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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; 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.



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Chelmsford Diocese Prayer Diary

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October

"A praying church is a living organism, powered by the love of God, and directed by his will." (Susan Sayers)

Fri 1 **Calendar of Saints: Remegius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks, 533**
Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer, 1885

Pray for: COLCHESTER EPISCOPAL AREA

Roger Morris, Area Bishop; Ruth Patten, Archdeacon of Colchester; Robin King, Archdeacon of Stansted. Chaplains: Sarah Batts-Neale, Essex University; Matthew Ling, Linda Peall and Hilary Platts, East Suffolk & North Essex NHS Foundation Trust; Terry Walker, St Helena Hospice.

Pray for: The Diocese of Freetown (The Church of the Province of West Africa)

Sat 2 **A reflection from the Dean of Chelmsford, Nicholas Henshall:** Over the last 18 months we haven't been living through a war. But there is the same sense of depletion and exhaustion that comes in the wake of extended trauma. That's a theme I find recurring in almost every encounter and conversation at the moment.

And whilst history may not define us, we still have to deal with the legacy of our experience. I'm struck that in the space of a few weeks several people have told me that even though they were fully back at work, they can only manage a maximum of 80%. Realistically the impact of the pandemic is going to be with us for some years to come - long enough to make a permanent adjustment.

Pray for: The Diocese of Gahini (Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda)

Sun 3 **THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Animal Welfare Sunday: Pray for all charities involved in the care and protection of our animals, and for veterinary surgeons and all those who work for the welfare of animals.

Pray for: The Church in Wales

Mon 4 **Calendar of Saints: Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226**

Pray for: The Deanery of Witham

Area Dean: Simon Garwood. Lay Chair: Mike Robinson.

West Mersea (St Peter and St Paul) w East Mersea (St Edmund), Peldon (St Mary Vn), Great & Little Wigborough St Stephen & St Nicholas
Clergy: Jude Bevan (PIC), Terry Walker (A). LLM: Anne Owen.

Pray for: The Diocese of Gambella (The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria)

Sat 27 **A reflection from the Dean of Chelmsford, Nicholas Henshall:** In some sense the core role of the Christian minister is to pay attention. It is written into the word "episcopos", splendidly translated in Bauer's great New Testament Lexicon as "the act of watching over with special reference to being present".

So a bishop's job is to be present and to pay attention big time – to God, to themselves, to those in their immediate care, and to the wider networks and contexts which the church seeks to serve. That sounds more like a contemplative vocation.

Pray for: The Diocese of Ideato (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

Sun 28 **THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

"Keep us, O Lord, while we tarry on this earth, in a serious seeking after thee, and in an affectionate walking with thee, every day of our lives; that when thou comest, we may be found not hiding our talent, nor serving the flesh, nor yet asleep with our lamp unfurnished, but waiting and longing for our Lord, our glorious King, for ever and ever." Richard Baxter (1615-91)

Pray for: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Mon 29 **DAY OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE CHURCH**

Pray for: Wormingford (St Andrew) and Mount Bures (St John) w Little Horkesley (St Peter and St Paul) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Hannah Cooper (AC), Ray Gibbs (AC), Hazel Greenland (AC), Sarah Hayward (Pioneer Minister), Paul Mann (AC).

Pray for: The Diocese of Idoani (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

Tue 30 **Calendar of Saints: ANDREW THE APOSTLE**

Pray for: Shrub End (All Saints w St Cedd) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

Wivenhoe (St Mary) Clergy: Erwin Lammens (AAD, R), Sara Batts-Neale (AC), Elisabeth Ring (A). Reader: Glyn Stanway.

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

Pray for: The Diocese of Ife (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

November

Tue 23 **Calendar of Saints: Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100**

Pray for: Colchester (St Peter and St Botolph) Clergy: Mark Wallace (PIC).
Reader: Duncan Breckels.
Fordham (All Saints) w Eight Ash Green (All Saints) Clergy: Francis Blight (R).
Fordham All Saints School: Julie Ingram (Exec. HT).
Holy Trinity School Eight Ash Green and Aldham: Ceri Daniels (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Ibadan South (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])*

Wed 24 **Pray for:** Stanway (St Albright w St Andrew's Church Centre) Clergy: Tony Bushell (PIC), Wendy Pagden (Pioneer Minister), Christopher Willis (A), LLM: Clement Arde-Acquah, Penny Bonham, Morag Bushell.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Ibba (The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)*

Thu 25 **Calendar of Saints: Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th Century Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer, 1748**

Pray for: West Bergholt (St Mary the Virgin) and Great Horkesley (All Saints,
St John) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Hannah Cooper (AC), Ray Gibbs (AC),
Hazel Greenland (AC), Sarah Hayward (Pioneer Minister),
Paul Mann (AC), Anne Mason (A). Reader: Sandra Baker.
Heathlands School, West Bergholt: Joseph Fielder (HT).

