Praying for each other in Essex & East London
“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)

August

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly - John 10.10
Find out more & donate www.chelmsford.anglican.org/bishops-appeal

Only 26% of women are literate in Marsabit.
The Bishop of Chelmsford’s Appeal is supporting the work of the Anglican Communion’s Five Talents charity in Marsabit Kenya as they run education and savings groups to give women power and influence over their future.
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.

A special textile exhibition is currently running at Chelmsford Cathedral. Project Postcard was created in collaboration with a group of textile artists based on the borders of Essex and East London - The Material Girls and tells the stories of lockdown and the Covid-19 pandemic.

From March until June this year, people were asked to explore their losses during the pandemic and hopes for the future by creating a postcard. The response was overwhelming with postcards coming from as far away as Canada.

Canon Imogen Nay, Chelmsford Cathedral’s Canon for Evangelism and Discipleship, who initiated the project says: “Nobody’s journey through 2020-2021 has been the same; but there have been some common themes: local walks, using zoom for the first time, not seeing family and friends, learning new skills, facing fear, encountering suffering, digging deep for hope and re-thinking life’s priorities.

“Postcards have been sent in from across the Diocese as well as Rugby, Portsmouth and Sussex”

“We have also been delighted to receive some postcards from Canada, from the Articulation Textile Group who have a link with The Material Girls. Nearly 100 of these are now on display, in a free exhibition in the Cathedral”.

Visitors to the exhibition can design their own postcard or write down their thoughts on lockdown and these will be added to the exhibition.

The exhibition is open every day from 10am to 4pm (12 noon to 3pm on Sundays) until 20 August.

For those who can’t visit the exhibition in person, a short virtual exhibition video is available to watch on the Cathedral’s YouTube Channel which includes a selection of the postcards and their moving messages of lament and hope.

www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/projectpostcard
St Clement’s churchyard becomes a haven for wildlife

Volunteers from St Clement’s Church, Leigh, have been busy during lockdown giving the churchyard a wild makeover. The churchyard now has designated areas to allow wildflowers and grasses to flourish, a bug hotel and a lovingly created herb garden. The makeover is attracting lots of different wildlife to the churchyard and is an important part of the church’s commitment to caring for God’s creation. The idea of using part of the churchyard for wildflowers was first conceived many years ago by Michael Stone, who was a devoted worshipper at St Clement’s, an altar server and a member of the PCC.

Fr Clive Hillman, Priest-in-Charge at St Clement’s Church said: “The re-wilding of the churchyard was inspired by Michael’s forward thinking regarding biodiversity and it is a part of our commitment to facing the climate and ecological crisis with positivity. “As God created all life and took upon himself the stuff of the world and entered into creation in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, we know as Catholic Christians that this stuff of creation is to be both understood as a divine gift and to be treated with respect.”

The Right Reverend Dr John Perumbalath recently blessed and dedicated the churchyard as a place for wildlife and nature.

Wed 11
Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoresses (Poor Clares), 1253
John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, 1890

Hadleigh (St James the Less); also Hadleigh (St Barnabas) Clergy: Ruth Cartwright (PIC), Jackie Turner (A).

The Diocese of Dunkwa-on-Offin (The Church of the Province of West Africa)

Thu 12
Leigh-on-Sea (St Aidan) Clergy: Gordon Tarry (V).
Leigh-on-Sea (St Clement) Clergy: Clive Hillman (PIC); Cherry Sandover (AC).

The Diocese of Durgapur (The United Church of North India)

Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667
Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910
Octavia Hill, Social Reformer, 1912

Leigh-on-Sea (St James the Great) Clergy: William Bulloch (V).
Leigh-on-Sea (St Margaret) Clergy: David Wylie (PIC).

