

Mon 30

Charles, King and Martyr, 1649
Blackmore (St Laurence) w Stondon Massey (St Peter and St Paul)
Clergy: Sam Brazier-Gibbs (V).
Reader: Anthea Gray
The Diocese of Limerick & Killaloe (Dublin, Ireland)

Tue 31

John Bosco, Priest, Founder of the Salesian Teaching Order, 1888
Chipping Ongar (St Martin) w Shelley (St Peter)
Clergy: Noelle Taylor (PIC), Sam Brazier-Gibbs (OPM)
The Diocese of Lincoln (Canterbury, England)

NOTES:

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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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Diocese of Chelmsford

Cycle of Prayer

for daily use in

December 2016 and January 2017



Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10

Thu 1

Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916
Today is World Aids Day

The Deanery of Dunmow & Stansted

Area Dean: Cilla Hawkes. Lay Chair: Belle Beszant
Chaplain: Robert Burles (London Stansted Airport). Reader: Joanna Pratt
Pray for the Chaplaincy at London Stansted Airport and all who work there.

The Diocese of Karamoja (Uganda)

Fri 2

The South Rodings: Abbess Roding (St Edmund), Beauchamp Roding (St Botolph), White Roding (St Martin), Leaden Roding (St Michael)
Clergy: Clive Duxbury (PIC)

Felsted (Holy Cross) and Little Dunmow (St Mary the Virgin)
Clergy: Colin Taylor (V). Readers: Joanna Pratt, Robert Stone
Felsted School: Nigel Little (CHP)

The Diocese of Karimnagar (South India)

Sat 3

Francis Xavier, Missionary, Apostle of the Indies, 1552
International Day of Persons with Disabilities

Francis Xavier, commemorated today, was an amazing missionary and evangelist in the 16th century. He understood that if Christians were going to preach the Gospel in India and Japan, then they had to wear the clothes of those cultures and speak their languages, both literally and metaphorically. Today, of course, especially as we hear John the Baptist's preaching in Advent, that is a real challenge to us – how to we, in a post-Christendom culture, preach the Gospel here.

The Diocese of Karnataka Central (South India)

Sun 4

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pray for all who work with people who have disabilities; for Denis Huntley, Chaplain amongst Deaf and Deafblind People and Adviser on Disability Issues, and his team.

PRAY for the Diocese of Karnataka North (South India)

Mon 5	<p>Broxton w Chickney (St Mary Vn) and Tilty (St Mary Vn) and Great Easton (St John & St Giles) and Little Easton Clergy: Tim Goodbody (PIC) Great Easton School: Claire Jackman (HT)</p> <p>Great Bardfield (St Mary Vn) and Little Bardfield (St Katharine) Clergy: Robert Beaken (PIC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Karnataka South (South India)</i></p>
Tue 6	<p>Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c.326 Great Dunmow (St Mary Vn) w Barnston (St Andrew) Clergy: Ruth Patten (PIC), Lea Williams (A). Reader: Nigel Warren St Mary's Primary School: Clare Griffiths (HT)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Dioceses of Kasia (Congo) and Katanga (Congo)</i></p>
Wed 7	<p>Ember Day Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, Teacher of the Faith, 397 Great Canfield (St Mary Vn) w High Roding (All Saints) and Aythorpe Roding (St Mary Vn): ALSO High Easter (St Mary Vn) and Good Easter (St Andrew) w Margaret Roding (St Margaret of Antioch) Clergy: Dub Gannon (PIC).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Katakwa (Kenya)</i></p>
Thu 8	<p>THE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Stebbing (St Mary Vn) & Lindsell (St Mary Vn) w Great Saling (St James) and Little (Bardfield) Saling (St Peter & St Paul) Clergy: Tim Goodbody (PIC), Cilla Hawkes (AD, AC), Helen Pelly (AC), Susan Hurley (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Paul Green. Takeley (Holy Trinity) w Little Canfield (All Saints) Clergy: Rob Burles (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Hugh Mascetti</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Dioceses of Katsina (Kaduna, Nigeria) and Kebbi (Kaduna, Nigeria)</i></p>
Fri 9	<p>Ember Day Stansted Mountfitchet (St John) w Birchanger (St Mary Vn) & Farnham (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Paul Wilkin (R) St Mary's School, Stansted: Christine Tonkins (HT)</p> <p>The Retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Dunmow and Stansted.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Keewatin (Rupert's Land, Canada)</i></p>

