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



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December

“Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at his disposition, and listening to His voice in the depths of our hearts”.
Mother Teresa

Tue 1 **Charles de Foucauld, Hermit, 1916**

The Deanery of Dunmow & Stansted

Area Dean: Helen Perry. Lay Chair: Belle Beszant. Assistant Area Dean: Helen Slack. Chaplain: Robert Burles (London Stansted Airport).
Pray for the Chaplaincy at London Stansted Airport and all who work there.

The Dioceses of Seoul (Korea) and Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador (Canada)

Wed 2

The South Rodings: Abbess Roding (St Edmund), Beauchamp Roding (St Botolph), White Roding (St Martin), Leaden Roding (St Michael)
Clergy: Robert Stone (PIC), Tim Goodbody (AC).
Felsted (Holy Cross) and Little Dunmow (St Mary the Virgin)
Clergy: Colin Taylor (V). Reader: Joanna Pratt.

Felsted School: Nigel Little (CHP)

The Dioceses of Seychelles (Indian Ocean) and Eastern Oregon (The Episcopal Church)

Thu 3 **Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552**

Broxted w Chickney (St Mary Vn) and Tilty (St Mary Vn) and Great Easton (St John & St Giles) and Little Easton Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Cilla Hawkes (AD, AC), Janet Parker (AC), Susan Hurlley (A).

Great Easton School: Claire Jackman (HT).

Great Bardfield (St Mary Vn) and Little Bardfield (St Katharine)
Clergy: Robert Beaken (PIC).

The Dioceses of Sheffield (England), Eastern Zambia (Central Africa) and Easton (The Episcopal Church)

Sat 30 **Charles, King and Martyr, 1649**

Well-being features prominently in the colour supplements of the weekend newspapers and a range of popular lifestyle programmes. But well-being is not simply another product of a commodified culture such as ours (though much of it is precisely that).

It is in fact a deeply biblical idea. Offerings for well-being even have a whole chapter devoted to them in the Old Testament (Leviticus 3). And in Sirach (Ecclesiasticus – part of the wisdom literature that seeks to apply the Jewish law to daily life) the writer notes that “One who heeds the commandments makes an offering of well-being. (Sirach 35.2).

Caring for our own well-being and the well-being of others is fundamental to the whole Judaeo-Christian tradition, and Jesus develops this Old Testament theme by placing mercy, compassion, and loving kindness at the heart of his teaching.

The Diocese of Algoma (Canada)

Sun 31 **Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas) [The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany]**

Let the flame of your love never be quenched in our hearts, O Lord. Waking or sleeping, living or dying, let us delight in your presence.

Let the flame of your love brighten our souls and illumine our path, and let the majesty of your glory be our joy, our life and our strength now and for ever. Amen (Johann Arndt, 1555-1621)

PRAY for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Mon 25 The Conversion of St Paul

The Theydon Parishes: Theydon Bois (St Mary Vn), Theydon Garnon (All Saints), Stapleford Tawney St Mary the Virgin w Theydon Mount St Michael Clergy: John Fry (V), Carol Newnham (AC).

The Diocese of Akure (Nigeria)

Tue 26 Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul

Waltham Abbey TM: Waltham Abbey (Holy Cross & Ninefields St Lawrence), High Beach (Holy Innocents), Upshire (St Thomas) Clergy: Peter Smith (TR), Jane Yeadon (TV), Jane Begley (AC), Trevor Scott (AC), Joyce Smith, (AC).

High Beech School: Sarah Roffey (HT).

Hillhouse School: Jo Willcox (HT).

The Diocese of Alabama (The Episcopal Church)

Wed 27 Loughton (St Michael & All Angels) Clergy: Lydia Pettit (V);

Mark Pettit (AC), Lorraine Smart (AC), Elizabeth Price (A).

The Diocese of Alaska (The Episcopal Church)

Thu 28 Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274

Blackmore (St Laurence) w Stondon Massey (St Peter and St Paul) Clergy: Sam Brazier-Gibbs (V). Reader: Anthea Gray.

