vicar designate; WDN Warden.

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Thu 5
West Ham (All Saints)
Clergy: Stennett Kirby (V), Stephen Chandler (AC).
West Ham Church Primary School: Paulette Bailey (HT).
The Diocese of Byumba (Rwanda)

Fri 6
Beckton (St Mark)
Clergy: Peter Ngugi (PIC).
Canning Town (St Matthias)
Clergy: Dave Wade (PIC), Benedict Atkins (A).
The Diocese of Calabar (Niger Delta, Nigeria)

Sat 7
“The resurrection does not solve our problems about dying and death. It is not the happy ending to our life's struggle, nor is it the big surprise that God has kept in store for us. No, the resurrection is the expression of God’s faithfulness..... The resurrection is God’s way of revealing to us that nothing that belongs to God will ever go to waste. What belongs to God will never get lost.” Henri Nouwen
The Diocese of Calcutta (North India)

Sun 8
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Pray for those who today still risk all to proclaim their faith in an often hostile world. Remember Arab Christians as they struggle to maintain their freedom to worship.

PRAY for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean.

Mon 9
ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Martyr, 1945
Plaistow (St Martin)
Clergy: Christopher Oladuji (AC).
Plaistow (St Philip, St James, St Mary)
Clergy: Christopher Oladuji (AC).
The Retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Newham.
The Dioceses of Caledonia (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada) and Calgary (Rupert's Land, Canada)

Sat 26
Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605
John Calvin, Reformer, 1564
Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guide, 1595
Augustine was the first Archbishop of Canterbury. He was a very reluctant pioneer who felt pretty unqualified for the job that he was asked to do by Gregory the Great. Go to Britain? It must have sounded like a nightmare mission. The country had been laid waste after the Romans left and was in a bad state. Even after they had set out from Rome the team he led sent him back to beg Gregory not to send them. But Gregory insisted, and finally, reluctantly he made it to Britain and established his mission centre at Canterbury. Augustine was a huge encouragement to reluctant missionaries today – in answering God’s call, he established a mission of the Church was is now the springboard of mission centres across the world.
The Diocese of Curitiba (Brazil)

Sun 27
TRINITY SUNDAY
Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. [Common Worship]

PRAY for The Anglican Church of Korea.

Mon 28
Lanfranc, Monk, Archbishop, Scholar, 1089
Hutton (All Saints and St Peter)
Clergy: Andy Smith (PIC), Tony Baxter (AC).
All Saints School: Jeanette Miller (HT).
The Diocese of Cuttack (North India)

Tue 29
Ingatestone (St Edmund and St Mary) w Fryerning (St Mary Virgin)
Clergy: Patrick Sherring (R).
Ingatestone & Fryerning Junior School: Neil Taggart (HT).
Shenfield (St Mary the Virgin)
Clergy: Christopher Mann (R).
St Mary’s School: Sally Taggart (HT).
The Dioceses of Cyangugu and Kigali (Rwanda)
Bentley Common (St Paul) w Kelvedon Hatch (St Nicholas) and Navestock (St Thomas)
Clergy: Mark James (R), Ann Coleman (AC).
St Paul's School: Louise Putt (HT).
Brentwood (St George)
Clergy: Garry Jenkins (V).

The Diocese of Coventry (Canterbury, England)

Brentwood (St Thomas)
Clergy: Vacancy (V). Reader: Lesley Lynn.
St Thomas’ Infant School: Caroline L’Estrange (HT).
St Thomas’ Junior School: Dean Moran (HT).
Becket Keys School: Andy Scott-Evans (HT).
Brentwood School: Adrian McConnaughe (CHP).
Dodginghurst All Saints
Clergy: Mark James (PIC), Ann Coleman (AC).
Dodginghurst Junior School: Jackie Avis (HT).

The Diocese of Connecticut (Province 1, The Episcopal Church)

John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788
East and West Horndon (St Francis) w Little Warley (St Peter) and Childerditch (All Saints & St Faith)
Clergy: Helen Bryan (PIC).
Margaretting (St Margaret) w Mountnessing (St Giles) and Buttsbury (St Mary)
Clergy: Patrick Sherring (PIC).
Margaretting School: Maire O’Regan (HT).
Mountnessing School: Holly Obank (HT).

The Diocese of Coventry (Canterbury, England)

William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761
William of Ockham, Friar, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1347
Area Dean: Marie Segal. Lay Chair: Jill Leonard.
Assistant Area Dean: Ian Tarrant.

The Diocese of California (Province VIII, The Episcopal Church)

George Selwyn, first Bishop of New Zealand, 1878
The Deanery of Redbridge
Aldborough Hatch (St Peter) Clergy: Kate Lovesey (V).

The Diocese of Cameroon (West Africa)

Sun 15  THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Please pray for followers of other faiths, that there may be discussion and understanding between all of God’s people.