Mon 23	<p>Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, Teacher of the Faith, 1622 Loughton (St John the Baptist, St Nicholas, Trinity Church) Clergy: Christopher Davies (R); Richard Fisher (AC) Barbara Read (A)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Lango (Uganda)</i></p>
Tue 24	<p>THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL Loughton (St Mary Vn). Clergy: Malcolm Macdonald (V); Sam Pollard (AC), Lydia Petitt (A). Readers: Pat Laker, Brenda Miller.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Langtang (Jos, Nigeria)</i></p>
Wed 25	<p>Timothy and Titus, Companions of Paul Theydon Bois (St Mary Vn) w Theydon Garnon (All Saints) Clergy: John Fry (V).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Dioceses of Lebombo and Lesotho (Southern Africa)</i></p>
Thu 26	<p>WORLD LEPROSY DAY Waltham Holy Cross TM: Waltham Abbey (Holy Cross & St Lawrence), High Beach (Holy Innocents), Upshire (St Thomas) & Ninefields (St Lawrence). Clergy: Peter Smith (TR); Kelvin Woolmer (TV); Trevor Scott (AC), Joyce Smith, AD (AC). Licensed Lay Minister: Jane Begley High Beach School: Sarah Roffey (HT) Hillhouse School: Jo Willcox (HT)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Leicester (Canterbury, England)</i></p>
Fri 27	<p>Holocaust Memorial Day Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1274 Loughton (St Michael & All Angels) Clergy: Nina Coulthard (V), Lorraine Smart (A). Reader: Elizabeth Price</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Lexington (Province IV, The Episcopal Church)</i></p>
Sat 28	<p>Tomorrow in many churches is Candlemas – the day Christ is presented in the Temple in fulfilment of the law, and greeted by Simeon and Anna. A great question to ask as we prepare for this is: “was this really the kind of Messiah they were expecting?” and “what kind of Messiah do I seek to serve?”</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Liberia (West Africa)</i></p>
Sun 29	<p>THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY) O God, who in the work of creation commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may shine into the hearts of all your people, dispelling the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, and revealing to them the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PRAY for the Diocese of Lichfield (Canterbury, England)</i></p>

Tue 17	<p>Amy Carmichael, Founder of the Dohnavur Fellowship, Spiritual Writer, 1951 Buckhurst Hill (St John, St Stephen, St Elisabeth) Clergy: Ian Farley (TR), Sarah Guinness (A). Reader: Steve Bacon. St John's School: Peter Tidmarsh (HT). <i>The Diocese of Lagos Mainland (Lagos, Nigeria)</i></p>
Wed 18	<p>Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins Chigwell and Chigwell Row TM: Chigwell (St Mary) Chigwell (St Winifred), Chigwell Row (All Saints) Clergy: Ben King (TR), Paula Preston (TV), Vernon Ross (AC), Neil Taylor (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Stephen Potts Chigwell School: Simon Paul (CHP) <i>The Diocese of Lagos West (Lagos, Nigeria)</i></p>
Thu 19	<p>Richard Rolle of Hampole, Spiritual Writer, 1349 Epping District TM: Epping (St John), Epping Upland (All Saints), Coopersale (St Alban) Clergy: Vacancy (TR); Bryony Morrison (TV), Jonathan MacNeaney (A). Licensed Lay Ministers: Marjorie Austin, Diana Lowry. Readers: Carole Goddard, Bob Taylor. St John's Comprehensive School: Allan Osborne (HT) Epping Upland School: Sarah Hurwood (HT) Coopersale & Theydon Garnon School: Terena Moreton (HT) <i>The Dioceses of Lahore and Peshawar (Pakistan)</i></p>
Fri 20	<p>Agnes, Child Martyr at Rome, 304 Lambourne (St Mary & All Saints) w Abridge (Holy Trinity) and Stapleford Abbots (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Roger Gayler (PIC). <i>The Diocese of Lainya (Loryko, Sudan)</i></p>
Sat 21	<p>The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity began in 1908 and has spread across the world and across the churches. The international theme this year is <i>Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us</i>. And a range of web based resources are available. But the heart of this week is to prayer for one another across both traditional and modern divides, and commit ourselves intentionally to fulfil Christ's prayer for us "that they may be one." <i>The Diocese of Lake Malawi (Central Africa)</i></p>
Sun 22	<p>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY Please pray for the Spiritual Direction Co-ordinating Group and all who minister within it. <i>PRAY for the Diocese of Lake Rukwa (Tanzania)</i></p>

