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### Praying for each other in Essex & East London



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# April

## Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:1

### Mon 1 Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1872

North Woolwich (St John w Silvertown) Clergy: Princely Croos (PIC).

*Our link Diocese of Mbeere (Kenya), The Rt Revd Moses Nthukah, Bishop The Dioceses of Wellington (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) and Idah (Nigeria)*

### Tue 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), Robert Otule (A).  
Readers: Iris Bryzak, Rosemond Isiodu, Carol Richards, Sheva Williams.  
*The Dioceses of Mbashe (Southern Africa) and Wernyol (South Sudan)*

### Wed 3 Stratford (St Paul) and (St James) Clergy: Ivo Anderson (V), Annie McTighe (AC), Jeanette Meadway (AC), Milen Bennett (A).

St James' Junior School: Shirleyann Jones (HT).  
*The Dioceses of Meath & Kildare (Ireland), West Ankole (Uganda), and West Buganda (Uganda)*

### Thur 4 Victoria Docks (The Ascension) Clergy: Dave Chesney (V), Amy Stott (A). Victoria Docks (St Luke) Clergy: Vacancy, Emeka Ejinkonye (AC). Reader: Carole Davison.

St Luke's School: Matt Hipperson (HT).  
*The Dioceses of Medak (South India) and West Lango (Uganda)*

### Fri 5 West Ham (All Saints) Clergy: Alex Summers (V), Stephen Chandler (AC). West Ham Church Primary School: Paulette Bailey (HT). *The Dioceses of Melbourne (Australia) and West Missouri (The Episcopal Church)*

### Mon 27 Rogation Day Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274

Ingrave (St Nicholas) Clergy: Paul Hamilton (AD, R). Reader: Pat Horton.  
Ingrave (St Stephen) Clergy: Paul Hamilton (AD, R) Juan Sedano (AC).  
Ingrave Johnstone School: James Rogers (HT).  
*The Diocese of Natal (Southern Africa), and Aguata (Nigeria)*

### Tue 28 Rogation Day Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar, 1089

Hutton (All Saints and St Peter) Clergy: Andy Smith (PIC), Tony Baxter (AC).  
All Saints School: Emily Penkett (Acting HT).  
*The National Indigenous Bishop (Canada), the Rt Revd Mark MacDonald, and the Diocese of Ahoada (Nigeria)*

### Wed 29 Rogation Day

Ingatestone (St Edmund and St Mary) w Fryerning (St Mary Virgin)  
Clergy: Patrick Sherring (R), Matthew Houghton (A).  
Ingatestone & Fryerning Junior School: Neil Taggart (HT). Licensed Lay Minister: Tim Lee.  
Shenfield (St Mary the Virgin) Clergy: Christopher Mann (R).  
St Mary's School: Sally Taggart (HT).  
*The Dioceses of Navajoland Area Mission (The Episcopal Church), Aipo Rongo (Papua New Guinea) and Ajayi Crowther (Nigeria)*

### Thu 30 Ascension Day

South Weald (St Peter) Clergy: Jane Bradbury (PIC).  
St Peter's School: Iain Gunn (HT).  
Warley (Christ Church) and Great Warley (St Mary) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Adrian McConaughie (AC). Licensed Lay Minister: Tim Lee.  
*The Dioceses of Ndokwa (Nigeria) and Akobo (South Sudan)*

### Fri 31 The Visit of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth

Immanuel Church Brentwood (Bishop's Mission Order)  
Clergy: Andrew Grey (MiC).  
Pray for the retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Brentwood.  
*The Dioceses of Nebbi (Uganda), Akoko (Nigeria), Akoko Edo (Nigeria) and Iowa (The Episcopal Church)*

**Fri 24 John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 & 1788**

East and West Horndon (St Francis) w Little Warley (St Peter) and Childerditch (All Saints & St Faith) Clergy: Helen Bryan (R).  
Margaretting (St Margaret) w Mountnessing (St Giles) and Buttsbury (St Mary) Clergy: Patrick Sherring (PIC), Matthew Houghton (A).  
Margaretting School: Maire O'Regan (HT).  
Mountnessing School: Holly Obank (HT).  
*The Dioceses of Nasik (North India), Afikpo (Nigeria), Ilesa (Nigeria) and Ilesa South West (Nigeria)*

**Sat 25 The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735**

**Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709**

The Venerable Bede was one of the most extraordinary figures of the early middle ages. Scholar and historian, intellectual giant in the mainstream of European culture. But also a simple monk who never lived far from Sunderland.