The Dioceses of St Albans (England)

Fri 29 Chipping Ongar (St Martin) w Shelley (St Peter); Greensted juxta Ongar

(St Andrew); Stanford Rivers (St Margaret) Clergy: Noelle Taylor (R), Neil Taylor (AC), Jane Quinton (A). LLM: Shirley Dudeney.

The Diocese of Albany (The Episcopal Church)

Fri 4 John of Damascus, Monk, Teacher of the Faith, c. 749**Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, Founder of the Little Gidding Community, 1637**

Great Dunmow (St Mary Vn) w Barnston (St Andrew) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Elsie Bouffler (A), Lea Williams (A).

St Mary's Primary School: Clare Griffiths (HT).

Great Canfield (St Mary Vn) w High Roding (All Saints) and Aythorpe Roding (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Robert Stone (PIC), Tim Goodbody (AC).

Also: High Easter (St Mary Vn) and Good Easter (St Andrew) w Margaret Roding (St Margaret of Antioch) Clergy: Robert Stone (PIC), Tim Goodbody (AC).

The Dioceses of Shinyanga (Tanzania) and Eau Claire (The Episcopal Church)

Sat 5

The present continues to be like a turbulent boat journey. The boat trip is already taking a lot longer than we bought the ticket for. And it is OK to look back and see where the journey has got us, but we haven't reached the other side yet, so we can't form a coherent narrative.

The Israelites on their forty-year wilderness journey could only tell the story backwards. It is unsurprising that they got bored, rebellious, mutinous, and longed to be back in slavery in Egypt. In the same way we are still in the boat trying to work out how to respond, how to shape a future whose outlines we cannot clearly see.

The turbulence may be exciting, but it is exhausting and constraining too. Turbulence in a boat or plane is deeply unnerving. In our personal lives it can feel profoundly challenging - and I would suggest that this is precisely because turbulence is always a sign that something is changing.

The Dioceses of Gasabo (Rwanda) and Edinburgh (Scotland)

Sun 6 The Second Sunday of Advent

Pray for all who work in radio or television, the work of Premier Radio, and all stations relating to the Diocese.

PRAY for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury), the Rt Revd Carlos Lopez-Lozano – Bishop.

Mon 7 Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397

Stebbing (St Mary Vn) & Lindsell (St Mary Vn) w Great Saling (St James) and Little (Bardfield) Saling (St Peter & St Paul)
Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Ian Elliott (AC), Helen Pelly (AC), Susan Hurley (A).
LLM: Kate Green, Paul Green, Nigel Warren.

Takeley (Holy Trinity) w Little Canfield (All Saints)
Clergy: Rob Burles (PIC). LLM: Hugh Mascetti.

The Dioceses of Shyira (Rwanda) and Edmonton (Canada)

Tue 8 Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Stansted Mountfitchet (St John) w Birchanger (St Mary Vn) & Farnham (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Vacancy (R), Helen Flack (A).

St Mary's School, Stansted: Matthew Curzon (Acting HT).

The Retired clergy, Readers and Lay Ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Dunmow and Stansted.

The Dioceses of Shyogwe (Rwanda), Egba, and Lafia (Nigeria)

Wed 9 Ember Day**The Deanery of Harwich**

Area Dean: Liz Barnes. Lay Chair: John Baker.
Terry Walker (CHP, St Helena Hospice).

The Dioceses of Sialkot (Pakistan) and Egba West (Nigeria)

Thu 10

Dedham (St Mary Virgin) and Arleigh (St Mary the Virgin)
Clergy: Antony Wilson (PIC).

Dedham School: David Larner (HT).

St Mary's School, Arleigh: Donna Parker (HT).

Harwich Peninsula Team Ministry: Dovercourt (All Saints) & Parkeston (St Paul), Harwich

(St Nicholas), Ramsey (St Michael) w Little Oakley (St Mary Vn)
Clergy: Margaret Shaw (TR), Sam Winney (AC), Lisselle Clarke-Moisley (A).
LLM: John Shaw, Sioux Thorpe. Reader: John Wallace.

All Saints School, Dovercourt: Samantha Moseley (HT).

Two Village School, Ramsey/Little Oakley: Natasha Bennett (HT).

