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

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

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"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**Sun 1**  
**The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**
Please pray for those in our Diocesan Registry: Aiden Hargreaves-Smith, Registrar; Melanie Tucker, Registry Clerk.
PRAY for the Church of the Province of South East Asia

**Mon 2**  
Mayland (St Barnabas) and Latchingdon (Christ Church)  
Clergy: Vacancy (R).
*The Diocese of Dogura (The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea)*

**Tue 3**  
Althorne (St Andrew) and North Fambridge (Holy Trinity)  
*The Diocese of Doku (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion]*)

**Wed 4**  
Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d’Ars, Spiritual Guide, 1859  
Dengie (St James) Clergy: Steven Poss (PIC).
*The Diocese of Dominican Republic (The Episcopal Church)*

**Thu 5**  
Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642  
The retired Clergy, Readers and Lay Ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Maldon and Dengie.
*The Diocese of Dornakal (The [United] Church of South India)*

**Fri 6**  
The Transfiguration of our Lord  
The Deanery of Hadleigh  
Area Dean: David Tudor. Assistant Area Dean: Ruth Cartwright.  
Lay Chair: Ron McLernon.
*The Diocese of Dowm & Dromore (The Church of Ireland)*

**Tue 28**  
Stambridge (St Mary and All Saints)  
Clergy: Vacancy (PIC). Reader: Sandra Parker.
*The Diocese of Fond du Lac (The Episcopal Church)*

**Wed 29**  
Michael and All Angels  
Rettendon (All Saints) and Hullbridge (St Thomas of Canterbury)  
Clergy: Richard Jordan (PIC), Brenda Wallace (AC).
Pray for all retired Clergy, Readers and Lay Ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Rochford.
*The Diocese of Fredericton (The Anglican Church of Canada)*

**Thu 30**  
Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420  
Both today’s readings – Jeremiah 26.11-16, 24 and Matthew 14.1-12 – invite us to think about the prophetic role of the church.

It is very easy for us to think that the church is an institution that we have to feed – pouring all our best energies inwards to keep the show on the road. That is a particular temptation now as we continue to learn to live with the impact of Covid-19.

But the prophets – like Jeremiah, like John the Baptist – show us that the church is fundamentally a community facing outwards in love and prophetic service for others.
*The Diocese of Free State (The Anglican Church of Southern Africa)*

Please refer to the Notes and Abbreviations on the back cover.
As a culture we are currently living through a corporate experience of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). At least that is a helpful metaphor for much of our common experience of emerging from the pandemic. Our sense of disorientation, exhaustion, fragility. Recently a lot of the news headlines have been all about freedom. This is defined in a narrowly individualistic way – freedom to go to a pub for a pint; freedom to fly abroad for a holiday.

The freedom we need to be talking about here is not simply the freedom to do things, but the God-given spiritual freedom to be truly ourselves, warts and all.

A genuine interior freedom that is ultimately the only freedom worth having.

The word “volunteer” is important. It comes from the Latin word for desire. As volunteers, we do something because we desire to do it, not because we have to.

It is unfortunate that in our culture we tend to use the word to mean someone who isn’t paid when in fact the word carries a much deeper and more positive resonance.

Desire, after all, is a big word in the Christian tradition. One of the greatest Christian teachers of prayer, Ignatius Loyola, suggests that working out what we desire is one of the deepest and most important spiritual questions for each of us and for each Christian community.

Give thanks for the work and ministries of our hospices who bring comfort and relief to patients and families in times of physical and spiritual need and stress. Pray for all hospice chaplains.

Give thanks for the work of the Leprosy Mission. Remember, too, the people of those countries where leprosy is still a major problem today.

PRAY for the Church of South India (United)
After the communal trauma of the last 18 months, this is a good moment for all of us to do a bit of work on ourselves. Whatever the newspapers are saying about everything going back to normal, most experts suggest that re-emergence is much closer to a three-to-five-year process.

That process of re-emergence for us as a Christian community and for each of us personally has all sorts of implications that so far we can only guess at. We cannot travel too fast. Like a deep sea diver, we have to go slowly, paying attention every step of the way. Like a butterfly emerging, we need to learn to travel together at a very human pace.
The Diocese of Evo (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

Pray for the work of all Authorised Lay Preachers in our Diocese.

*PRAY for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.*

**New Thundersley (St George)**
Clergy: Vacancy (V), Peter Hillman (AC).

**The Diocese of Easton (The Episcopal Church)**

**South Benfleet (St Mary)**
Clergy: Vacancy (V).
Licensed Lay Minister: Cathy Ranson

**The Diocese of Eau Claire (The Episcopal Church)**

**Thundersley (St Peter, St Michael & All Angels)**
Clergy: Andy Hudson (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Jan Kersey.

The retired Clergy, Readers and Lay Ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Hadleigh.