His beautiful prayer stands above his tomb in Durham Cathedral: 'O Christ, our morning star, splendour of light eternal, shining with the glory of the rainbow, come and waken us from the greyness of our apathy, and renew in us your gift of hope.'

*The Diocese of Nasir (South Sudan), Agra (North India), and Indianapolis (The Episcopal Church)*

**Sun 26 The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**Please pray for the ministry of the Actors Church Union, and everyone involved in the local theatre and entertainment industry in our Diocese.**

*PRAY for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world; for the Archbishop of Canterbury, and all primates and bishops; for members of the Anglican Consultative Council; for the Secretary General, The Most Revd Dr Josiah Idowu-Fearon; and for the staff at the Anglican Communion Office in London and the UN offices in Geneva and New York*

**Sat 6** Lent changes gear – in some traditions the next two weeks is called "Passiontide". The mood is darker and the focus is firmly on the Cross. The word "passion" here doesn't mean strong feeling or even suffering, It is a Latin word that means "being done to".

And that's exactly what we see as Jesus walks his journey to the cross. Again and again he is "handed over"; in Mark's Gospel he stops being the subject of verbs, In John it is night – the time when he cannot work.

Enter into this passion, share that incapacity – but always and only in the trust and hope that Easter brings.

*Our link Diocese of Meru (Kenya), The Rt Revd Charles Mwenda, Bishop The Dioceses of West Malaysia (South East Asia) and Idaho (The Episcopal Church)*

**Sun 7 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.**

*PRAY for the Church of Ireland, The Most Revd Richard Clarke, Primate*

**Mon 8** Beckton (St Mark) Clergy: Peter Ngugi (PIC).

Canning Town (St Matthias) Clergy: Benedict Atkins (PIC).  
*The Dioceses of Mexico (Mexico), West Tennessee (The Episcopal Church) and Ideato (Nigeria)*

**Tue 9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Martyr, 1945**

Plaistow (St Martin) Clergy: Vacancy  
Plaistow (St Philip, St James, St Mary) Clergy: Christopher Oladuji (AC).  
Crossway Stratford Minister in Charge: Jamie Child  
The retired clergy, readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Newham.  
*The Dioceses of Michigan (The Episcopal Church) and West Texas (The Episcopal Church)*

**Wed 10 William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761**

**William of Ockham, Friar, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1347**

**The Deanery of Redbridge**

Area Dean: Martyn Hawkes. Lay Chair: Jill Leonard. Assistant Area Dean: Ian Tarrant.

Chaplains: Barts Healthcare NHS Trust - Tristan Alexander-Watts and Santou Beurklian Carter (Whipps Cross University Hospital), Christopher Oladuji (Newham University Hospital).

Barking, Havering & Redbridge Hospital NHS Trust: Tim Coleman, Philip Wright. East London NHS Foundation Trust: Stephen Chandler.

*The Dioceses of Milwaukee (The Episcopal Church), West Virginia (The Episcopal Church) and Western Izon (Nigeria)*

**Thur 11 George Selwyn, first Bishop of New Zealand, 1878**

Aldborough Hatch (St Peter) Clergy: Kate Lovesey (PIC).

*The Dioceses of Minna (Nigeria), and Western Kansas (The Episcopal Church)*

**Fri 12 Aldersbrook (St Gabriel) Clergy: Martyn Hawkes (AD, V), Mark Kenny (AC), Christopher Smaling (AC), Pat Wallson (A).**

*The Dioceses of Minnesota (The Episcopal Church), Western Kowloon (Hong Kong) and Idoani (Nigeria)*

**Sat 13** In some Christian traditions today is called Lazarus Saturday. The raising of Lazarus is the Gospel for today – partly that is seeking to follow the chronology of John Gospel, which dominates the services of Holy Week.

But it is also a promise: that here as we stand on the threshold of the most extraordinary week of the year, following Jesus' footsteps in the days running up to his death, the raising of Lazarus points to the glory that lies beyond.

*The Dioceses of Mishamikoweesh (Canada), Western Louisiana (The Episcopal Church), Ife (Nigeria) and Ife East (Nigeria)*

**Sun 19 The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Please pray for the House of Retreat at Pleshey, for all those who work and minister there, for the Friends of Pleshey, and for those who visit or stay.