The Dioceses of Singapore (South East Asia), Egba (Nigeria) and Egypt (Province of Alexandria)

Thu 21 Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304

Loughton (St John the Baptist, St Nicholas, Trinity Church)
Clergy: Christopher Davies (R), Barbara Read (AC), Sam Maginnis (A), Sam Peters (A).

The Diocese of Akoko (Nigeria)

Fri 22 Vincent of Saragossa, Deacon, Martyr, 304

Loughton (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Malcolm Macdonald (V), Steve Opie (A).
Readers: Pat Laker, Brenda Miller.

The Dioceses of Akoko Edo (Nigeria)

Sat 23

Julian of Norwich is an extraordinary figure from the 14th century who looked at the darkness and destruction of her own culture in the aftermath of the Black Death. Her response was "All shall be well!" not as a vague wish but out of the absolute assurance that God has already saved the world and everything in it.

In her meditations on the person and the work of Christ, she came to see all there is as sustained by love. Julian and her cotemporaries confront the darkness and absurdity and bleakness of our own experience but they do not submit to hopelessness.

Instead, they recognise that absurdity and bleakness much cannot be conquered by rational argument or enlightenment thinking but only by what a much later mystic, Søren Kierkegaard, called the "leap to faith", a place where we come to see love as the only possible way of encountering the world.

The Diocese of Akot (South Sudan)

Sun 24 The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Please pray for the Spiritual Direction Co-ordinating Group and all who minister as Spiritual Directors.

PRAY for Church of Bangladesh

Sun 17 The Second Sunday of Epiphany

In this week of Christian Unity all Christians must remember the words of Jesus: "A new command I give you: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35).

PRAY for The Anglican Church of Australia

Mon 18 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January

Amy Carmichael, Founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, Spiritual Writer, 1951

Buckhurst Hill (St John, St Stephen, St Elisabeth) Clergy: Ian Farley (TR), Tania Payne (A). Reader: Steve Bacon.

St John's School: Jonathan Furness (HT).

The Diocese of Aipo Rongo (Papua New Guinea)

Tue 19 Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095

Vale of Roding Team Ministry: Chigwell (St Mary) Chigwell (St Winifred), Chigwell Row (All Saints), Lambourne (St Mary & All Saints) w Abridge (Holy Trinity) and Stapleford Abbots (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Vacancy (TR), Roger Gayler (TV), Paula Preston (TV). LLM: Sandie Forshaw.

Chigwell School: Gary Scott (CHP).

The Diocese of Ajayi Crowther (Nigeria)

Wed 20 Richard Rolle, Spiritual Writer, 1349

Epping District TM: Epping (St John), Epping Upland (All Saints), Coopersale (St Alban) Clergy: Lee Batson (TR), Olivia Maxfield-Coote (TV), Jessica Bostock (A), Jaimee Summers (A), Tom Warmington (A). LLM: Diana Lowry, Steven Snooks. Reader: Robert Taylor.

St John's Comprehensive School: Mike Yerosimou (HT).

Epping Upland School: Sarah Hurwood (HT).

Coopersale & Theydon Garnon School: Dale Bateman (HT).

The Diocese of Akobo (South Sudan)

Fri 11**Ember Day**

Great Oakley (All Saints) w Wix (St Mary) & Wrabness (All Saints), Tendring (St Edmund), and Beaumont-cum-Moze (St Leonard) Clergy: Liz Barnes (V), Laura Garnham (AC), Kirsty Emerson (A). All Saints School, Great Oakley: Aaron Battersby (HT).

The Dioceses of Sittwe (Myanmar) and Eha – Amufu (Nigeria)

Sat 12**Ember Day**

At the end of the parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus asks "which of these three BECAME a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" Most translations say "was a neighbour..." but the text is deeper than that. The story is not simply about a stranger helping a wounded man. It is about the change that happens to both of them. In our current context, the language of "becoming" deserves some deeper attention. What are we becoming? What do we want to become? What is God inviting us to become? What can help us grow? What can support us on the journey? What is our "Good Samaritan moment" when we are called out of ourselves by someone's else's need and find ourselves changed as a result?

