Praying for each other in Essex & East London
 Become a digital disciple

Do you want to use your church website and social media to its full potential but not sure how or where to start?

Book into our Digital Surgery and ask us anything - in our one-to-one sessions. From website advice, help setting up social media accounts for your church, tips on improving your social media presence and how you can schedule content plus much more.

You are welcome to come as a group or by yourself. Book your hour long session by emailing communications@chelmsford.anglican.org.

Our Digital Surgeries will take place on 30 January, 6 February and 21 February from 9.30am-12.30pm at the Diocesan Office in Chelmsford (CM1 1AT).

February

**Fri 1**

_Brigid, Abbess of Kildare, c.525_

The Deanery of Epping Forest & Ongar continued…
Fyfield (St Nicholas), Moreton (St Mary Vn), Bobbingworth (St Germain) & Willingale (St Christopher) w Shellow and Berners Roding
Dr Walker’s CE Primary School: Nicola Willis (HT).
Moreton CE Primary School: Karen Wallace (HT).

**Sat 2**

_Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)_

Today – and probably celebrated in many churches tomorrow – is the beautiful feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. On the fortieth day from his birth his parents go up to the temple to do everything the law requires. They make the offering of the poor (for that is what they are) for their new son. And then the unexpected happens – prophecy and prayer and a whole new understanding of what this child will become.

_The Dioceses of Lui (South Sudan), Taiwan (The Episcopal Church), and Guildford (England)_

**Sun 3**

_The Fifth Sunday before Lent_

National Marriage week begins on Thursday: Lord of life and love, we pray for all who are preparing for marriage; for those who are already married and for those who are happy and those who find their marriages difficult.

Be with them all; in their joy and sadness, their hope and their expectations, and above all, help them to understand that you hold them in love each moment of their lives. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAY for The Anglican Church of Burundi, The Most Revd Martin Nyaboho, Archbishop

Please refer to the Notes and Abbreviations on the back cover.
Lent Modules

The Lent modules are a series of short courses running across the diocese between the last week in February and Good Friday. Courses cost between £7.50 & £40.00 and themes include:

- Last Things - The Great Divorce;
- Church History – Christians and Moslems;
- Pastoral Care – Practical insights from Psychology;
- Christ Pictured; Being Christian Beyond Church;
- An in-depth study of the Fourth Gospel;
- The Development of Holy Communion;
- Spiritual Companionship and the Big Life Questions;
- Introduction to Icons; The Wondrous Cross;
- Journeying the Emmaus Road with people with additional needs and dementia;
- The nature and character of God – an exploration of the Trinity

For further information and to book contact Diane Hardy, dhardy@chelmsford.anglican.org or call 01245 294449
www.chelmsford.anglican.org/discipleship/lent-modules.

Mon 4  Gilbert, Founder of the Gilbertine Order, 1189
High Laver (All Saints) w Magdalen Laver (St Mary Magdalene) w Little Laver (St Mary Vn) and Matching (St Mary Vn) w Matching Green (St Edmund) Clergy: Christine Hawkins (PIC).
Matching Green CE Primary School: Amy Wareham (HT).
The Dioceses of Lusaka (Central Africa), Tamale (West Africa), and Guinea (West Africa)

Tue 5  High Ongar (St Mary) w Norton Mandeville (All Saints) Clergy: Stuart Gibbs (PIC), Andy Neale (AC).
The Lusitanian Church (Portugal) and the Diocese of Tanga (Tanzania)

Wed 6  The Martyrs of Japan, 1597
Accession of Queen Elizabeth II, 1952
North Weald (St Andrew) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).
St Andrew’s CE Primary School: Julie Lorkins (HT).
The Dioceses of Luwero (Uganda), Tarime (Tanzania), and Tasmania (Australia)

Thur 7  The retired clergy, Readers, and Lay Ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Epping Forest and Ongar.
The Dioceses of Lweru (Tanzania), and Te Pihopatanga o Tai Tokerau (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia)

Fri 8  The Deanery of Harlow
The Dioceses of Machakos (Kenya), Te Pihopatanga o Tairawhiti (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia), and Gujarat (North India)
Enter you church in the DAC Design Awards

The DAC Design Awards scheme recognises excellence in design and craftsmanship and encourages the commissioning of individual designs. Anything which requires Faculty consent is eligible for entry, from small items such as candlesticks to large scale building developments and anything else in between!

The number of awards given will be at the discretion of the judges and will take the form of a certificate categorised as Merit, Commended and Highly Commended.

The new kitchen facilities installed at St Giles, Great Hallingbury was highly commended in the 2017 Design Awards.

Applications can be completed and submitted online. To enter a design from your church please visit www.chelmsford.anglican.org/dac/awards.

The deadline for applications is Thursday 28 February. The results will be announced later in the year.

Sat 9

“Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” (Hebrews 13.15-17, one of today’s readings).