*PRAY for The Anglican Church of Melanesia, The Most Revd George Takeli, Archbishop*

**Mon 20 Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804**

**The Bradwell Episcopal Area:**

Area Bishop: John Perumbalath. Archdeacon of Chelmsford: Elizabeth Snowden; Archdeacon of Southend: Mike Lodge. Advisers: Andy Griffiths (CMD/IME), Mark Tiddy (Youth), Marion Walford, Faye Bailey (Women's Ministry), Phyllis Owen (SSM Officer), Ron McLernon (Stewardship).

*The Dioceses of Nambale (Kenya), Aberdeen & Orkney (Scotland) and Ile – Oluji (Nigeria)*

**Tue 21 Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330**

**The Deanery of Brentwood**

Area Dean: Paul Hamilton. Lay Chair: Paul Betts.

Chaplain: Adrian McConnaughie, Brentwood School.

The Dioceses of Namibia (Southern Africa) and Abuja (Nigeria)

**Wed 22 Bentley Common (St Paul) w Kelvedon Hatch (St Nicholas) and Navestock (St Thomas) Clergy: Vacancy (R), Ann Coleman (AC).**

St Paul's School: Louise Putt (HT).

Brentwood (St George) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

*The Dioceses of Namirembe (Uganda), Abye (South Sudan), and Accra (West Africa)*

**Thu 23 Brentwood (St Thomas) Clergy: Mark North (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 McConnaughie (CHP).

Doddinghurst All Saints Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Ann Coleman (AC).

Doddinghurst Junior School: Liz Benjeddi. (Acting HT).

*The Dioceses of Nandyal (South India) and Adelaide (Australia)*

**Wed 15** Walthamstow (St Mary, St Gabriel, St Luke, St Stephen) Clergy: Vanessa Conant (TR), Jill Mowbray (AC), Ade Eleyae (TV), Adam Childs (A).  
Readers: Robert Duddridge, Helen Miller.

St Mary's CE Primary School: Matt O'Brien (HT).

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

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

*The Dioceses of Mytikiyina (Myanmar), Zonkwa (Nigeria), and Zululand (Southern Africa)*

**Thu 16 Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877**

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

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

*The Dioceses of Nagpur (North India) and Aba (Nigeria)*

**Fri 17** Walthamstow (St Peter-in-the-Forest) Clergy: Paul Trathen (V), Sue Diplock (A).

Walthamstow (St Saviour) Clergy: Salvador Telen (V).

St Saviour's CE School: Beverly Hall (Executive HT).

The retired clergy, readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Waltham Forest.

*The Dioceses of Nairobi (Kenya), Aba Ngwa North (Nigeria) and Ikwuano (Nigeria)*

**Sat 18** When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives mean the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand.

The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares." - Henri Nouwen

*The Dioceses of Nakuru (Kenya), Abakaliki (Nigeria), and Ilaje (Nigeria)*

**Sun 14 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.*

*PRAY for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East, The Most Revd Suheil Dawani, Archbishop*

**Mon 15 Monday of Holy Week**  
Barkingside (Holy Trinity) Clergy: Stuart Batten (PIC), Rosemary Potten (A).  
Barkingside (St Cedd) Clergy: Paul Harcourt (PIC). Licensed Lay Worker: Alison Wilson.

*The Dioceses of Mississippi (The Episcopal Church), Western Massachusetts (The Episcopal Church), and Ifo (Nigeria)*

**Tue 16 Tuesday of Holy Week**  
**Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess, 1923**  
Barkingside (St Francis) Clergy: Stuart Batten (PIC), Michael Bradley (AC).

*The Dioceses of Missouri (The Episcopal Church), and Western Mexico (Mexico)*

**Wed 17 Wednesday of Holy Week**  
Barkingside (St George) Clergy: Benjamin Wallis (V)  
Barkingside (St Laurence) Clergy: Chris Burrows (PIC), Ian Elliott (A)  
Licensed Lay Minister: Catherine Elliott.  
*The Dioceses of Mityana (Uganda), Western Michigan (The Episcopal Church), and Western New York (The Episcopal Church)*

**Thur 18 Maundy Thursday**  
Goodmayes (All Saints) Clergy: Vacancy (V).  
Goodmayes (St Paul) Clergy: Janet Buchan (PIC).  
*The Dioceses of Mombasa (Kenya), Western Newfoundland (Canada), and Western North Carolina (The Episcopal Church)*