The Dioceses of Ekiti, Ekiti Kwara, Ekiti Oto and Ekiti West (Nigeria)

Sun 13**The Third Sunday of Advent**

Pray for the Church of England Guild of Vergers and give thanks for the work and devotion of the men and women who carry out this important task.

PRAY for The Falkland Islands (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury) The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton, Bishop to the Forces and to the Falkland Islands

Mon 14**John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591**

Lawford (St Mary) w Little Bentley (St Mary Vn) and The Bromleys (St George, St Mary Vn) Clergy: Vacancy (V), Sally Morris (AC).

Lawford School: Abbie Fairburn (HT).

St George's School, Great Bromley: Rebecca Keitch (HT).

Mistley w Manningtree (St Mary and St Michael) w Bradfield (St Lawrence) Clergy: Dominic Turner (R), John Brien (AC), Claire Scargill (AC).

Mistley Norman School: Mark Carter-Tufnell (Executive HT).

The Dioceses of Sodor & Man (England) and El Camino Real (The Episcopal Church)

Tue 15

The Retired Clergy, Readers and Lay Ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Harwich.

The Dioceses of Sokoto (Nigeria) and El Salvador (Central America)

Wed 16 The Deanery of Saffron Walden

Area Dean: (Vacancy). Lay Chair: Graham Cook.

Assistant Area Dean: Margaret Davis.

The Dioceses of South Ankole (Uganda) and Eldoret (Kenya)

Thu 17

O Sapientia

Eglantyne Jebb, Social Reformer, Founder of 'Save the Children', 1928
Icknield Way Villages: Great Chishill (St Swithun), Little Chishill (St Nicholas), Chrishall (Holy Trinity), Elmdon (St Nicholas), Strethall (St Mary Vn), Heydon (Holy Trinity), Duddenhoe End (The Hamlet Church)
Clergy: Anand Sodadasi (R). LLM: Shailla Sodadasi.

Chrishall School: Tracey Bratley (HT).

The Dioceses of South Dakota (The Episcopal Church) and El-Obeid (Sudan)

Fri 18

Saffron Walden and Villages Team Ministry: Saffron Walden, Wendons Ambo (St Mary Vn), Littlebury (Holy Trinity), Ashdon (All Saints), Hadstock (St Botolph), Debden (St Mary Vn), Wimbish w Thunderley (All Saints), Great Chesterford (All Saints) and Little Chesterford (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Vacancy (TR), Caroline Currer (TV), Alex Jeewan (TV), John Saxon (TV), Paula Griffiths (AC), Rachel Prior (A). LLM: Marisa Baltrock, Tracey Nicholls.

St Mary's School, Saffron Walden: Mr Chris Jarman (HT).

Debden School: Matthew Hawley (HT).

Great Chesterford Primary Academy: Sarah Mitchell (HT).

The Dioceses of South Kerala (South India), Ely (England) and our Link Diocese of Embu (Kenya), The Rt Revd David Ileri, Bishop

Sat 19

In the New Testament Mary pays attention in a lifetime of costly, careful and generous attentiveness. It is her key characteristic. Yes, with Gabriel; but also with Elizabeth; and at the wedding at Cana; above all at the Cross, when all the disciples had run away. Mary's ability to pay attention challenges the attention deficit disorder of our culture, the ease with which we are distracted, fail to see, to notice, to "behold" people and contexts. All that distraction easily prevents us from letting the light in, seeing the glory.

The Dioceses of South Rwenzori (Uganda), Enugu, and Enugu North (Nigeria)

Sun 20 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Please pray for the members of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary, and the Company of Servers, and all people who serve Christ at the altar.

PRAY for Mission Agencies and their work throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world.

**Wed 13 Hilary, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 367
Kentigern (Mungo), Missionary bishop, 603
George Fox, Founder of the Society of Friends (Quakers)**

Barking (St Margaret) Clergy: Vacancy (V); Elwon John (AC).

St Margaret's School: Mr A Lemouchi (HT).

George Carey Primary School: Christopher Harrison (HT).

The Diocese of the Horn of Africa (Alexandria)

Thu 14

Barking (St Patrick) Clergy: Christopher Bolster (V).
LLM: Matthew Harding.

