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



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# April

## Thu 1 MAUNDY THURSDAY

West Ham (St Matthew) Clergy: Christiana Asinugo (V), David Richards (AC), Sandra Eldridge (A).

*The Diocese of Bath and Wells (The Church of England)*

## Fri 2 GOOD FRIDAY

Stratford (St John w Christ Church) Clergy: David Richards (V), Christiana Asinugo (AC), Robert Otule (A), Daniel Scott (A).  
Readers: Iris Bryzak, Carol Richards.

*The Diocese of Bathurst (The Anglican Church of Australia)*

## Sat 3 EASTER EVE/HOLY SATURDAY

You can't tell a story before you've got a pretty clear idea of how it ends. That's why J K Rowling sketched out the final pages of the last Harry Potter book before she started work on the very first book - and that was after she had already spent five years planning the whole series.

And to use an ancient example, the great epic poem the Odyssey is mostly told in flashback by the main character. Both the Old Testament and the New Testament are essentially written backwards - the Old seeking from the perspective of the Exile; the New in response to the impact of the resurrection.

The Covid-19 pandemic is not over, and indeed its impact will be with us for some years to come. But we are entering a time when we can begin to make sense of the last year and work together on what that means for the future. On this Easter Eve, as we are waiting for the dawn.

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

## Sun 4 EASTER DAY

**"The great gift of Easter is hope – Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake."** Basil C. Hume

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

## Fri 28 Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar, 1089

South Weald (St Peter) Clergy: Jane Bradbury (PIC).

St Peter's School: Iain Gunn (HT).

Warley (Christ Church) and Great Warley (St Mary) Clergy: Stuart Hull (PIC), Adrian McConaughie (AC).

*The Diocese of Cameroon (The Church of the Province of West Africa)*

## Sat 29

In John 6:12, at the end of the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000 (the only miracle found in all four Gospels), Jesus says "gather the fragments". He is not saying "look, there are only a few pieces left!" In fact, he is demonstrating God's abundance. 5,000 hungry people have eaten as much as they wanted in a desert place on just five barley loaves and two fish. And yet there are twelve baskets full of fragments left over. There is a lot else going on in John's text, but at the heart of it - just like the abundance of wine at the wedding at Cana - it is an extraordinary promise. The God whose love is without limit and whose mercy is made visible in the Lord who comes to share our humanity and show that it is glorious, is the God who gathers up the scattered fragments of our experience and invites us to do the same as we seek to sing a new song in a strange land.

*The Diocese of El Camino Real (The Episcopal Church)*

## Sun 30 TRINITY SUNDAY

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful, eternal, and mighty, by your grace you have shown us who you are, One in Three, and Three in One. We glorify you as Trinity, even as we worship you in your Unity.**

**Open our hearts to receive your word to us, that not only in our worship but in our lives we may serve and reflect your Triune Love all our days. Amen. (Adapted from John Wesley)**

*PRAY for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico*

## Mon 31 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 Diocese of Canberra & Goulburn (The Anglican Church of Australia)*

*Please refer to the Notes and Abbreviations on the back cover.*

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

East and West Horndon (St Francis) w Little Warley (St Peter) and Childerditch (All Saints & St Faith)

Clergy: Vacancy (R). Margaretting (St Margaret) w Mountnessing (St Giles) and Buttsbury (St Mary) Clergy: Patrick Sherring (PIC).

Margaretting School: Maire O'Regan (HT).

Mountnessing School: Holly Obank (HT).

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

**Tue 25 The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735 Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709**

Ingrave (St Nicholas) Clergy: Paul Hamilton (R).

Ingrave (St Stephen) Clergy: Paul Hamilton (R).

Ingrave Johnstone School: James Rogers (HT).

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

**Wed 26 Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605**

**John Calvin, Reformer, 1564**

**Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guide, 1595**

Hutton (All Saints and St Peter) Clergy: Andy Smith (AD, PIC), Tony Baxter (AC). Licensed Lay Minister: Tino To.

All Saints School: Jeanette Manookian (HT).