**Fri 19 Good Friday**  
Great Ilford (St Margaret of Antioch, St Clement) Clergy: Stephen Pugh (V).  
*The Diocese of Monmouth (Wales), Western Tanganyika (Tanzania), and Igbomina – West (Nigeria)*

## Sat 20 Easter Eve/Holy Saturday

This holy night was once marked by an extraordinary night long celebration which embraced the whole of salvation history - reading through great passages in the Old Testament, singing Psalms and finally reaching the climax as the light is kindled and the proclamation rings out:

**“Christ is risen!”**

However you celebrate the resurrection in your community, go on this amazing journey.

*The Dioceses of Montana (The Episcopal Church), Wiawso (West Africa), and Igbomina (Nigeria)*

## Sun 21 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

*PRAY for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of the Land of the Holy One*

# He is Risen

• CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION •

**Sat 11** Tomorrow is often called “Good Shepherd Sunday” because every year the Gospel focusses on the figure of Christ the Good Shepherd. It is difficult for us to know how to respond to this. Most of us have probably never met a shepherd, and if we have, she or he was probably on a quad bike. Palestinian shepherds in the first century had no quad bikes and were definitely not “good” people (that’s why Luke makes them the first visitors to the Crib) – because Christ doesn’t put up barriers; anyone, however unworthy, can freely have access.

*The Dioceses of Muranga South (Kenya), Zaki-Biam (Nigeria), and Ikwerre (Nigeria)*

## Sun 12 The Fourth Sunday of Easter Vocations Sunday

**Christian Aid Week begins:** God of the impossible, we pray for justice, peace and reconciliation. And when the challenges seem too many, remind us of your resurrection power, and the miracles of your love that happen whenever injustice is dismantled and rebuilt with peace. Help us to hope that the impossible can happen and live as if it might do so today. Amen (Prayer for Christian Aid)

*PRAY for the Anglican Church of Korea, The Most Revd Moses Najjun Yoo, Primate*

**Mon 13** Leyton (Christ Church) Clergy: Mark Burkill (V).  
Leyton (Emmanuel) Clergy: Ade Ademola (V), Bernard Noghiu (AC).  
Leyton (St Catherine and St Paul) Clergy: Vacancy (V).  
*The Dioceses of Muyinga (Burundi), Zanzibar (Tanzania), and Ikwo (Nigeria)*

## Tue 14 Matthias the Apostle

Leytonstone (St Andrew) Clergy: Paul Kennington (V), Anne Mackenna (A).  
Leytonstone (St John the Baptist) Clergy: David Britton (V), Pervaiz Khan (AC), Polly Kersys-Hull (A).

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

*The Dioceses of Myanmar (Myanmar) and Zaria (Nigeria)*

**Sun 5** **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 Anglican Church of Kenya,, The Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate*

**Mon 6** **The Deanery of Waltham Forest**  
Area Dean: Andrew Trenier. Lay Chair: Vevet Deer. Assistant Area Dean: Vacancy. Chaplain: Gary Scott (Chigwell School).

*The Dioceses of Multan (Pakistan), Yirol (South Sudan), and Ikeduru (Nigeria)*

**Tue 7** Chingford (St Peter and St Paul, All Saints) Clergy: Andrew Trenier (AD, R), Hilary Musker (AC), Maxwell Hutchinson (A), Lee Taylor (A).  
Chingford CE Primary School: Lindsey Lampard (HT).

*The Dioceses of Mumbai [formerly Bombay] (North India), and Yokohama (Japan)*

**Wed 8** **Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417**  
Chingford (St Anne) Clergy: Jude Bullock (V), Mick Scotchmer (AC).  
Chingford (St Edmund) Clergy: Lesley Goldsmith (V).