The Bishop William Ward School, Great Horkesley: Toby Bull (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Idah (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])*

Fri 26 **Pray for:** Lexden (St Leonard) Clergy: Matthew Simpkins (PIC), Viv Mendham (A), Jacque Messinger (A), Maggie Whiteman (A). Myland (St Michael) Clergy: Ray Gibbs (PIC), Hannah Cooper (AC), Hazel Greenland (AC), Paul Mann (AC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Idaho (The Episcopal Church)*

October

Tue 5 **Pray for:** Fingringhoe (St Andrew) w East Donyland [or Rowhedge] (St Lawrence), Abberton (St Andrew) w Langenhoe (St Mary) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC). Fingringhoe School: Ceri Daniels (Interim HT). Rowhedge St Lawrence School: Kerry Malcolm (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Gambia (The Church of the Province of West Africa)*

Wed 6 **Calendar of Saints: William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536**

Pray for: Great Totham (St Peter) w Little Totham (All Saints) and Goldhanger
(St Peter) Clergy: Tracey Caswell (PIC), Sarah Clare (AC), Susan Godsmark (AC).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Garissa (The Anglican Church of Kenya)*

Thu 7 **Pray for:** Hatfield Peverel (St Andrew) w Ulting (All Saints) Clergy: Stephen Northfield (V), Derek Clark-Mayers (AC). Reader: Charles Cope. St Andrew's Junior School: Rebecca Black (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Gasabo (Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda)*

Fri 8 **Pray for:** Kelvedon (St Mary the Virgin) and Feering (All Saints) Clergy: Simon Garwood (AD, PIC).

Kelvedon St Mary's Primary Academy: Michael Walsh (HT).
Feering School: Bridgette Gough (Executive HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Gboko (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])*

Sat 9 **Calendar of Saints: Denys, Bishop of Paris, and his Companions, Martyrs, c.250 Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, Philosopher, Scientist, 1253**

A reflection from the Dean of Chelmsford, Nicholas Henshall: Maybe history can actually come to our help here. It's difficult to untangle the impact of the flu pandemic a hundred years ago from the legacy of the First World War. But a bit further back, think of what happened after the catastrophe of the Black Death. Yes, certainly a massive restructuring of society and serious disruption to the economy. But here in England there also came the re-discovery of silence. Not simply therapeutic silence for well-being but the deep, deep silence where we begin to wrestle with ourselves and with God. A silence where - in the words of one of the great 14th century writers responding to the Black Death - we "swink and sweat to know ourselves". A journey into silence that is the core work of the heart. That is the place out of which the new future, the map of the new country, the permanent adjustment is going to emerge.

Pray for: *The Diocese of George (The Anglican Church of Southern Africa)*

October

Sun 10 THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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 our hospice chaplains.

Pray for: The Church of the Province of West Africa

Mon 11 Calendar of Saints: Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675

James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th century

Pray for: North Blackwater Parishes: Tollesbury (St Mary Vn), Salcott Virley (St Mary Vn), Tolleshunt D'Arcy (St Nicholas), and Tolleshunt Major (St Nicholas)
Clergy: Tracey Caswell (PIC), Sarah Clare (AC), Sue Godsmark (AC).
Readers: Isabel Adcock, Tim Whitfield.

Tolleshunt D'Arcy St Nicholas School: Louise Eastbrook (HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of Georgia (The Episcopal Church)

Tue 12 Calendar of Saints: Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709

Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845

Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915

Wickham Bishops (St Bartholomew) w Little Braxted (St Nicolas)
Clergy: Hilary Le Sève (PIC), Derek Clark-Mayers (AC).