PRAY for The Church of Ireland
Mon 16

*Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess, 1923*

Barkingside (St Francis)
Clergy: Stuart Batten (PIC), Michael Bradley (AC).

_The Diocese of Carlisle (York, England)_

Tue 17

Barkingside (St George)  Clergy: Benjamin Wallis (V)
Barkingside (St Laurence)  Clergy: Chris Burrows (PIC), Ian Elliott (A), Hilary Musker (A).
Licensed Lay Minister: Catherine Elliott.

_The Diocese of Carlisle (York, England)_

Wed 18

Goodmayes (All Saints)  Clergy: Vacancy (V).
Goodmayes (St Paul)  Clergy: Janet Buchan (PIC).

_The Diocese of Central Buganda (Uganda)_

Thu 19

*Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012*

Great Ilford (St Margaret of Antioch, St Clement)  Clergy: Stephen Pugh (V).

_The Diocese of Cape Town - Table Bay (Southern Africa)_

Fri 20

Great Ilford (St Alban)  Clergy: Stuart Halstead (V).
Great Ilford (St Andrew)  Clergy: Marie Segal (AD, V), Hayley Morris (A), Susan Sterry (A).

_The Diocese of Central Busoga (Uganda)_

Sat 21

*Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109*

Anselm was an Italian who became a monk in France and was then appointed Archbishop of Canterbury! He was famous as a philosopher and theologian but some of his writing is lyrical and poetic. The following beautiful text is included in Common Worship Daily Prayer: Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children. Often you weep over our sins and our pride, tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgement…. Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us. In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

_The Diocese of Central Ecuador (Province XI, The Episcopal Church)_

Sun 22

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter Today is Vocations Sunday.*  We give thanks to God that he calls us all to varieties of forms of service in his Church and in the world and pray for openness to his Holy Spirit, that each of us may discern the call of God upon our lives.  “Christ, you call us to be your people in the world.  We will follow your call to be our people: our hands will do your work, our feet will walk your way.  Christ, you call us.  Help us respond to your call.”

_PRAY for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan)._
Gregory Dix, Priest, Monk, Scholar, 1952

Gregory Dix is little known today, though his great book “The Shape of the Liturgy” is still in print some 70 years later. Dix was an Anglican monk who was passionate about people understanding the “why”, “what” and “how” of worship. His beautiful, often very funny and often deeply moving writing helps people understand the extraordinary richness of sacramental worship and invites us all to join in.

The Diocese of Christ the King (Southern Africa)

Sun 13

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Christian Aid Week begins: Holy Spirit of God, light a flame within us, burning for justice, glowing with kindness, shining with hope for the end of poverty and the peace of all people in this ever-turning world. Amen.

(Prayers for Christian Aid)

PRAY for the work of the Anglican Centre in Rome; and for the Diocese of Christchurch (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia).

Mon 14

MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

Leytonstone (St Andrew)
Clergy: Paul Trathen (PIC), Paul Kennington (AC).

Leytonstone (St John the Baptist)
Clergy: David Britton (V), Polly Kersys-Hull (A).

Leytonstone (St Margaret w St Columba)
Clergy: Revd Neli-Allen Walsh (PIC), Jide Macaulay (A).

The Diocese of Chubu (Japan)

Tue 15

Walthamstow (St Mary, St Gabriel, St Luke, St Stephen)
Clergy: Vanessa Conant (TR), Jill Mowbray (AC), Ade Eleyae (AC), Frances Shoesmith (TV); Adam Childs (A).

Readers: Robert Duddridge, Helen Miller.

St Mary’s CE Primary School: Faye Rider/Beverly Hall (HT).

Walthamstow (St Andrew) [Higham Hill Ecumenical Partnership]
Clergy: Stella Olukanmi (PIC).

Walthamstow (St Barnabas w St James the Greater)
Clergy: Steven Saxby (V); Lionel Crompton-Thomas (AC), Prince Odoema (A).

The Diocese of Clogher (Armagh, Ireland)

Wed 16

CAROLINE CHISHOLM, SOCIAL REFORMER, 1877

Walthamstow (St John) Clergy: Kieran Bush (V).

Walthamstow (St Michael & All Angels) Clergy: Alex Summers (V).

The Dioceses of Cochin and Coimbatore (South India)

Mon 23

GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND, c.304

Great Ilford (St John the Evangelist, Seven Kings)

The Dioceses of Central Florida and Central Gulf Coast (Province IV, The Episcopal Church)

Tue 24

MELLITUS, BISHOP OF LONDON, FIRST BISHOP AT ST PAUL’S, 624

Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 2003


Great Ilford (St Mary) Clergy: Gareth Jones (V).