The Diocese of Durham (The Church of England)

Fri 13
Maximilian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr, 1941

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 Dutse (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])
A Message to the United Nations from St Luke’s School

This coming November the UK will be hosting the 26th UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow, Scotland. The Government has chosen pupils from St Luke’s C of E Primary School in Canning Town to make a short video ahead of the conference. The school was chosen because of pupils’ outstanding work in caring for the environment.

There is a dedicated pupil eco group that discusses eco issues and helps implement eco-friendly practices at the school. St Luke’s has been awarded 5 Eco-Schools Green Flag awards and has taken part in national campaigns such as Keep Britain Tidy by conducting local litter picks.

The school has also created an eco-area and each class has their own allotment where they learn how to grow fresh fruit and vegetables.

The climate talks will bring together heads of state, climate experts and campaigners to agree coordinated action to tackle climate change.

In the film, children were asked what they thought of climate change and had an assembly style talk in their outdoor classroom followed by a Q&A session.

Headteacher, Matthew Hipperson said: “I’m so proud that pupils from St Luke’s have been chosen to appear in this government film. St Luke’s takes green issues very seriously. “We feel that it’s important our children, who are immersed in a totally urban environment, need to understand, appreciate and hopefully fight for the natural world that will be essential for their future well-being.”

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
The Diocese of Eau Claire (The Episcopal Church)

Wed 18  Thundersley (St Peter, St Michael & All Angels)
Clergy: Andy Hudson (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Jan Kersey.
The Diocese of Central Ecuador (The Episcopal Church)

Thu 19  The Deanery of Southend
Area Dean: Jonathan Collins. 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)
Congratulations to our 2021 Course in Christian Studies graduates

In July we celebrated our Course in Christian Studies (CCS) students who had completed the course with a special service at Chelmsford Cathedral led by the Right Reverend Roger Morris, the Bishop of Colchester.

One of the graduates was Michelle Cottis, pictured above, third from the left, from Church of Our Saviour, East Springfield. Commenting on her experience, Michelle said: “I joined the course in September 2019, little did I know the challenges that were around the corner as we entered lockdown in 2020. But with the help of Zoom, we did not let the pandemic deter us!

“We met each week for two hours during term-time with our course tutors who led us supportively through the course content and assignments.

“Each week provided a great mix of worship, bible study, discussion and prayer to challenge us and expand our knowledge and understanding, discipleship and vocation.

“I have been enriched by the diversity of my fellow CCS students, who came from different walks of life with varied church traditions and experiences. This created lively and thought-provoking discussions each week. I’m now blessed with a wonderful circle of friends, who have travelled on the CCS journey with me.

“The course has enabled me to explore the gifts that God has given me, and as a result, I am now approved as an Authorised Lay Preacher at Church of Our Saviour. I’m excited explore where God will lead me next!”

CCS is a two-year foundation course exploring the Christian faith with other learners, delivered weekly in local centres around our diocese or online. The course starts each September. If you are interested in enrolling for 2021, please email Diane Hardy dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org.

Find out more about CCS at www.chelmsford.anglican.org/ccs.

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);

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Farewell to Bishop Peter

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The Diocese of Egbu (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

Thu 26 Southend (All Saints) Clergy: Neil Paxton (V), Phyllis Owen (AC).

Westcliff (St Alban) and Southend (St Mark) Clergy: Neil Dalley (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), Hannah Robinson (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Andy Clipsham.

The Missionary Diocese of Eha-Amufu (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

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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])

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The Diocese of Ekiti (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])
The beginning of July saw the launch of the Diocesan Mustard Seed Team – joining up all children, youth and families advisory work across our diocese.

The members of the team are:

**Ann Sharp**  
Early Years Adviser

**Dot Salmon**  
Youth Adviser (Colchester Area)

**Emma Anderton**  
Children, Families & Youth Missioner (Barking Area)

**Tara Russell**  
Project Worker for Ministry with Children, young people and Families

Commenting on the launch of the Mustard Seed Team, Dot said:

“The past year has challenged us all to re-imagine ministry, with changes in missional needs and the need to sustain ministry effectively. The forming of the Mustard Seed Team is our creative and hopeful response to this.”