Pray for: The Diocese of Gippsland (The Anglican Church of Australia)

Wed 13 Calendar of Saints: Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066

Pray for: Thurstable and Wintree Team Ministry: Tolleshunt Knights (All Saints) w Tiptree (St Luke), Great Braxted (All Saints), Layer-de-la-Haye (St John the Baptist), Layer Breton (St Mary the Virgin) w Birch (St Peter), Layer Marney (St Mary the Virgin), Copford (St Michael), Easthorpe (St Mary), Messing (All Saints) and Inworth (All Saints)
Clergy: Anne-Marie Renshaw (TR), Vacancy (TV). Reader: Harold Toms.

Tiptree St Luke's School: Martin Moriarty (HT).

Layer de la Haye School: Donna Gaffney (HT).

Birch School: Kate Moore (HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of Gitega (The Anglican Church of Burundi)

November

Sat 20 Calendar of Saints: Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870

Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a Restorer of the Religious Life in the Church of England, 1876

A reflection from the Dean of Chelmsford, Nicholas Henshall:

What if the Church is not an organisation but a relational culture? A relational culture still needs structures and accountability. It may even need strategic plans and mission statements, but only as long as it recognises that these don't really mean very much.

Such documents are more like statements of intent, demonstrations that we have done some decent thinking, like showing your working in a maths exam. The key characteristic of a relational culture is that people pay real attention to one another. Relational cultures demand nurture and formation.

They are very complex and it is easy to see why we have largely chosen to replace them with managerial structures.

Pray for: The Diocese of Ibadan (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

Sun 21 CHRIST THE KING (SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT)

O loving Lord, be near us at this time of worship. Open our ears to hear your voice; our eyes to behold your glory; our hearts to receive your grace; our lips to show forth your praise; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our King and Saviour.

Pray for: The Church of Bangladesh

Mon 22 Calendar of Saints: Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c.230

Colchester (St Luke) Clergy: Hannah Cooper (PIC), Ray Gibbs (AC), Hazel Greenland (AC), Sarah Hayward (Pioneer Minister), Paul Mann (AC), Lisselle Clarke-Moisley (A), Anne Mason (A), Chris Smith (A).
LLM: Diana Benge-Abbott, Hugh Thomas.

Pray for: The Diocese of Ibadan North (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

November

- Mon 15** **Pray for:** Langham (St Mary the Virgin) w Boxted (St Peter)
Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Sarah Hayward (Pioneer Minister),
Hannah Cooper (AC), Ray Gibbs (AC), Hazel Greenland (AC),
Paul Mann (AC), Anne Mason (A). Reader: Denise Hobday.
Boxted St Peter's School: Ellie Jaggs (HT).
Pray for: The Diocese of Honduras (The Episcopal Church)
- Tue 16** **Calendar of Saints: Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer, 1093**
Edmund Rich of Abingdon, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1240
Pray for: Colchester (St James and St Paul) Clergy: James McCluskey (R).
St James School: Belinda Fellowes (HT).
Pray for: The Diocese of Hong Kong Island (Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui)
- Wed 17** **Calendar of Saints: Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200**
Pray for: Colchester (St John the Evangelist)
Clergy: Andy Sachs (PIC), Vivien Whitfield (AC).
Colchester St John's School: Craig Twin (HT).
Pray for: The Diocese of Hpa-an (The Church of the Province of Myanmar)
- Thu 18** **Calendar of Saints: Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231**
Pray for: Colchester (Christ Church) w (St Mary at the Walls)
Clergy: Paul Norrington (AD, R). LLM: Sara Humphreys, Clive Joyce.
Pray for: The Diocese of Huron (The Anglican Church of Canada)
- Fri 19** **Calendar of Saints: Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680**
Mechtild, Béguine of Magdeburg, Mystic, 1280
Pray for: Colchester New Town and the Hythe (St Stephen,
St Leonard, St Mary Magdalene) Clergy: Lorraine Badger-Watts (R),
Sara Batts-Neale (AC). Reader: Andrew King.
Kendall School: Clare French (HT).
Pray for: The Diocese of Hyderabad (The [United] Church of Pakistan)