Sat 10	<p>Ember Day Today is one of the Advent "ember" days. The word "ember" means "cycle" or "revolution" and these groups of days come round four times a year. What are they for? Quite simply they are days when Christians are invited to fast and prayer. They have traditionally had a special focus on giving thanks for the gifts of the earth and to prayer for ordained ministers – both significant themes for us in our diocese today <i>The Diocese of Kentucky (Province IV, The Episcopal Church)</i></p>
Sun 11	<p>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Pray for all who work in radio or television, the work of Premier Radio, and all stations relating to the Diocese. <i>PRAY for the Diocese of Kericho (Kenya)</i></p>
Mon 12	<p>The Deanery of Harwich Area Dean: Simon Heron. Lay Chair: John Baker. Gillian Moore, Trevor Walt (CHP, St Helena Hospice) <i>The Diocese of Khartoum (Sudan)</i></p>
Tue 13	<p>Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304 Samuel Johnson, Moralist, 1784 Dedham (St Mary Virgin) Clergy: Antony Wilson (PIC). Dedham School: James Aylott (HT) Elmstead (St Anne and St Laurence). Clergy: Pauline Scott (PIC), Pauline Hart (A). <i>The Diocese of Kibondo (Tanzania)</i></p>
Wed 14	<p>John of the Cross, Poet, Teacher of the Faith, 1591 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), Rosie Tallowin (TV), Linda Porter, Sam Winney (AC), Astrid Tiesema-Samsom (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Sioux Thorpe. All Saints School, Dovercourt: Mark Millbourne (HT) Two Village School, Ramsey/Little Oakley: Kay Wills (HT) <i>The Diocese of Kibungo (Rwanda)</i></p>
Thu 15	<p>Ardleigh (St Mary Vn) and The Bromleys (St George, St Mary Vn) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Antony Wilson (CIC). St Mary's School, Ardleigh: Donna Parker (HT) St George's School, Great Bromley: Rebecca Keitch (HT) Great Oakley (All Saints) w Wix (St Mary) & Wrabness (All Saints) Clergy: Liz Barnes (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Laura Garnham All Saints School, Great Oakley: Jane Simmons (HT) <i>The Diocese of Kigali (Rwanda)</i></p>