“As a team, we bring together a range of experience and expertise, and in a spirit of collaboration and partnership work we seek to resource parishes, MMU’s, and New Worshipping Communities, across the breadth of our diocese and in the distinctiveness of each of our Episcopal Areas in all areas of ministry with those aged 0-25.

“The Mustard Seed is an image that speaks deeply into this area of ministry because of the potential of growing from small beginnings; many of the ministries we see start from humble beginnings. We trust that God is with the very smallest of groups and can work powerfully through those groups.”

“We hope to be a place where those ministering with children, young people and families can find the things they need, whether that is training or resources or re-assurance and space to think things through.”

Find out more about the team and the support they offer at [www.chelmsford.anglican.org/mustard-seed-team](http://www.chelmsford.anglican.org/mustard-seed-team) and follow their new Facebook page - [www.facebook.com/mustardseedteam](http://www.facebook.com/mustardseedteam).

**Meet the Mustard Seed Team**

- **True** I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.

**August**

**Sun 29**  
*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]*)
The Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani will formally take her seat as The Bishop of Chelmsford in Chelmsford Cathedral at a service on Saturday 4 September at 3.30pm.

The service will mark the beginning of Bishop Guli’s public ministry in our Diocese and will provide an opportunity to officially welcome her as the eleventh Bishop of Chelmsford.

There are a limited number of places available in the Cathedral. These can be booked on a first come first served basis from 2 August on Eventbrite ow.ly/BQXo50FAB0K. The closing date for bookings is 9 August (if all the seats haven’t been booked at this point).

We want to provide an opportunity for people from across the diocese to join the service. Given that ticket numbers are limited, please refrain from booking seats for groups of more than four people.

The service will be live streamed on the Chelmsford Cathedral YouTube channel so that people can watch and join the celebration online.

The Essex Association of Change ringers have organised ringing across Essex and East London shortly before the service in order to mark the special occasion.

*Please note, if there are changes to Covid-19 restrictions before the service, capacity may need to be reduced and tickets cancelled.

Welcoming the new ministry of Bishop Guli as the 11th Bishop of Chelmsford

Bishop Guli’s Pilgrimage across our diocese

During the week prior to Bishop Guli’s seating as Bishop of Chelmsford, she will undertake a pilgrimage across the diocese, visiting each archdeaconry to walk with and meet people from our church communities.

The visits will be hosted by the relevant archdeacons.

Tuesday 31 August
Barking and West Ham Archdeaconries

Wednesday 1 September
Harlow and Stansted Archdeaconries

Thursday 2 September
Colchester and Southend Archdeaconries

Friday 3 September
Chelmsford Archdeaconry

Look out for pictures from the pilgrimage on our social media pages throughout the week.

twitter.com/chelmsdio  facebook.com/chelmsdio  instagram.com/chelmsdio
A prayer for the new school year

Loving God, Let me be strong today as I meet new people in new places. Make me brave when I am worried. Show me how to learn from everyone around me, and help me to do my very best.

Amen
Congratulations to our new priests

Congratulations to our 25 new priests, who were ordained at services across East London and Essex.

Churches livestreamed their Priest Ordinations to enable people to watch and join the services online.

Our new priests are pictured above at their ordination retreat at the Diocesan Retreat House, Pleshey with the Bishops of Barking, Bradwell and Colchester, retreat leader Revd Alison Christian and our Diocesan Director of Ordinands the Revd Tim Goodbody.

Priests are called to be shepherds and servants among the people to whom they are sent, the pattern of their calling being the ministry of Jesus.

As collaboration in ministry grows, the priest’s role is changing. Priests are ministers of Word and Sacrament and are encouragers of others’ gifts, people of vision and team leaders.

If you feel that God is calling you to a role in the Church, there are many different opportunities. A good first step is to talk to your local clergy.