October

- Thu 14** **Pray for:** Witham and Villages Team Ministry: Witham (St Nicolas),
Rivenhall (St Mary & All Saints) and Silver End (St Francis), Fairstead
(St Mary & St Peter), Terling (All Saints), White Notley (St Etheldreda), and
Faulkbourne (St Germanus) Clergy: Jonathan Pritchard (TR), Vacancy (TV),
Susan Malam (AC), Christine Newmarch (AC), Will Abbott (A).
Witham Howbridge Junior School (Academy): Lisa Dale (HT).
Rivenhall School: Rebecca More (HT).
Terling School: Sarah Meares (HT).
White Notley School: Ruth Baugh (HT).
Pray for: The Diocese of Glasgow & Galloway (The Scottish Episcopal Church)
- Fri 15** **Calendar of Saints: Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith, 1582**
The retired Clergy, Readers and Lay Ministers who live and work
in the Deanery of Witham.
Pray for: The Diocese of Gloucester (The Church of England)
- Sat 16** **Calendar of Saints: Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London, and Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester, Reformation Martyrs, 1555**
A reflection from the Dean of Chelmsford, Nicholas Henshall: Faithful
improvisation is a metaphor that has been used both in ethics and liturgy
to suggest how we might move forward - rooted in the deposit of faith, the
"tradition" if you like. But tradition not as a static body of ideas or teachings
but as something limber that never stops unfolding; tradition as dynamic,
constantly providing the resources to move forward. Tradition like the rock
climber moving forward with three points of contact and one hand or foot
searching for the next step.
*Pray for: The Diocese of Gogrial (The Province of the Episcopal Church of
South Sudan)*
- Sun 17** **THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
One World Week begins: The Theme for 2021 is "Act Now for Our Children's
World". Pray that a time will come when all the peoples of the world may be
enabled to live together in peace, harmony and love.
Pray for: The Church in the Province of the West Indies
- Mon 18** **Calendar of Saints: LUKE THE EVANGELIST**
Pray for: The Deanery of Hinckford Area Dean: Liz Paxton. Lay Chair: Brian
Vidler. Assistant Area Dean: Katie de Bourcier.
Pray for: The Diocese of Goma (Province de L'Eglise Anglicane du Congo)

October

Tue 19 **Calendar of Saints: Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary in India and Persia, 1812**

Pray for: North Hinkford Team Ministry: Alphamstone (St Barnabas), Belchamp Otten (St Ethelbert & All Saints), Belchamp St Paul (St Andrew), Belchamp Walter (St Mary), Bulmer (St Andrew), Foxearth (St Peter & St Paul), Great & Little Henny (St Mary), Lamarsh (Holy Innocents), Liston and Borley, Middleton (All Saints), Ovington (St Mary), Pentlow (St Gregory & St George), Twinstead (St John Evangelist) and Wickham St Paul (All Saints)
Clergy: Vacancy (TR), Gillian Morgan (TV).

Bulmer St Andrew's School: Jinnie Nichols (HT).

Belchamp St Paul's School: Danielle O'Connell (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Gombe (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])*

Wed 20 **Pray for:** The United Benefice of Great Tey (St Barnabas) w Little Tey (St James the Less), Wakes Colne (All Saints) & Chappel (St Barnabas)
Clergy: Vacancy (R).

Great Tey School: Lucy Overton (HT).

Chappel School: Julie Ingram (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Grafton (The Anglican Church of Australia)*

Thu 21 **Pray for:** Halstead Area Team Ministry: Colne Engaine (St Andrew), Earls Colne (St Andrew), Gosfield (St Catherine), Greenstead Green (St James), Halstead (St Andrew w Holy Trinity), White Colne (St Andrew), Gestingthorpe (St Mary Vn), Great Maplestead (St Giles), Little Maplestead (St John the Baptist), Pebmarsh (St John the Baptist) Clergy: Katie de Bourcier (PIC), Mark Payne (TV), Beverley Vincent (TV), Rose Braisby (AC), Jo Parrott (A), Sharon Quilter (A).
Reader: Nicholas Ellis.

Colne Engaine School: Julie Sarti (HT).

Halstead St Andrew's School: Bridgette Gough (HT).

Great Maplestead St Giles School: Jinnie Nichols (EHT).

Pebmarsh St John's School: Susie Price (HT).