*The Diocese of California (The Episcopal Church)*

**Thu 27 Ingatestone (St Edmund and St Mary) w Fryerning (St Mary Virgin)**

Clergy: Patrick Sherring (R), (Sally Croft (A).

Licensed Lay Minister: Tim Lee.

Ingatestone & Fryerning Junior School: Neil Taggart (HT).

Shenfield (St Mary the Virgin) Clergy: Christopher Mann (R).

St Mary's School: Sally Taggart (HT).

*The Diocese of Northern California (The Episcopal Church)*

**Mon 5 MONDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

Stratford (St Paul) and (St James) Clergy: Ivo Anderson (V), Saffron Ryan (AC).

St James' Junior School: Fiona Hall & Rose Boland-Bourne (Co-HT).

*The Diocese of Belize (The Church in the Province of the West Indies)*

**Tue 6 TUESDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

Victoria Docks (The Ascension) Clergy: Dave Chesney (V).

Victoria Docks (St Luke) Clergy: Vacancy (V), Amy Stott (A). Reader: Carole Davison.

St Luke's School: Matt Hipperson (HT).

*The Diocese of Bendigo (The Anglican Church of Australia)*

**Wed 7 WEDNESDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

West Ham (All Saints) Clergy: Vacancy (V), Al Gordon (AC), Simon Nicholls (AC), Dave Wade (AC).

West Ham Church Primary School: Nicola James (HT).

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

**Thu 8 THURSDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

Beckton (St Mark) Clergy: Peter Ngugi (PIC).

Canning Town (St Matthias) Clergy: Benedict Atkins (PIC).

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

**Fri 9 FRIDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

Plaistow (St Martin) Clergy: Jeanette Meadway (V), Marco Filipe Lopes (A).

Plaistow (St Philip, St James, St Mary) Clergy: David Hoyte (V), 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 Diocese of Bermuda (Extra Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)*

**Sat 10 SATURDAY OF EASTER WEEK**

Biblical law is not so much about restriction as abundance. Abundance lies at the heart of Jesus' ministry and of God's promise to us.

This is not in spite of the pandemic, for our God is not a fair-weather God but a faithful God - faithful as the people of Israel found, even when they had lost everything; faithful again and again in our own experience and history; faithful when we are faithless; faithful even when we feel God is distant and difficult; God of the dark night and God of the glorious summer dawn.

Biblical law is not a dry as dust rule book or the austere edicts of an angry God, but a description of what love looks like and how we live that out in our communities.

*The Diocese of Bethlehem (The Episcopal Church)*

**Sun 11 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Pray that there will be unity and concord in the Anglican Communion throughout the world.**

*PRAY for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean*

**Mon 12 The Deanery of Redbridge**

Area Dean: Martyn Hawkes. Lay Chair: Philip Carnelley.  
Assistant Area Deans: Janet Buchan and Gareth Jones.  
Chaplains: Barts Healthcare NHS Trust - Santou Beurklian Carter (Whipps Cross University Hospital), Christopher Oladuji (Newham University Hospital). Barking, Havering & Redbridge Hospital NHS Trust: Philip Wright. East London NHS Foundation Trust: Stephen Chandler.

*The Diocese of Bhopal (The [United] Church of North India)*

**Tue 13**

Aldborough Hatch (St Peter) Clergy: Kate Lovesey (PIC).  
Licensed Lay Minister: Vanessa Cole.

Aldersbrook (St Gabriel) Clergy: Martyn Hawkes (AD, V),  
Mark Kenny (AC), Christopher Smaling (AC).

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

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

Brentwood (St Thomas) Clergy: Mark North (V), Matthew Austen (A).  
Licensed Lay Minister: 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 McConaughie (CHP).

Doddinghurst All Saints Clergy: Ann Coleman (PIC), John Biddulph (A).

Doddinghurst Junior School: Russell Davies (HT).

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

**Sat 22**

The word "individual" is never used in English of a person until about 400 years ago, and the concept of the individual is unknown in the biblical languages, Hebrew and Greek. By contrast the aggressive individualism of our culture has eroded deeply our understanding of what it means to be corporate body.