You can find out more about Ministry in the Church of England visit www.chelmsford.anglican.org/vocations

Find out more about this year’s Petertide Ordinations and watch recordings of the services at chelmsford.anglican.org/new-priests-2021.

Sun 5 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.

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 Embu (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) Clergy: Clive Russell (V). Licensed Lay Minister: Marilyn Going.

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).

Hornendon-on-the-Hill School: Mrs D. Bradley (HT).

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

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

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)

Holy Cross Day

Stifford (St Mary and St Cedd) Clergy: Andy Higgs (R).

The Diocese in Europe (The Church of England)

The Queen appoints Revd Canon Dr Chigor Chike as chaplain

The Revd Canon Dr Chigor Chike has been appointed as a Chaplain to Her Majesty The Queen. A Chaplain to The Queen is a member of the clergy who, after distinguished service, is appointed to an honorary role in service of the monarch.

Chigor will become a member of the College of Royal Chaplains which forms part of Her Majesty The Queen’s Ecclesiastical Household. He will join a rota of 48 chaplains from across England, Wales and Scotland who are available to Her Majesty at any time and will preach once a year at a royal residence.

Chigor takes on the role alongside his role as Vicar of Emmanuel Church in Forest Gate and as the Chair of the Chelmsford Diocese Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns.

Commenting on his appointment Chigor, said: “This is really an honour and recognition for the ministry team and congregation of Emmanuel Church Forest Gate who serve God with joy in an area with great social need. My hope is that something of that ministry experience would come into wider use through this role.”

Chigor began his role on 1 June 2021 and will serve for 10 years.

Prior to Chigor’s appointment, the most recent chaplain to Her Majesty The Queen in the Diocese of Chelmsford was the Revd Canon Anne Easter who served from 2007 -2017.

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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)

Holy Cross Day

Stifford (St Mary and St Cedd) Clergy: Andy Higgs (R).

The Diocese in Europe (The Church of England)
New resources for parishes

**Leading your Church into growth: Autumn Courses**

Our clergy and lay leaders are invited to take part in an excellent opportunity to find help and encouragement in leading your church into growth.

In the Autumn, we will be hosting Zoom courses with Leading your Church into Growth who have been serving church communities across the country for 25 years with a vision to encourage and equip them to grow both numerically and spiritually.

Booking is open for the Barking Area course which takes place between 1-3 October, ow.ly/HuHI50FBhhk.

The Bradwell Area course will run between 5-7 November and booking is now open at ow.ly/1QrY50FBllo.

The Colchester Area course will take place on the weekend of 28 - 30 January 2022 and there will be a taster session on Wednesday 10 November at 8pm. Booking details to follow.

A taster session for the Barking Area course took place in July. A video of the session can be watched on the Chelmsford Diocese YouTube Channel. leadingyourchurchintogrowth.org.uk.

**Net Zero guidance for churches**

We’ve recently published new resources to support parishes and worshiping communities seeking to make care for the environment part of their mission.

The Fifth Mark of Mission is a comprehensive guide to making your church more environmentally friendly and working towards net zero carbon emissions.

Eight steps to an environmentally friendly church is a leaflet summarising steps that churches can take to improve their care for the environment.

The materials are available on the diocesan website environment pages chelmsford.anglican.org/environment.

**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]]*

**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.  
*The Diocese of Exeter [The Church of England]*

**Fri 17**  
*Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179*  
The Deanery of Rochford  
Area Dean: Nick Rowan. Lay Chair: Lynda Edmunds.  
*The Diocese of Ezo [The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan]*

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

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]*
The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity:
Peacemaking Sunday (Tuesday is the UN International Day of Peace):

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace:
let the design of thy great love lighten upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows:
and give peace to thy Church, peace among nations, peace in our dwellings, and peace in our hearts:
through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. (Church of England website)

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in the Religious Society of Friends.