Halstead Holy Trinity School: Hayley Todd (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Grahamstown (The Anglican Church of Southern Africa)*

November

Thu 11 **Calendar of Saints: Martin, Bishop of Tours, c.397**

Pray for: Greenstead w Colchester St Anne TM: Colchester (St Anne), Colchester (St Andrew), Colchester (St Matthew)

Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Philip Howlett (AC), Susannah Howlett (Pioneer TV), Sara Batts-Neale (AC) LLM: Terry Gray.

Colchester Parsons Heath School: Claire Newson (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Eastern Himalayas (The [United] Church of North India)*

Fri 12 **Pray for:** Colchester (St Barnabas Old Heath) Clergy: Richard Tilbrook (V).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Ho (The Church of the Province of West Africa)*

Sat 13 **Calendar of Saints: Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836**

A reflection from the Dean of Chelmsford, Nicholas Henshall:

This gap between rhetoric and reality in the life of the Christian community issues to us a startling invitation to let go of our significance, our self-importance.

This long period of being laid aside as a church, this time of exile, has offered us an extraordinary opportunity to own up, to face ourselves as we really are, and to learn to minister in a genuine way out of our weakness and our vulnerability.

Covid-19 has invited us to confront our obsession with our own significance; our rhetoric about leadership (a word completely absent from the New Testament); and our obsession with success.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Hokkaido (The Nippon Sei Ko Kai)*

Sun 14 **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT)**

Ever-living God, We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer from the Church of England.

Pray for: *The Anglican Church of Australia*

November

Sat 6 **Calendar of Saints: Leonard, Hermit, 6th Century**
William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1944

A reflection from the Dean of Chelmsford, Nicholas Henshall:

It's very unlikely that we are going to learn, develop and grow if we only pay attention to the voices we agree with. As the Bible itself suggests, we are invited to pay attention to all the voices, including the ones that make us uncomfortable. The biblical model of contested conversation can be challenging but ultimately teaches us to live not in the absolute authority of our own views but out of a place of assurance that whatever happens, the future is secured through what God has already done for us in the salvation of the whole created order.

Pray for: The Diocese of Saint Helena (The Anglican Church of Southern Africa)

Sun 7 **THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

Pray for all those men and women who work in the emergency services providing 24 hour care and protection, both in front line and behind the scenes. Pray, too, for their chaplains.

Pray for: The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Mon 8 **Calendar of Saints: The Saints and Martyrs of England**

Pray for: The Deanery of Colchester

Area Dean: Paul Norrington. Lay Chair: Roger Ennals.
Assistant Area Dean: Erwin Lammens.

Pray for: The Diocese of Hereford (The Church of England)

Tue 9 **Calendar of Saints: Margery Kempe, Mystic, c.1440**

Pray for: Marks Tey (St Andrew) and Aldham (St Margaret & St Catherine)
Clergy: Ian Scott-Thompson (PIC).

Marks Tey St Andrew's School: Sam Wilding (HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of Southern Highlands (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)

Wed 10 **Calendar of Saints: Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461**
Berechurch (St Margaret w St Michael) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

Pray for: The Diocese of Highveld (The Anglican Church of Southern Africa)

October

Fri 22 **Pray for:** Two Rivers Benefice: Ridgewell (St Laurence), Ashen (St Augustine of Canterbury), Birdbrook (St Augustine of Canterbury), Sturmer (St Mary), Steeple Bumpstead (St Mary the Virgin) and Helions Bumpstead (St Andrew)
Clergy: Jonathan Lowe (V), Sue Cruse (AC), Theresa Lowe (A).
Ridgewell School: Kirsty Stuart (HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of Guadalcanal (The Anglican Church of Melanesia)

Sat 23 **A reflection from the Dean of Chelmsford, Nicholas Henshall:** The composer, Gustav Mahler, had a great line on the word "tradition". He suggested that tradition is "not the veneration of the ashes but the tending of the living flame".

That sounds familiar from a New Testament perspective where every scribe trained for the kingdom brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old (13.52). Whether or not that is Matthew expressing his understanding of his own role and mission as an evangelist, it certainly informs ours.

Pray for: The Diocese of Guatemala (Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America)

Sun 24 **THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY (BIBLE SUNDAY)**

Lord, help us to grow in faith, hope and love as we spend time with you and your Word this coming week. Help us also to support others as they grow in their faith.