Praise in the Christian tradition isn’t so much something that we DO but something that we ARE. We sing praise to God for God’s sake, but it also reminds us of our identity – “ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven”. We praise in good times and bad to claim the ground for Christ. In the words of the Bishop of Gondar during the Ethiopian famine “There is no place so dark that we cannot sing praise”.

The Dioceses of Madhya Kerala (South India), Te Pihopatanga o Upoko o Te Ika (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia), and Gusau (Nigeria)

Sun 10

The Fourth Sunday before Lent

Racial Justice Sunday: Today is an opportunity to reflect on the importance of racial justice, to give thanks for human diversity, and pray for an end to misunderstanding, racism and injustice.

Pray too for the work of the Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns Group chaired by Chigor Chike.

PRAY for The Anglican Church of Canada, The Most Revd Frederick Hiltz, Primate

Mon 11

Great Hallingbury (St Giles) & Little Hallingbury (St Mary Vn)

The Dioceses of Madi & West Nile (Uganda), Te Pihopatanga o Upoko o Te Waipounamu (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia), and Guyana (West Indies)

Tue 12

Harlow (St Mary & St Hugh w St John the Baptist) Clergy: Vacancy (V). Harlow Churchgate CE Primary School: Jonathan Tye (HT).

The Dioceses of Madras (South India), and Temotu (Melanesia)

Wed 13

Harlow (St Mary Magdalene) Clergy: James Rodley (V), Garry Neave (AC).

The Dioceses of Madurai-Ramnad (South India), Temuco (Chile), and Tennessee (The Episcopal Church)
Helping Hands in Harlow

Helping Hands, a community project run by the Parish of St Pauls Harlow Town Centre with St Mary’s Little Parndon provides friendship together with a meal and other practical help to support the homeless and vulnerably housed in the community.

Over the last year Helping Hands has supported over 150 individuals and provided over 3,000 meals to those in most need.

Team Rector, Revd Martin Harris said: “Through Helping Hands we seek to be an open bridge, one that remains always open to some of the most vulnerable individuals in our community. We always extend a welcome to anyone in need regardless of their situation and we are happy to help.”

Helping Hands stands for:

- Homeless outreach
- Encompass everyone
- Loving support
- Providing food
- Integrating others
- No exclusions
- Great community
- Helping anyone
- All welcome
- Names important
- Discretion respected
- So worthwhile!

Thu 14 Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs, 869 and 885 Valentine, Martyr at Rome, c.269
Harlow Town Centre (St Paul w St Mary), Little Parndon TM Clergy: Martin Harris (AD, TR), Jokey Poyntz (TV), Barbara Aylett (AC). Reader: Peter Smith. The Dioceses of Mahajanga (Indian Ocean), and Terekeka (South Sudan)

Fri 15 Sigfrid, Bishop, Apostle of Sweden, 1045
Thomas Bray, Priest, Founder of SPCK and SPG, 1730
Great Parndon (St Mary) Clergy: Vacancy.
St James’ CE Primary School: Gina Bailey (HT).
The Dioceses of Maiduguri (Nigeria), Territory of the People (Canada), and Gwagwalada (Nigeria)

Sat 16 “The church of the future requires faithfulness and imagination: faithfulness to its core message, and imaginative ways of living it out. The church, for all its manifest sins, is the broken-backed bearer of a story with transformative power at its heart. Now that is what really matters.” Ron Ferguson
The Dioceses of Maine and Texas (The Episcopal Church)

Sun 17 The Third Sunday before Lent
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 Church of the Province of Central Africa, The Most Revd Albert Chama, Archbishop

Mon 18 Tye Green (St Stephen) w Netteswell (St Andrew) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Christian Okeke (AC), Richard Attew (A), Anne Keeble (A).
Licensed Lay Minister: Karen Swanton.
William Martin CE Infant & Nursery School: Janet Matthews (HT).
William Martin CE Junior School: Janet Matthews (HT).
The Dioceses of Maiwut Area (South Sudan), The Arctic (Canada), and Haiti (The Episcopal Church)

Tue 19 Latton (St Mary) Clergy: Lynn Hurry (V), Malcolm Green (A).
Licensed Lay Minister: Piers Northam.
The Dioceses of Makamba (Burundi), and The Episcopal Church in South Carolina (The Episcopal Church)
Is God calling you?

Vocations Days are an opportunity to consider God’s call and find out more about the different types of ordained and licensed lay ministry. Revd Canon Philip Need, our Diocesan Director of Ordinands says “My work sees people constantly making connections between their faith and wanting to offer themselves to God.

“There are so many ways now in which we can serve Him as faithful members of the Church and we are trying to make it possible for people to answer their sense of calling in new and exciting ways.”

Revd Elizabeth Jordan, who is responsible for developing the ministry of lay people in the diocese added “First, God calls us by our name. We learn who we are in the light of his love for us. God’s knowledge of us, greater than our knowledge of ourselves, calls us to be transformed so that we become both more like Christ and more like the people that God intended us to be.”