Thames View (Christ Church) Clergy: Unesu Chindabata (V).

The retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Barking.

The Diocese of Agra (North India)

Fri 15 The Deanery of Epping Forest and Ongar

Area Dean: Lee Batson. Lay Chair: Martyn Lockwood.

Assistant Area Deans: Malcolm Macdonald, Peter Smith.

The Diocese of Aguata (Nigeria)

Sat 16

How can we use our current borderland as a place of hope rather than anxiety? The great voices of the Christian tradition speak of our own frailty and need as the place where we genuinely begin to open up to God.

The recognition of our human poverty becomes the dynamic admission that so often makes it possible for God to get to work on the rough staff of our humanity.

Out of that place of reality we look to a new future. In the words of Desmond Tutu: Let us not forget the transformative power of hope and imagination – we must dare to invent the future!

The Diocese of Ahoada (Nigeria)

Sat 9 Holy Island in Northumberland is cut off by the tide twice a day. Every Saturday in summer perfectly sensible people drive straight into the sea because they can't believe that something as simple as the tide can stop them getting home for dinner. It is startling image, and an extraordinary metaphor for how we look at life. We all know that changing lanes in heavy traffic slows everyone down.

And yet we still do it. We all know that inequalities in wealth, education and health care have a negative impact on everyone, yet we persist in organising society in a way that perpetuates those inequalities. We know - as Mahatma Gandhi famously noted - that "an eye for an eye makes the whole world blind". The challenge of the birth of Jesus is to look at the world through a different lens.

The Diocese of Adelaide (Australia)

Sun 10 **The Baptism of Christ (1st Sunday of Epiphany)**
 Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son; grant that we who are baptised into his name may give up our lives to your service, and be found worthy of our calling.

PRAY for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Mon 11 **Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa, 1915**

Dagenham (St Peter and St Paul)

Clergy: Joel Edwards (V). Reader: Kathy Playle.

William Ford Junior School: David Huntingford (HT).

Dagenham Park CE School: Chris Ash (HT).

The Dioceses of Afikpo (Nigeria)

Tue 12 **Aelrad of Hexham, Bishop of Rievaulx, 1167**
Benedict Biscop, Abbot of Wearmouth, Scholar, 689

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

Marks Gate (St Mark) Clergy: Alexandra Guest (PIC).

The Diocese of North Africa (Alexandria)

Mon 21 Thaxed (St John and St Laurence); The Sampfords (St Mary Virgin, St Michael) and Radwinter (St Mary Virgin) with Hempstead (St Andrew)
 Clergy: Philip Tarris (R), Susannah Lacon (A).
 LLM: Charles Scott. Reader: Adrian Wright.

Radwinter School: Linda Todd (HT).

The Dioceses of South West Tanganyika (Tanzania) and Esan (Nigeria)

Tue 22 Clavering (St Mary & St Clement) and Langley (St John Evn) w Arkesden (St Mary Vn) and Wicken Bonhunt (St Margaret); Manuden (St Mary Vn) and Berden (St Nicholas). Clergy: Margaret Davies (AAD, V).

Henham (St Mary Vn) and Elsenham (St Mary Vn) w Ugley (St Peter).

Clergy: Gary Townsend (V), Gary Tubbs (AC).

Elsenham School: Linda Reid (HT).

The Dioceses of Etche and Etsako (Nigeria)

Wed 23 Newport (St Mary Vn) w Widdington (St Mary Vn), Quendon (St Simon & St Jude) w Rickling (All Saints) Clergy: Neil McLeod (V). LLM: Andrea Harrison.
 Rickling School: Hannah Wheatcroft (HT).

The Retired Clergy, Readers and Lay Ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Saffron Walden.

The Dioceses of Evo (Nigeria) and Exeter (England)

Thu 24 **Christmas Eve**
The Deanery of St Osyth

Area Dean: Laurie Bond. Lay Chair: Wendy King

Ten Penny Villages: Alresford (St Andrew) and Frating w Thorrington (St Mary), Elmstead (St Anne and St Laurence). Clergy: Andrew Fordyce (R), Pauline Hart (AC). Reader: John Harper.