PRAY for the Church of the Province of Uganda

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: Ernie Guest (PIC), Gary Edwards (A).
Canewdon CE Primary School: Sam Willis (Exec. HT).

The Parish of the Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Hawkwell (St Mary and Emmanuel)
Clergy: Nick Rowan (PIC), Stephen Finch (A).
The Diocese of False Bay (The Anglican Church of Southern Africa)

Ember Day

Hockley (St Peter & St Paul) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).
The Diocese of Fianarantsoa (The Church of the Province of the India Ocean)

Thu 23 Rawreth (St Nicholas)
Clergy: Richard Jordan (PIC), Brenda Wallace (AC).
Rawreth School: Sam Willis (Exec. HT).
The Diocese of Florida (The Episcopal Church)

The Pearl Cluster churches

In June the Right Reverend Dr John Perumbalath, the Bishop of Bradwell and the Venerable Mike Lodge, the Archdeacon of Southend, were welcomed by parishes in the Rochford Deanery for the commissioning of a new Mission and Ministry Unit (MMU) – the Pearl Cluster Churches.

The ministry team write about their journey and explain how working together will help them better serve their local communities: “Our commissioning was full of joy highlighting a real sense of working together as the body of Christ.

“The Pearl Cluster of Churches MMU covers a large geographical area, encompassing 7 Churches and 13 worshipping congregations. It comprises of St Andrews Ashingdon, All Saints South Fambridge, St Nicholas Canewdon, St Peters Paglesham, St Andrews Rochford, St Nicholas Great Wakering and All Saints Barling Magna.

“We chose the name “Pearl Cluster of Churches” because each parish location has a historic connection with oyster fishing and of course remembering that our faith in Jesus and the kingdom of God are a pearl of great price. The main driving ambition and purpose is “Mission”.

“We strongly believed that this MMU should not be just another level of governance; but the primary purpose of this MMU will be to call, recognise, equip and release God’s people in mission so as to build God’s Kingdom.

“This understanding confirms in us that God has already poured into his church the necessary gifts not simply for sustainability but for growth, both numerically and spiritually.

“We are thankful for the people of God in these parishes as we seek together to be lively worshipping communities serving all where we are placed and drawing people to God through our words and actions.

“We continue to pray for God’s guidance and blessings as we minister together.

“With our prayers and blessings Revd Ernie Guest, Revd Kim Lepley, Revd Sharon Guest & Revd Gary Edwards.”
Each harvest I like to take a moment to savour some freshly harvested grain. I hold it in cupped hands, take it towards my face and slowly inhale. In a moment of power and wonder, the fragrance of harvest hits me afresh each year. It’s a moment of sensory overload calling for the deepest thanks to God and farmer. It also feels like a moment of eucharistic precursor. The same cupped hands often hold a more complex version of the grain that’s blessed, shared and consumed in remembrance of Christ. This eucharistic connection sustains our Christian faith.

My harvest ritual speaks of sustenance too: the sustaining grain, grown by the farmers of our diocese to feed our people.

Increasingly, we are invited to examine what sustains us on personal, community and global levels. Farmers are on the front-line of this. The way they farm their land to produce the food that sustains our lives, impacts on the sustainability of the fragile ecosystem of creation.

This year’s harvest festivals provide the opportunity for us to support our farmers in their work, their reflections and their decision-making. All are welcome to the Essex County Harvest Festival in Chelmsford Cathedral on Sunday 26 September at 3.30pm. The theme for our 2021 Harvest Service is ‘Farming for our Future’. Please pray for the farmers of our diocese as they farm the land to sustain us and all creation, now and in the future.
“The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.”

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

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

Follow our daily prayers on Twitter @chelmsdio #chelmsdio_cop and on our website www.chelmsford.anglican.org/wepray.

The contribution of Mrs Jenny Robinson to compiling the prayers in WEPRAY is gratefully acknowledged.

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