The Diocese of Central Newfoundland (Canada)

Wed 25

MARK THE EVANGELIST

Hainault (St Paul)
Clergy: Ken Ashton (V), Sarah Clarke-Moisley (A).

Licensed Lay Minister: Ellen Hunt.

The Diocese of Central Philippines (Philippines)

Thu 26

South Woodford (Holy Trinity, Hermon Hill) Clergy: Robert Hampson (V).

The Diocese of Central New York (Province II, The Episcopal Church)

Fri 27

CHRISTINA ROSSETTI, POET, 1894

Wanstead (St Mary w Christ Church)
Clergy: Jack Dunn (R), Richard Wyber (AC), Ann Clarke (AC).

Licensed Lay Minister: Olive Thersby.

Wanstead Church School: Mark Hemsley (HT).

The Diocese of Central Solomons (Melanesia)

Sat 28

PETER CHANEL, MISSIONARY IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC, MARTYR, 1841

In today’s Gospel reading - John 14:7–12 – Jesus speaks profoundly of his oneness with the Father: “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.” Jesus’ relationship with the Father is unique but as his adopted sons and daughters we too are invited to respond in love and faithfulness.

The Diocese of Central Tanganyika (Tanzania)

Sun 29

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please pray for the work of the Church Army: “There are so many people we have yet to reach, and so many broken lives still to be touched by Christ’s light. That’s why you find Church Army on the edges of society, meeting people where they are, often in desperate need, helping them know God’s love and peace in their lives.”

PRAY for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.
**Mon 30**
Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures, 1922
Woodford Green (St Barnabas)  Clergy: William Obedoza (V).
The Dioceses of Central Zambia and Central Zimbabwe (Central Africa)

**MAY**

**Tue 1**
PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES
Woodford (St Mary w St Philip and St James)
Clergy: Ian Tarrant (R). Readers: Sally Barton, Mark Lewis.
The Diocese of Chandigarh (North India)

**Wed 2**
Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373
Woodford Bridge (St Paul)
Clergy: Ola Franklin (V). Reader: Mac Leonard.
The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania (Province III, The Episcopal Church)

**Thu 3**
Woodford Wells (All Saints & St Andrew)
The Retired Clergy, Readers and ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Redbridge.
The Diocese of Chelmsford (Canterbury, England)

**Fri 4**
English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era
The Deanery of Waltham Forest
Area Dean: Christine Rablen. Lay Chair: Vevet Deer.
Assistant Area Dean: Andrew Trenier.
Chaplain: Gary Scott (Chigwell School).
The Diocese of Chester (York, England)

**Sat 5**
“It’s a gift to joyfully recognize and accept our own smallness and ordinariness. Then you are free with nothing to live up to, nothing to prove, and nothing to protect. Such freedom is my best description of Christian maturity, because once you know that your “I” is great and one with God, you can ironically be quite content with a small and ordinary “I.” No grandstanding is necessary. Any question of your own importance or dignity has already been resolved once and for all and forever.”
Richard Rohr
The Diocese of Chattisgarh (North India)

**Sun 6**
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Pray with the thousands of people across the world who will be praying during Thy Kingdom Come (10-20 May): Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world to preach the good news of your kingdom: inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love, that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
PRAY for the Anglican Church of Kenya.

**Mon 7**
ROGATION DAY
Chingford (St Peter and St Paul, All Saints)
Clergy: Andrew Trenier (R), Susan Sayers Hill (AC), Maxwell Hutchinson (A), Lee Taylor (A).
Chingford CE Primary School: Lindsey Lampard (HT).
The Diocese of Chicago (Province V, The Episcopal Church)

**Tue 8**
Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417
Chingford (St Anne) Clergy: Jude Bullock (V), Mick Scotchmer (A).
Chingford (St Edmund) Clergy: Lesley Goldsmith (V).
The Diocese of Chichester (Canterbury, England)

**Wed 9**
ROGATION DAY
Harrow Green (Holy Trinity, St Augustine of Hippo)
Clergy: Neil-Allen Walsh (PIC), Bridget de Mello (AC).
Highams Park (All Saints)
Clergy: Steve Clarke (V). Licensed Lay Minister: Mick Holloway.
The Diocese of Chile (South America)

**Thu 10**
ASCENSION DAY
Leyton (St Mary w St Edward & St Luke)
Clergy: Christine Rablen (V), Nigel Anstey (AC), Hilda Gilbert (A).
Leyton (All Saints) Clergy: Maria Holmden (V).

**Fri 11**
Leyton (Christ Church) Clergy: Mark Burkhill (V), Nicholas Algeo (A).
Leyton (Emmanuel) Clergy: Ade Ademola (V), Bernard Noghiu (AC).
Leyton (St Catherine and St Paul) Clergy: James Waddell (V).
The Diocese of Chotanagpur (North India)