Brightlingsea (All Saints w St James). Clergy: Caroline Beckett (V).
 LLM: Catherine Graham.

Clacton (St James). Clergy: Justin Hutcherson (V), Louise Oliver (A).

Clacton (St Paul). Clergy: David Lower (PIC).

The Dioceses of Ezo (South Sudan, Faisalabad (Pakistan) and the Parish of Falkland Islands)

Fri 25 Christmas Day - Nativity of our Lord

“And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
(John 1:14)

PRAY for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of Bethlehem.

Sat 26 Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr

Some words from Psalm 142: “You know the road I walk and the traps hidden from me. See what they are doing!” God is the Lord of the journey and is always walking ahead of us as the kingdom of God unfolds. So what is God asking us to see, to notice?

What provisional conclusions are we to drawing in a constantly changing reality? What are each of us being challenged to see, to do, to change; and also on the level of our life together as Christian communities.

Maybe what God is really asking us to see has very little to do with our internal life as a churches and everything to do with our mission in the world.

The Dioceses of Fianarantsoa (Indian Ocean), Florida (The Episcopal Church) and False Bay (Southern Africa)

Sun 27 The First Sunday of Christmas (or St John, Apostle and Evangelist)

Pray for the staff of the Cathedral, the events to be held there and for all those who will visit during 2021. Give thanks, too, for all who generously give of their time as volunteers.

PRAY for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement: His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome; His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch; The Revd Prof. Dr Ioan Sauca, Interim General Secretary of the World Council of Churches; Bishop Ivan Abrahams, General Secretary, World Methodist Council; and The Revd Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

Mon 4 Barking Episcopal Area

Peter Hill, Area Bishop; Archdeacons Elwin Cockett (West Ham), Vanessa Herrick (Harlow) and Chris Burke (Barking); and all the members of the Barking Area Team.

The Diocese of Abakaliki (Nigeria)

Tue 5 The Deanery of Barking and Dagenham

Area Dean: Martin Court. Lay Chair: Andrew Weston.

Assistant Area Deans: Unesu Chindabata and Christine Harding.
Chaplain: Tania Payne (North East London Foundation NHS Trust).

The Diocese of Aberdeen & Orkney (Scottish Episcopal Church)

Wed 6 The Epiphany

Barking (St Erkenwald) Clergy: Young Lee (PIC).

Becontree South TM (St Alban, St Martin, St John the Divine)
Clergy: Faye Bailey (TR), Raymond Descombes (AC).

Becontree St Cedd Clergy: Vacancy (V), Ruth Dowley (AC).

The Diocese of Abuja (Nigeria)

Thu 7

Becontree (St Elisabeth) Clergy: Vacancy (V), Martin Court (AD, AC).

Becontree (St Thomas) Clergy: Gemma Stock (V). LLM: Pennie Ley.

The Diocese of Abyei (South Sudan)

Fri 8

Becontree (St Mary, Hartley Brook Church) Clergy: Kathryn Miller (V), Tim Broadbent (A). Reader: Cliff McLeod.

Chadwell Heath (St Chad)

Clergy: Martin Court (AD, V); Christine Harding (AC), Chika Nduku (A).

The Diocese of Accra (West Africa)

Fri 1 **The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**
 Please pray for our Bishops: Peter Hill, John Perumbalath and Roger Morris; for the Assistant Bishops and PEVs – Norman Banks and Rod Thomas; and for their families.

The Diocese of Aba (Nigeria)

Sat 2 **Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishops, Teachers of the Faith, 379 and 389**
Seraphim, Monk of Sarov, Spiritual Guide, 1833
Vedanayagam Samuel Azariah, Bishop in Southern India, Evangelist, 1945

A few months ago, Rishi Sunak used some very interesting words when talking about the economy. Speaking of the impact of coronavirus, he said – in exactly the way an Old Testament prophet might – “our plans need to adapt and evolve in response”, and looking forward to our future prospects he said “our economy is now likely to undergo a more permanent adjustment”.

The Old Testament prophets and the great voices of the New Testament are always inviting us to observe the signs of the times, to observe what God is asking us to notice. To recognise that on every step of the way “our plans need to adapt and evolve in response”.