It is worth remembering that in the Bible God's covenant with Noah encompasses the whole created order, and God's purpose in becoming one of us in Jesus is to save the cosmos (the word normally translated "world" in John 3:17). We are all in it together.

**Sun 23**

*The Diocese of Calcutta (The [United] Church of North India)*

**PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY)**

**Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people, and grant us: a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service; that your love may grow among us, and your kingdom come: through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Today is Anglican Communion Sunday. Pray for all members of the Anglican Communion around the world.*

*PRAY for The Anglican Church of Melanesia*

**Sun 16 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Sunday after Ascension Day)**  
 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 Korea*

**Mon 17** Walthamstow (St Peter-in-the-Forest) Clergy: Vacancy (V), Alex Summers (AC). Licensed Lay Minister: Bernard Eaton  
 Walthamstow (St Saviour) Clergy: Salvador Telen (V).

St Saviour's CE School: Iram Malik (HT).

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

*The Diocese of Butare (Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda)*

**Tue 18 The Bradwell Episcopal Area:**

Area Bishop: John Perumbalath. Archdeacon of Chelmsford: Elizabeth Snowden; Archdeacon of Southend: Mike Lodge. Area Advisers: Mission and Stewardship Adviser: Mike Power; CMD Adviser: Andy Griffiths; SSM Adviser – Southend Archdeaconry: Phyllis Owen; Women's Adviser: Marion Walford; Liturgical Adviser: Barry Johnson.

*The Diocese of Butere (The Anglican Church of Kenya)*

**Wed 19 Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Monastic Reformer, 988  
 The Deanery of Brentwood**

Area Dean: Andy Smith. Lay Chair: Paul Betts.

Chaplain: Adrian McConnaughie, Brentwood School.

*The Diocese of Buye (The Anglican Church of Burundi)*

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

Bentley Common (St Paul) w Kelvedon Hatch (St Nicholas) and Navestock (St Thomas) Clergy: Julie Hardy (PIC), John Biddulph (A).

Licensed Lay Minister: Geoff Aanonson.

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

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

*The Diocese of Byumba (Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda)*

**Wed 14** Barkingside (Holy Trinity) Clergy: Stuart Batten (PIC), Rosemary Potten (AC), Andew Appiah (A).

Barkingside (St Cedd) Clergy: Paul Harcourt (PIC).

Licensed Lay Worker: Alison Wilson.

*The Diocese of Biharamulo (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)*

**Thu 15** Barkingside (St Francis) Clergy: Stuart Batten (PIC), Michael Bradley (AC).

*The Diocese of Birmingham (The Church of England)*

**Fri 16 Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess, 1923**

Barkingside (St George) Clergy: Benjamin Wallis (V)

Barkingside (St Laurence) Clergy: Chris Burrows (PIC).

*The Diocese of Blackburn (The Church of England)*

**Sat 17** Gratitude is a key theme in the Bible and Christian tradition. Meister Eckhart, a German philosopher and theologian back in the 14th century, wrote "if the only prayer we say is 'thanks', that will be enough".

And again and again and again Psalm 136 sings "Our God is good, give thanks! God's love is for ever!" What we do in response to God is to "give thanks". It stands at the heart of Jesus' actions at the last supper as he "give thanks" over bread and wine, using exactly the same word that a modern Greek uses to say, "thank you!" in a restaurant.

Gratitude points us outwards towards others. It has the capacity to spring the trap of the self. Like love, gratitude always reaches out and enables others to enable others to flourish.

*The Diocese of Bo (The Church of the Province of West Africa)*

**Sun 18 THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Pray for those who today still risk all to proclaim their faith in an often hostile world. Remember Arab Christians and our Asian sisters and brothers as they struggle to maintain their freedom to worship.

*PRAY for the Church of Ireland*

**Mon 19 Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012**

Goodmayes (All Saints) Clergy: Ade Eleyae (V).

Goodmayes (St Paul) Clergy: Janet Buchan (V).

*The Diocese of Boga (Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo)*

**Tue 20** Great Ilford (St Margaret of Antioch, St Clement) Clergy: Stephen Pugh (V).

Great Ilford (St Alban) Clergy: Stuart Halstead (V).