Fri 16	<p>Lawford (St Mary) Clergy: Simon Heron (PIC), Paul Mann, Gillian Moore, Sally Morris (AC). Lawford School: Donna Wenden (HT)</p> <p>Mistley w Manningtree (St Mary and St Michael) w Bradfield (St Lawrence) Clergy: Vacancy (R), John Brien (AC), Claire Scargill (A). Reader: Stacie Withers. Mistley Norman School: Karen Jones (HT)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kigeme (Rwanda)</i></p>
Sat 17	<p>O Sapientia [BCP] Eglantyne Jebb, Social Reformer, Founder of 'Save the Children', 1928 Today in the calendar is the day Advent "speeds up"! It even has a funny name: "O Wisdom!" after a special song that is sometimes sung at Evening Prayer on this day. It is a sign that Advent has changed pace. We are no longer focussing on the big themes of the end of time or the preaching of John the Baptist, but seeking to focus more and more closely on the events of Bethlehem, the person of Mary, and the extraordinary reality of God being born as one of us.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kigezi (Uganda)</i></p>
Sun 18	<p>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Pray for the work of the Diocesan Evangelical Association and its Chair, Gordon Simmonds.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PRAY for the Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh (Armagh, Ireland)</i></p>
Mon 19	<p>Tendring (St Edmund) and Little Bentley (St Mary Vn) w Beaumont-cum-Moze (St Leonard) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Revd Liz Barnes (CIC)</p> <p>The retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Harwich</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kimberley & Kuruman (Southern Africa)</i></p>
Tue 20	<p>The Deanery of Saffron Walden Area Dean: David Tomlinson. Lay Chair: Graham Cook. Assistant Area Dean: Margaret Davis. Bishop's Advisor on Women's Ministry: Jenny Tomlinson.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kindu (Congo)</i></p>
Wed 21	<p>The Sampfords (St Mary Virgin, St Michael) and Radwinter (St Mary Virgin) with Hempstead (St Andrew) Clergy: Philip Tarris (PIC). Radvinter School: Kate Hockley (HT)</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>continued...</i></p>

Wed 11	<p>Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167 Benedict Biscop, Abbot of Wearmouth, Scholar, 689 Chadwell Heath (St Chad) Clergy: Martin Court (V); Christine Harding (AC)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kutigi (Lokoja, Nigeria)</i></p>
Thu 12	<p>Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, Teacher of the Faith, 367 Kentigern (Mungo), Missionary Bishop in Strathclyde and Cumbria, 603 George Fox, Founder of the Society of Friends, 1691 Dagenham (St Peter and St Paul) Clergy: Joel Edwards (PIC). Reader: Kathy Playle. William Ford Junior School: Richard Hopkins (HT) Dagenham Park CE School: Simon Weaver (HT)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kwara (Kwara, Nigeria)</i></p>
Fri 13	<p>Becontree (St George) Clergy: Simon Smallwood (V)</p> <p>Marks Gate (St Mark) Clergy: Timothy Brampton (PIC).</p> <p>The retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Saffron Walden</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kwai (Abuja, Nigeria)</i></p>
Sat 14	<p>Through January the prayers and readings invite us day by day to respond to Christ's revelation to the world. Three narratives from Scripture dominate: Matthew's on the visit of the Magi bringing their gifts to lay at Jesus' feet; John's of Jesus' first miracle at Cana of Galilee turning water into wine, the extraordinary extravagance of God; and all the Gospels on the Baptism of Jesus marking his sending out to preach the kingdom, teach and heal.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Lafia (Abuja, Nigeria)</i></p>
Sun 15	<p>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PRAY for the Dioceses of Kyoto and Kyushu (Japan)</i></p>
Mon 16	<p>Antony of Egypt, Hermit, Abbot, 356 Charles Gore, Bishop, Founder of the Community of the Resurrection, 1932 The Deanery of Epping Forest and Ongar Area Dean: Joyce Smith. Lay Chair: Vacancy Assistant Area Deans: Vernon Ross, Peter Smith, Malcolm Macdonald. Lay Trainer: Samantha Brazier-Gibbs.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Lagos (Lagos, Nigeria)</i></p>