**The Diocese of Central Ecuador (The Episcopal Church)**

**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).
The Diocese of Edinburgh (The Scottish Episcopal Church)

**The Diocese of Ezo (The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)**

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There is still a very large proportion of people who would not describe themselves as people of faith but are very positive about Christianity, and there is an increasing trend of people moving from indifference to genuine opposition.

Yet one thing lockdown has strongly suggested is a deep spiritual longing in our culture, especially among young people. Staggering numbers have actively sought out prayer on-line.

There is a whole world out there longing for good news.

**The Diocese of Faisalabad The [United] Church of Pakistan**

**September**

**Wed 15** Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258
Tilbury Docks (St John the Baptist)
Clergy: Tim Codling (V).

**Thu 16** Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432
Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882
Pray for all retired Clergy, Readers and Lay Ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Thurrock.

**Fri 17** Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179
The Deanery of Rochford
Area Dean: Nick Rowan. Lay Chair: Lynda Edmunds.

**Sat 18** As the latest census is likely to confirm, England is now the most post-Christian country in the world.

**Sun 15** The Blessed Virgin Mary (The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity)
Pray for the work of all Authorised Lay Preachers in our Diocese.

*PRAY for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.*

**Mon 16** New Thundersley (St George)
Clergy: Vacancy (V), Peter Hillman (AC).

**The Diocese of Easton (The Episcopal Church)**

**Tue 17** South Benfleet (St Mary)
Clergy: Vacancy (V).
Licensed Lay Minister: Cathy Ranson

**Wed 18** Thundersley (St Peter, St Michael & All Angels)
Clergy: Andy Hudson (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Jan Kersey.
The retired Clergy, Readers and Lay Ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Hadleigh.

**Thu 19** 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).
The Diocese of Edinburgh (The Scottish Episcopal Church)

**Fri 20** Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153
William and Catherine Booth, Founders of the Salvation Army, 1912 and 1890
North Shoebury (St Mary the Virgin) Clergy: David Pierce (Lead Minister).

*The Diocese of Edmonton (The Anglican Church of Canada)*

**August**

**Wed 15** Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258
Tilbury Docks (St John the Baptist)
Clergy: Tim Codling (V).

**The Diocese of Evo (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])**
**August**

**Sat 21** SBNR stands for “Spiritual but not religious”. It has become a favourite description for many in our culture. But it is a title Christians should be proud to claim.

Depending on the translation you use, you won’t find the word “religion” anywhere in the Bible. That is for a completely straightforward reason. The biblical languages (Hebrew and Greek) don’t have a word that corresponds to our word “religion”, so unsurprisingly they don’t use it. Religion is a Latin word which means something like “obligation”, “imposition”, “duty”.

Religion describes neatly those things we might choose to do to get to God. But Christianity is all about what God has done to get to us.

*The Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich (The Church of England)*

**Sun 22** The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
Pray for the work of the Salvation Army, Herts and Essex Division:
Major Norman Ord, Divisional Commander.

*PRAY for the Anglican Church of South America*

**Mon 23**
Prittlewell (St Mary the Virgin)
Clergy: Paul Mackay (V), Jacky Lindoe (A), Bernard Noghiu (A).

Prittlewell School: Nicholas Booth (HT).


*The Diocese of Egba (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion]*)

**Tue 24** Bartholomew the Apostle
Westcliff (St Peter) w St Cedd and the Saints of Essex
(The Bridgewater Drive Church);
ALSO Prittlewell (St Stephen) Clergy: Colin Baldwin (PIC).

*The Diocese of Egba West (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion]*)

**September**

**Sat 11** We have learnt a lot about resilience over the last year or so – mental resilience, physical resilience and indeed spiritual resilience. We’ve had to recognise that it’s been an important time to develop our spiritual muscles, build our faithful resilience, deepen our desire for God.

In Paul’s words, living a life worthy of the calling we have received. As any musician or sportsperson knows, you can only develop if you practice, and practice needs to be framed by structure and discipline so that it becomes habitual.

The great Australian monk Michael Casey writes beautifully of jogging as an analogy for learning to pray. The joggers in the park, he says, didn’t just wake up this morning and decide to run. It was part of their practice, a decision they had already made, and found room in their lives for. He goes on to say that prayer is a lot easier than running...

*The Diocese of Etsako (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion]*)

**Sun 12** The Fifteenth 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, especially with the difficulties they have faced over the past months.

We appreciate the important job that they do in shaping the future of our world and remember them in our prayers.

*PRAY for The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

**Mon 13** John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407
Stanford-le-Hope (St Margaret) w Mucking (St John the Baptist)
Clergy: Vacancy (R).

*The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe (The Episcopal Church)*

**Tue 14** Holy Cross Day
Stifford (St Mary and St Cedd) Clergy: Andy Higgs (R).

*The Diocese in Europe (The Church of England)*
The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity:
Please pray for the work of the Charity for Licensed Ministers in the
Diocese of Chelmsford (LMDC), formerly known as the Essex Clergy
Charity Corporation.