*The Diocese of Bolivia (The Anglican Church of South America)*

**Wed 21 Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1109**

Great Ilford (St Andrew) Clergy: Marie Segal (V), Hayley Morris (AC).

Great Ilford (St John the Evangelist, Seven Kings) Clergy: Kate Lovesey (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Keziah Jimoh.

*The Diocese of Bondo (The Anglican Church of Kenya)*

**Thu 22** Great Ilford (St Luke) Clergy: John Brown (V).

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

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

**Fri 23 GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND, c.304**

Hainault (St Paul) Clergy: Ken Ashton (V), Sarah Clarke-Moisley (A)  
Licensed Lay Minister: Ellen Hunt.

*The Diocese of Botswana (The Church of the Province of Central Africa)*

**Tue 11 Rogation Day**

Leyton (Christ Church) Clergy: Mark Burkill (V), Philip Brentford (AC).

Leyton (Emmanuel) Clergy: Ade Ademola (V), Eileen Rose (A).

Leyton (St Catherine and St Paul) Clergy: William Donoghue (V).

*The Diocese of Bungoma (The Anglican Church of Kenya)*

**Wed 12 Rogation Day**

**Gregory Dix, Priest, Monk, Scholar, 1952**

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).

*The Diocese of Bunyoro-Kitara (The Church of the Province of Uganda)*

**Thu 13 ASCENSION DAY**

Walthamstow (St Mary, St Gabriel, St Luke, St Stephen) Clergy: Vanessa Conant (TR), Vacancy (TV), Jill Mowbray (AC), Adam Childs (A), David Edmondson (A). Readers: Robert Duddridge, Helen Miller.

St Mary's CE Primary School: Jennifer Matthews (HT).

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

Walthamstow (St Barnabas w St James the Greater) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

*The Diocese of Busan (The Anglican Church of Korea)*

**Fri 14 MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE**

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

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

*The Diocese of Bugosa (The Church of the Province of Uganda)*

**Sat 15**

Everything has the capacity to become sacramental, not just bread, wine, oil and water. Everything has the capacity to speak of God's blessing and become an avenue of God's grace. The purpose of our regular corporate sacramental practice in church is precisely to remind us of that truth and to invite us to pay attention to God's presence and action in God's world. And especially after a year when we have been largely unable to meet as a corporate body to share in the formal sacraments, we are invited to see the whole universe as sacramental.

*The Diocese of Central Bugosa (The Church of the Province of Uganda)*

**Thu 6** Chingford (St Anne) Clergy: Jude Bullock (V), Mick Scotchmer (AC).  
Chingford (St Edmund) Clergy: Lesley Goldsmith (V), James Gilder (A).  
*The Diocese of Bujumbura (The Anglican Church of Burundi)*

**Fri 7** Harrow Green (Holy Trinity, St Augustine of Hippo)  
Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Polly Kersys-Hull (A).  
Highams Park (All Saints) Clergy: Malcolm Porter (V).  
Licensed Lay Minister: Mick Holloway.  
*The Diocese of Bukava (Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo)*

**Sat 8 Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417**  
"Be still and know that I am God" is a very familiar translation of a verse in Psalm 46. But the invitation to "be still" in fact comes in the Psalm not as a simple invitation to peace and tranquillity but in the context of warfare and seismic upheaval; nations and empires in a state of collapse. Into this context of despair, the poet proclaims the sovereignty of God - the Lord of cosmic power. In a similar way, Jesus stills the storm using incredibly vivid language: "Silence! Be muzzled!" (Mark 4:39). God invites us to see reality in a whole new way. The peace that God gives is not an escape from reality; from the storms and seismic upheaval of life; from the challenges of the pandemic. God speaks peace into our most demanding experiences and invites us to discover God's presence and God's peace right there.  
*The Diocese of Bukedi (The Church of the Province of Uganda)*

**Sun 9 THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**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 Kenya*

**Mon 10 Rogation Day**  
Leyton (St Mary w St Edward & St Luke) Clergy: Alexander Gordon (PIC), Mark Nelson (A), Jesutosin Oladipo (A).  
Leyton (All Saints) Clergy: Vacancy (V).  
*The Diocese of Bunbury (The Anglican Church of Australia)*

**Sat 24 Mellitus, Bishop of London, first Bishop at St Paul's, 624  
Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 2003**  
Christians have a clear biblical responsibility to grapple with the big issues of the environment. These are primary theological and spiritual issues which concern how we act as responsible stewards of the earth that God has placed under our care; how we address the huge issues of poverty and inequality that prevent so many millions sharing in the abundance of life that Jesus promises.