Wed 4	<p>The Deanery of Barking and Dagenham Area Dean: Julie Fleming. Lay Chair: Dean Gillespie. Assistant Area Dean: Martin Court Chaplains: Anthony Rablen (North East London Foundation NHS Trust)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kontagora (Lokoja, Nigeria)</i></p>
Thu 5	<p>BARKING EPISCOPAL AREA Barking TM (St Margaret & St Patrick w Christ Church) Clergy: Rt Revd Dr Trevor Mwamba (TR) (Assistant Bishop); Graham Dowling, Christine Chambers (TV), Elwon John (AC). Reader: Marco Filipo Lopes. St Margaret's School: Ruth Ejvet (HT) George Carey Primary School: Christopher Harrison (HT)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kootenay (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada)</i></p>
Fri 6	<p>THE EPIPHANY Barking (St Erkenwald) Clergy: Young Lee (PIC)</p> <p>Becontree South TM (St Alban, St Martin) Clergy: Vacancy (TR), Mark Blakely (A), Raymond Descombes (A)</p>
Sat 7	<p>Tomorrow the churches celebrate the Baptism of Christ. It's easy to get mixed up – Christ's baptism is completely unique. It isn't "Christian baptism" for obvious reasons! And in a sense it has nothing at all to do with our own baptism. But it does have a lot to do with our discipleship. Christ's baptism is explicitly his commissioning for ministry, and that's the call each of us is invited to hear.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kubwa (Abuja, Nigeria)</i></p>
Sun 8	<p>THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST (THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY) Pray for the staff of the Cathedral, the events to be held there and for all those who will visit during the coming year. Give thanks, too, for all who generously give of their time as volunteers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PRAY for The Diocese of Kuching (South East Asia)</i></p>
Mon 9	<p>William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645 Becontree St Cedd Clergy: Tony Rablen (V), Ruth Dowley (A).</p> <p>Becontree (St Elisabeth) Clergy: Steven Hanna (V)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kumi (Uganda)</i></p>
Tue 10	<p>Mary Slessor, Missionary in West Africa, 1915 Becontree (St Thomas) Clergy: Vacancy (V), Carol Newnham (A)</p> <p>Becontree (St Mary, Hartley Brook Church) Clergy: Julie Fleming (V), Simon Lewis (A). Readers: Cliff McLeod, John Wallace.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kushtia (Bangladesh)</i></p>

Wed 21	<p><i>...continued</i></p> <p>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: Vacancy (R). Chrishall School: Tracey Bratley (HT)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kinkiizi (Uganda)</i></p>
Thu 22	<p>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), Little Chesterford (St Mary Vn). Clergy: David Tomlinson (AD) (TR); Hilary Davey, Richard Spencer, Jeremy Parsons (TV); Paula Griffiths, Tim Hardingham, Jenny Tomlinson, Angela Want, (AC). Licensed Lay Minister: Tracey Nicholls. Reader: Graham Davies. St Mary's School, Saffron Walden: Karen Cayford (HT) Debden School: Louise Gurney (HT) Great Chesterford Primary Academy: Sarah Mitchell (HT)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Most Revd Kahwa Henri Isingoma, Archbishop of the Congo The Dioceses of Kinshasa (Congo) and Kisangani (Congo)</i></p>
Fri 23	<p>Thaxted (St John and St Laurence). Clergy: Philip Tarris (PIC), Christopher Brown (AC). Reader: Adrian Wright. 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 (V).</p> <p>Henham (St Mary Vn) and Elsenham (St Mary Vn) w Ugley (St Peter). Clergy: Gary Townsend (V). Elsenham School: Linda Reid (HT)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Our link Diocese of Kirinyaga (Kenya), The Rt Revd Joseph Kibuchua, Bishop</i></p>
Sat 24	<p>CHRISTMAS EVE Christmas Eve pulls us all in different directions! Doing the last bits of the shopping; getting ahead with Christmas dinner; welcoming family home. And for us as Christians it's a different kind of preparation too – great services for children; awe and wonder at Midnight Communion; the celebrations of Christmas Day. We need to be eager and enthusiastic about both – for we celebrate the Christ who comes to embrace this extraordinary world. But also find a place to be still and ask God to prepare your heart for this amazing mystery. .</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kita Kanto (Japan)</i></p>