PRAY for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Mon 6
Allen Gardiner, Missionary, Founder of the South American Mission
Society, 1851
Chadwell (St Mary the Virgin) (Emmanuel) Clergy: Vacancy (R).
The Diocese of Ebju (The Anglican Church of Kenya)

Tue 7
Corringham (St Mary the Virgin) and Fobbing (St Michael)
Clergy: David Rollins (R), Wendy Mott (A), John Noddings (A).
East and West Tilbury (St Catherine) and Linford (St Francis)
Clergy: Vacancy (R), Michèle Marshall (PIC).
The Diocese of Enugu (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

Wed 8
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), David Peterson (TV), Carol
Cockcroft (A), Suzanne Fryer (A), Cathy Hasler (A). Reader: Cheryl Ramballi.
The Diocese of Enugu North (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

Thu 9
Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880
Grays North (St John the Evangelist)
The Diocese of Esan (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

Fri 10
Orsett (St Giles and All Saints) with Bulphan (St Mary the Virgin)
and Horndon-on-the-Hill (St Peter & St Paul)
Clergy: Sue Mann (PIC), Max Blake (AC).
Orsett School: Mrs Smith (HT).
Bulphan School: Sally Finch (Head of School).
Horndon-on-the-Hill School: Mrs D. Bradley (HT).
The Diocese of Etche (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

Aug 26
Southend (All Saints)
Clergy: Neil Paxton (V), Phyllis Owen (AC).
Westcliff (St Alban) and Southend (St Mark)
Clergy: Neil Dailey (V), Cherry Sandover (AC). Reader: Margaret Henning.
The Diocese of Egypt (The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria)

Fri 27
Monica, Mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387
South Shoebury (St Andrew w St Peter) Clergy: Louise Williams (R),
The Missionary Diocese of Eho-Amfu
(The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

Sat 28
Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430
The American Christian leader Tony Campolo suggests that our language
about God has become seriously misleading. Every Sunday we sing
“God of power and might” when neither of those words is actually
found in the original text.
Again and again we call God “almighty” when in the whole of the Bible
“almighty” is only ever used as a title for God in a small number of poems
in the Book of Revelation. That doesn’t mean we can’t use the word,
but it does mean we should handle it with care.
In the same way the New Testament has two words for “power” – one
meaning “power over”, “power to command”. This is a concept that Jesus
completely rejects. The other word means “capacity to act” which Jesus
uses again and again in his healing and teaching.
We need to place all of this in the context of the words and actions of Jesus
where strength is only revealed in weakness; power only in service; love
only in the vulnerability of the crib and the cross.
The Diocese of Ekiti (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])
The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
Please pray for the Dean and Chapter in their daily work of the administration of the Cathedral.

PRAY for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Mon 30 John Bunyan, Spiritual writer, 1688
Thorpe Bay (St Augustine) Clergy: Jonathan Collis (AD, V).
Westcliff-on-Sea (St Andrew) Clergy: Paul Gambling (PIC).
The Diocese of Ekiti Kwara (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

Tue 31 Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651
Westcliff (St Michael & All Angels)
Clergy: Tom Loh (PIC), Steven Collier (AC), Michael Walker (A).
Southend (St John the Baptist)
Clergy: Tom Loh (PIC), Steven Collier (AC), Michael Walker (A).
The Diocese of Ekiti Oke (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

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The Diocese of Ekiti Oke (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

Wed 1 Giles of Provence, Hermit, c.710
Westcliff-on-Sea (St Saviour) Clergy: Vacancy (V), Judith Wilkinson (AC).
The retired Clergy, Readers, and Lay Ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Southend.
The Diocese of Ekiti West (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

Thu 2 The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942
The Deanery of Thurrock
Area Dean: Darren Barlow. Lay Chair: Frank Woollard.
Assistant Area Dean: Dave Rollins.
The Diocese of Eldoret (The Anglican Church of Kenya)

Fri 3 Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604
Mardyke Team Ministry: Aveley (St Michael) and Purfleet (St Stephen), South Ockendon (St Nicholas) and Belhus Park (All Saints)
Clergy: Tara Frankland (TR), Peter Rabin (TV), Matt Drummond (TV).
The Diocese of Port Elizabeth (The Anglican Church of Southern Africa)

Sat 4 Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon), Apostle of Wessex, 650
CEDD THE INTERPRETER
As the Diocese today celebrates the formal welcoming of our new Bishop, reflect on Cedd, one of our earliest bishops. Cedd was an interpreter. He spoke a range of languages fluently. What made him leave Bradwell and go back to Yorkshire was a major international conference called to make some big decisions about the future shape of the Church.

The conference - known as the Synod of Whitby - was a turning point in the history of the British Church. And Cedd’s role was as the interpreter - enabling people of different cultures, languages and convictions speak and listen to one another.

That sounds like an important word for us today - enabling people of different cultures, languages and convictions speak and listen to one another. It is perhaps the most precious gift Cedd has left us. The Bishop as the one who crosses boundaries of taste and culture; fluent in several languages, a communicator constantly seeking the right register.
The Diocese of Ely (The Church of England)