Pray for: The Extra-Provincial Churches

Mon 25 **Calendar of Saints: Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs at Rome, c.287**

Pray for: The Hedinghams and Upper Colne: Great Yeldham (St Andrew), Little Yeldham (St John the Baptist), Stambourne (St Peter & St Thomas), Tilbury-juxta-Clare (St Margaret), Toppesfield (St Margaret), Sible Hedingham (St Peter) and Castle Hedingham (St Nicholas) Clergy: Liz Paxton (AD, R), Michael Bursell (AC), Justin Tomkins (AC). LLM: Dave Brown, Garry Paxton.

Great Yeldham St Andrew's School: Emma Fliin (HT).

Toppesfield St Margaret's School: Stephanie Newland (HT).

St Peter's School, Sible Hedingham: Nick Hancock (HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of Guildford (The Church of England)

October

Tue 26 **Calendar of Saints: Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899 Cedd, Abbot of Lastingham, Bishop of the East Saxons, 664**

Pray for: The retired Clergy, Readers and Lay Ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Hinckford.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Guinea (The Church of the Province of West Africa)*

Wed 27 **Pray for: The Deanery of Braintree**

Area Dean: Rod Reid. Lay Chair: John Turton

Pray for: *The Diocese of Gujarat (The[United] Church of North India)*

Thu 28 **Calendar of Saints: SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES**

Pray for: Black Notley (St Peter and St Paul), The Church in Great Notley, and Rayne (All Saints) Clergy: Rachel Prior (R), Roman Kukiewicz (A).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Central Gulf Coast (The Episcopal Church)*

Fri 29 **Calendar of Saints: James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, Martyr in Uganda, 1885**

Pray for: Bocking (St Mary the Virgin) and Panfield (St Mary and St Christopher) Clergy: Rod Reid (R), Catherine Towner (A). Bocking (St Peter) Clergy: Tim Barnes (PIC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Gusau (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])*

Sat 30 **A reflection from the Dean of Chelmsford, Nicholas Henshall:**

Jesus loves and welcomes the “other” (and those “othered” by Jesus’ own community): a Jewish tax collector; a pagan centurion and his boy; a Canaanite woman; and so on. Instead of judging them, he holds them up to others as examples for us to imitate.

The exception here of course is when it comes to the religious elite. Most extraordinarily, Jesus others himself in extreme ways in order to stand with the other.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Guyana (The Church in the Province of the West Indies)*

Sun 31 **FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT (OR ALL SAINTS' DAY)**

Pray for the ministry of all those who work with young people, remembering especially the Diocesan Area Youth Advisers and St Mark's College and all who work there.

Pray for: *The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria*

November

Mon 1 **ALL SAINTS' DAY**

Pray for: Braintree (St Michael) Clergy: Nigel Adams (PIC). LLM: John Turton. Reader: Roger Cooke.

Braintree St Michael's School: Andrew Cumpstey (HT).

Braintree (St Paul) Clergy: Vacancy.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Gwagwalada (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])*

Tue 2 **COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)**

Pray for: Coggeshall (St Peter ad Vincula) w Marks Hall (St Nicholas' Chapel) Clergy: Heike Prentice (V), Katharine King (AC). LLM: Brian Meads.

Coggeshall St Peter's School: Alison Cole (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Haiti (The Episcopal Church)*

Wed 3 **Calendar of Saints: Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the Faith, 1600**

Martin of Porres, Friar, 1639

Pray for: Finchingfield (St John the Baptist) w Cornish Hall End (St John the Evangelist) and Wethersfield (St Mary Magdalen) w Shalford (St Andrew) Clergy: Alex Shannon (PIC). Reader: Sarah Pilgrim.

Wethersfield School: Caroline Shingleton (HT).

Finchingfield School: Melissa Raymond (Head of School).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Hanuato'o (The Anglican Church of Melanesia)*

Thu 4 **Pray for:** Cressing (All Saints) w Stisted (All Saints) and Bradwell-juxta-Coggeshall (Holy Trinity) and Pattiswick (St Mary the Virgin) Clergy: Heike Prentice (PIC), Katherine King (AC). LLM: Brian Meads.

Stisted Primary Academy: Martin Hawrylak (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Harare (The Church in the Province of Central Africa)*

Fri 5

Pray for: Braintree (St Paul) Clergy: Richard Chand (PIC). Reader: Susan Riches. The retired Clergy, Readers and Lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Braintree.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Hawaii (The Episcopal Church)*