Sun 25	<p>CHRISTMAS DAY - NATIVITY OF OUR LORD To us a child is born, to us a son is given, and his name will be called the Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PRAY for the Diocese of Kitale (Kenya)</i></p>
Mon 26	<p>STEPHEN, DEACON, FIRST MARTYR Newport (St Mary Vn) w Widdington (St Mary Vn), Quendon (St Simon & St Jude) w Rickling (All Saints) Clergy: Neil McLeod (V). Licensed Lay Minister: Andrea Harrison Rickling School: Allan Gardiner (HT)</p> <p>The retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Saffron Walden</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kiteto (Tanzania)</i></p>
Tue 27	<p>ST JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST The Deanery of St Osyth Area Dean: Pauline Scott. Lay Chair: Wendy King</p> <p>Alresford (St Andrew) and Frating w Thorrington (St Mary) Clergy: Pauline Scott (AD, R), Pauline Hart (A). Reader: John Harper.</p> <p>Brightlingsea (All Saints w St James). Clergy: Anne Howson (PIC) Licensed Lay Minister: Catherine Graham.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kitgum (Uganda)</i></p>
Wed 28	<p>HOLY INNOCENTS Clacton (St James). Clergy: Peter Kane (V). Clacton (St Paul). Clergy: David Lower (PIC).</p> <p>Frinton (St Mary Magdalene). Clergy: Don Smith (R). Licensed Lay Minister: Maggie Wilson</p> <p>Great Clacton (St John the Baptist) Clergy: Guy Thorburn, (V), Mark Mulryne (AC), Phillip Sacre (A). Readers: Mary Grint, Sheila Neale, Robin Whitworth, Ruth Whitworth. Great Clacton C of E Junior School (Academy): Alison Syred-Paul (HT)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kitui (Kenya)</i></p>
Thu 29	<p>Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170 Holland-on-Sea (St Bartholomew) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), David Lower (AC), Susan Wiggins (A). Ti Alan Chase (Lay Missioner)</p> <p>Kirby-le-Soken (St Michael) w Great Holland (All Saints) Clergy: Mark Holdaway (R).</p> <p>St Osyth (St Peter & St Paul). Clergy: Sharon Miles (PIC) St Osyth School: Mark Carter-Tufnell (HT)</p> <p>Great Bentley (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Sharon Miles (PIC). Reader: Wendy King.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kivu (Rwanda)</i></p>

Fri 30	<p>Thorpe-le-Soken (St Michael) Clergy: Jeremy Dowding (PIC) Rolph School: Lorraine Ratcliffe (HT)</p> <p>Walton-le-Soken (All Saints) Clergy: Peter Edwards (R). Reader: Viv Bull</p> <p>Weeley (St Andrew) w Little Clacton (St James) Clergy: Vacancy (R). St Andrew's School: Lorraine Ratcliffe (HT)</p> <p>The retired clergy, readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of St Osyth.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kobe (Japan)</i></p>
Sat 31	<p>John Wyclif, Reformer, 1384 Three fantastic themes come together today – New Year's Eve; the naming of Jesus; and the commemoration of John Wyclif. In order: our calling at the (secular) new year to preach the Gospel afresh to our culture; our calling as we celebrate the naming of Jesus to lift his name high in our lives and in his world; and our calling, remembering the radical challenges of Wyclif, to follow Christ no matter what ."</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Koforidua (Ghana, West Africa)</i></p>
JANUARY 2017	
Sun 1	<p>THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS Do not be anxious: in everything make your requests known to God in prayer and petition with thanksgiving. (<i>Phil.4:7</i>)</p> <p>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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>PRAY for The Diocese of Kolhapur (North India)</i></p>
Mon 2	<p>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</p> <p>Please pray for Bishop Stephen Cottrell; for the Area Bishops – Peter Hill, John Wraw and Roger Morris; the Assistant Bishop and PEV – Norman Banks; the Assistant Bishops - Trevor Mwamba and Roderick Thomas; the Honorary Assistant Bishop – Derek Bond; and for their families.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kondoa (Tanzania)</i></p>
Tue 3	<p>BARKING EPISCOPAL AREA Peter Hill , Area Bishop; Archdeacons Elwin Cockett (West Ham), John Perumbalath (Barking) and Martin Webster (Harlow); and all the members of the Barking Area Team.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Diocese of Kongor (Upper Nile, Sudan)</i></p>