This is profoundly important and part of the mandate that the Gospel lays on us. The great 19th century novelist, Leo Tolstoy, used to say that everyone dreams of changing the world when they should start by changing themselves. That echoes strongly down the Judaeo-Christian tradition. What changes do we need to make in our personal lives and in our life together this new year?

The debris that has resulted from our lack of personal and corporate responsibility is staring us in the face and God is inviting us to notice.  
*The Diocese of Brandon (The Anglican Church of Canada)*

**Sun 25 THE FOURTH 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 Nippon Sei Ko Kai*

**Mon 26 MARK THE EVANGELIST (transferred from 25 April)**  
South Woodford (Holy Trinity, Hermon Hill) Clergy: Abi Todd (PIC).  
Reader: Leslie Crossland.  
*The Diocese of Brasilia (Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil)*

**Tue 27 Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894**  
Wanstead (St Mary w Christ Church) Clergy: Vacancy (R), Christopher Taylor (AC), Richard Wyber (AC), Tom Britt (A), Olive Thursby (A).  
Wanstead Church School: Natalie Denchfield (HT).  
*The Diocese of Brazzaville (Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo)*

# May

**Wed 28 Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr, 1841**

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

*The Diocese of Brechin (The Scottish Episcopal Church)*

**Thu 29 Catherine of Sienna, Teacher of the Faith, 1380**

Woodford (St Mary w St Philip and St James)

Clergy: Elizabeth Lowson (R), Alex Summers (A). Reader: Mark Lewis.

*The Diocese of Brisbane (The Anglican Church of Australia)*

**Fri 30 Pandit Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures, 1922**

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

Licensed Lay Minister: Mac Leonard.

*The Diocese of Bristol (The Church of England)*

**PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES**

**Sat 1**

Paul puts this most simply in the phrase “for freedom Christ has set us free” says Paul at Galatians 5:1. And at 1 Thessalonians 5:5 he uses the striking metaphor children of light, children of the day”. Christians have sometimes referred to baptism itself as “illumination”. That captures Easter well – an opening up to God that enables us to recognise the gift we have already been given and opening up our desire to live our lives in response to that gift. We are all imperfect, and we will make many false steps along the way. Nevertheless, Christ HAS set us free. This has already been done for us. To paraphrase Rowan Williams: Adam and Eve are expelled from the Garden in full assurance that the future is already secured. That is the original blessing that we are invited to claim for ourselves.

*The Diocese of British Columbia (The Anglican Church of Canada)*

**Sun 2**

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Pray and give thanks for the work of our Diocesan Representatives on General Synod.

*PRAY for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East*

**Mon 3**

Woodford Wells (All Saints & St Andrew) Clergy: Paul Harcourt (V), David Blackledge (AC), Mark Castleton (AC), Gareth Dicks (AC), Samuel Pollard (AC), Malcolm Porter (AC), David Baker (A), Thomas Jee (A), Urbain Matsalou-Yombe (A), Gary Wilson (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Les Crossland.

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

*The Diocese of Central Buganda (The Church in the Province of Uganda)*

**Tue 4**

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

The Deanery of Waltham Forest Area Dean: David Britton.

Lay Chair: Vevet Deer. Chaplain: Gary Scott (Chigwell School).

*The Diocese of West Buganda (The Church in the Province of Uganda)*

**Wed 5**

Chingford (St Peter and St Paul, All Saints) Clergy: Justin Lewis-Anthony (R), Hilary Musker (AC), Marilyn Claydon (A), Katherine Ward (A).

Chingford CE Primary School: Lindsey Lampard (HT).

*The Diocese of Buhinga (The Anglican Church of Burundi)*