*The Dioceses of Mumias (Kenya), Yola (Nigeria), and York, England*

**Thu 9** Harrow Green (Holy Trinity, St Augustine of Hippo) Clergy: Neil-Allen Walsh (PIC), Bridget de Mello (AC). Highams Park (All Saints) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

*The Dioceses of Mundri (South Sudan) and Ysabel (Melanesia)*

**Fri 10** Leyton (St Mary w St Edward & St Luke) Clergy: Vacancy (V)  
Leyton (All Saints) Clergy: Maria Holmden (V).

*The Dioceses of Mundu Area (South Sudan), Yukon (Canada), and Ikka (Nigeria)*

**Mon 22** **Monday of Easter Week**  
Great Ilford (St Alban) Clergy: Stuart Halstead (V).  
Great Ilford (St Andrew) Clergy: Marie Segal (V), Hayley Morris (A).  
*The Dioceses of Montreal (Canada), Willochra (Australia), Ijebu (Nigeria), and Ijebu – North (Nigeria)*

**Tue 23** **Tuesday of Easter Week**  
Great Ilford (St John the Evangelist, Seven Kings)  
Clergy: Kate Lovesey (PIC).  
*The Dioceses of Moosonee (Canada) and Winchester (England)*

**Wed 24** **Mellitus, Bishop of London, first Bishop at St Paul's, 624  
Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 2003**  
Great Ilford (St Luke) Clergy: John Brown (V). Great Ilford (St Mary)  
Clergy: Gareth Jones (V).  
*The Dioceses of Moray, Ross & Caithness (Scotland), Windward Islands (West Indies), and Wondurba (South Sudan)*

**Thu 25** Hainault (St Paul) Clergy: Ken Ashton (V), Sarah Clarke-Moisley (A).  
Licensed Lay Minister: Ellen Hunt.  
*The Dioceses of Morobo (South Sudan) and Worcester (England)*

**Fri 26** South Woodford (Holy Trinity, Hermon Hill)  
Clergy: Vacancy (V), Pat Mossop (AC).  
*The Dioceses of Morogoro (Tanzania), Wulu (South Sudan), and Ijesa North East (Nigeria)*

**Sat 27 Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894**

Tomorrow used to be called “the Sunday for taking off white clothes”. That’s because those who had been baptised on Easter Eve wore their white baptismal robes for the whole week. Christianity is not a faith that today values those outward displays.

But it’s a great image. At Easter we are invited to “put on Christ”. Christ is our baptismal robe – and it is he who in today’s Gospel sends us out to be heralds of his kingdom.

*The Dioceses of Mount Kenya Central, Mount Kenya South, and Mount Kenya West (Kenya)*

**Sun 28 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 Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan), The Most Revd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, Primate*

**Mon 29 George, Martyr, Patron of England, c.304 (transferred from 23 April)**

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

Wanstead Church School: Natalie Marris (HT).

*The Dioceses of Mount Kilimanjaro (Tanzania), Wusasa (Nigeria), and Ijesha North (Nigeria)*

**Tue 30 Mark the Evangelist (transferred from 25 April)**

Woodford Green (St Barnabas) Clergy: William Obedoza (V).

*The Dioceses of Mpumalanga (Southern Africa) and Wyoming (The Episcopal Church)*

# May

**Wed 1 Philip and James, Apostles**

Woodford (St Mary w St Philip and St James) Clergy: Ian Tarrant (R).  
Readers: Sally Barton, Mark Lewis.

*The Dioceses of Mpwapwa (Tanzania), Yambio (South Sudan), and Yangon (Myanmar)*

**Thu 2 Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373**

Woodford Bridge (St Paul) Clergy: Ola Franklin (V).

Licensed Lay Minister: Mac Leonard.

The Retired Clergy, Readers and ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Redbridge.

*The Dioceses of Mthatha [formerly St John’s] (Southern Africa), and Yei (South Sudan)*

**Fri 3**

Woodford Wells (All Saints & St Andrew) Clergy: Paul Harcourt (V), David Blackledge (AC), Gareth Dicks (AC), Simon Marshall (AC), Malcolm Porter(AC), Dennis Martin (AC), Thomas Jee (A), Abi Todd (A), Gary Wilson (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Les Crossland.

The Retired Clergy, Readers and ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Redbridge.

*The Dioceses of Muhabura (Uganda), Yeri (South Sudan), and Ijumu (Nigeria)*

**Sat 4 English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era**

One of today’s readings – Acts 6.1-7 – is part of the story of the first Christian community as it seeks to live in response to the death and resurrection of Jesus. And in this passage we find the appointment of the first “ministers” – and they appointed not to lead, or lord it over other people, but to serve.

That is our response to the living God: to love as he has loved us. Ignatius of Antioch, a very early Christian writer, wrote to lots of Bishops but insisted that it is the deacon – the one who serves – who represents Christ.

*The Dioceses of Mukono (Uganda), Yewa [formerly Egbado] (Nigeria), and Ikara (Nigeria)*