In more theological language, “to find out what God is doing and join in” – recognising that our mission as a church is “now likely to undergo a more permanent adjustment”.

The Diocese of Aba Ngwa North (Nigeria)

Sun 3 **The Second Sunday of Christmas**
 Pray for the Proctors and Laity of our Diocese who are members of the General Synod, that they may be filled with the wisdom and love of the Holy Spirit.

PRAY for the Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria

Mon 28 **The Holy Innocents**
 Frinton (St Mary Magdalene) Clergy: Don Smith (R), Laurie Bond (AC).
 LLM: Malcolm Bryden, Maggie Wilson.

Great Clacton (St John the Baptist) Clergy: Mark Mulryne (V).
 Reader: Sheila Neale.

Great Clacton C of E Junior School: Mrs K Jones (HT).

The Dioceses of Fond du Lac and Fort Worth (The Episcopal Church)

Tue 29 **St John, Apostle and Evangelist**
 Holland-on-Sea (St Bartholomew) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), David Lower (AC), Susan Wiggins (AC).

Kirby-Le-Soken (St Michael), Great Holland (All Saints) Clergy: Mark Holdaway (R)

The Dioceses of Fredericton (Canada) and Freetown [Sierra Leone] (West Africa)

Wed 30 St Osyth (St Peter & St Paul) w Great Bentley (St Mary Vn)
 Sharon Miles (V). Reader: Wendy King.
 Thorpe-le-Soken (St Michael) Clergy: Vacancy (V).
 Thorpe-le-Soken Rolph School: Ms C Bickersteth (Acting HT).
The Dioceses of Gahini (Rwanda) and Gambia (West Africa)

Thu 31 **John Wyclif, Reformer, 1384**
 Walton-le-Soken (All Saints) Clergy: Peter Edwards (R).
 Weeley (St Andrew) w Little Clacton (St James) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).
 St Andrew’s School: Diane Fawcett (HT).

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

The Dioceses of Gasabo (Rwanda) and Gboko (Nigeria)

Generous God Generous Disciples

During Advent we look forward to the coming of Christ, God's gift to the world. And during Advent this year, we will reflect on our own giving in response to God's generosity.



On Advent Sunday (29 November), Bishop Peter was joined by other contributors from across the diocese as we launched Generous God, Generous Disciples - the Diocese of Chelmsford's Stewardship initiative - with a special service broadcast on the diocesan website.

Generous God, Generous Disciples will run from Advent until Easter and we will use the time to reflect and equip ourselves as a diocesan family to put giving at the heart of our Christian discipleship for the future.

Unlike previous stewardship campaigns Generous God Generous Disciples will continue beyond this initial four month period.

Throughout 2021 and beyond, we will continue to support stewardship in our

parishes, particularly through the work of our Mission and Stewardship Advisors.

Throughout the 12 Days of Christmas, look out for our Generous God Generous Disciples social media posts.

Each day we will share a story about generosity in our diocesan family during 2020; generosity in response to God's generosity to us; generosity of time, talents and money; and generosity that has made a real difference to people's lives in this most difficult of years.

More information and parish resources, including a flyer and practical advice and guidance for parishes to enable and encourage giving, visit our Generous God Generous Disciples webpage. The Advent service is available to watch again on the diocesan website.

At the heart of this initiative are 3 key themes:

Understanding giving as part of our discipleship

We'll be organising online services and webinars, sharing reflections and producing resources to help us consider giving as part of our Christian discipleship. Giving in response to God's gift of love to us.

What does it mean to the Church of England in East London & Essex?

We give as part of our Christian discipleship. We give to the Church, to charities, to people and organisations. We give our money, our time and our talents. We will celebrate the difference our giving makes across our diocese and beyond and we will reflect on how we can better build a sense of family and encourage mutual support?

Resourcing parishes to enable and encourage giving

We'll provide resources to help parishes encourage and enable giving, communicate, pray and reflect. We will help equip parishes with practical stewardship tools such as the Parish Giving Scheme and contactless giving. Resources can be found on our website.

www.chelmsford.anglican.org/generous-disciples