If you sense the slightest call to discover more about ministries in the Church of England, come along to one of our Vocations Days and find out more. The current 2019 dates and venues can be found at www.chelmsford.anglican.org/exploring-vocations.
Spiritual Direction: A one-to-one ministry of prayer and listening

Being a disciple isn’t easy. It entails learning to respond to God’s call and be alive with Jesus’ attractive character.

So it makes all the difference in the world if I have the gift of someone giving me their full attention, listening to me, walking with me as I discover what following God means for me, gently challenging me and affirming what God is doing in me. A spiritual director can be exactly this gift, and every year God calls more people to share in this ministry.

Lynsey Heslegrave attended the 2015-17 Course in Spiritual Direction. She writes: “The mixture of taught input, self-reflection and one-to-one practice, along with suggested reading and journaling was a really helpful way for me to learn. Thanks to the supportive environment I was in, I was able to set out in pioneer ministry, where the ethos and approach of Spiritual Direction plays a large part in everything I now do.”

The Essex and East London Course in Spiritual Direction is open to lay and ordained Christians of all traditions. Applications for the September 2019 intake are open until Friday 15 March 2019.

Find out more at www.chelmsford.anglican.org/lay-ministry/spiritual-direction.
This year marks the 41st anniversary of the link between Chelmsford Diocese, and the five Dioceses of Mount Kenya East region. St Andrew’s College of Theology and Development in Kabare has been a key partner in our relationship. We are seeking to raise funds for the college through this year’s Lent Appeal.

The College is based on the site where the Gospel was first brought to the Kikuyu people in 1910. Since its foundation, it has trained many clergy and lay people for a range of ministries and occupations. It now wants to improve its provision for people seeking to develop their own businesses and thus improve their lives.

The college has four projects for which it is seeking our support:

- It desperately needs more tutorial rooms in order to be able to increase the number of people they are able teach.
- This will, in turn, require them to have space for more staff. So renovation of the existing rooms is needed to ensure they are able to attract lecturers.
- The college also needs to improve the computers in the library (known as the Chelmsford library), as well as purchase new books for the business department.
- There has been an unreliable water supply to the college which has had a negative effect upon the students. They are seeking to install a new gravity water system that will be much more dependable.

Through local fundraising efforts £18,000 has already been raised and work has started on the tutorial rooms and water project. However, there is still another £30,000 to find if the college is to fulfil its vision of giving more people instruction that will enable them to find life in all its fullness. Any money you donate will make this Spirit given dream a reality, so please do consider supporting this year’s Lent Appeal. For more information on the Bishop’s Lent Appeal visit www.chelmsford.anglican.org/lentappeal.
The Church of England’s 2019 Lent and Easter campaigns

LentPilgrim and EasterPilgrim are the Church of England’s 2019 campaigns. Resources available include:

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March

**Fri 1**

**Women’s World Day of Prayer**


*The Dioceses of Manchester (England), and Torit (South Sudan)*

**Sat 2**

**Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672**

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*The Dioceses of Mandalay (Myanmar), and Toronto (Canada)*

**Sun 3**

**Sunday next before Lent**

Thank God for our Diocesan links with other parts of the world. Pray for understanding and love between all people of faith.

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*The Most Revd Héctor (Tito) Muñoz, Archbishop*

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*The Dioceses of Maper (South Sudan), and Trichy-Tanjore (India)*

**Wed 6**

**Ash Wednesday**

Harold Wood (St Peter) Clergy: Robert Hudson (V), Jonnie Deja (A).

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Church planting at Beam Park

Beam Park is one of the areas where the Chelmsford Diocese is working to creating a new church community.

Beam Park will be a large housing development from Rainham Village to Dagenham Dock, in the south of the London Boroughs of Havering and Barking & Dagenham.

The Beam Park Church Planting project has been funded by the Church Commissioners, and this is part of the diocese mission to plant 101 new Christian communities by 2028.

Mark and Carolyn Gilmore will be lay pioneer ministers at Beam Park.

Revd Michael Vickers, Vicar of St. Luke’s, Cranham, is overseeing the church planting project at Beam Park and he asks specifically for prayer for a house for Mark and Carolyn.

Michael says: “We’re working closely with property services on finding a suitable property close to the proposed development which is proving tricky but the aim is for Mark and Carolyn to start here on the 1st April”.

Thu 7
Perpetua, Felicity and their Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203
Hornchurch (St Andrew) Clergy: Barry Hobson (V), Sonia Groombridge (AC), Ken Wylie (AC), Saffron Ryan (A). Reader: Carole Sherratt.
The Dioceses of Maralal (Kenya), and Tuam, Killala & Achonry (Ireland)

Fri 8
Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910
Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles, 647
Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929
Hornchurch (Holy Cross) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).
Licensed Lay Minister: Donatus Nwobi.
Hornchurch (St Nicholas) [Elm Park] Clergy: Amanda Keighley (V), Tom Keighley (AC), David Perry (A).
The Dioceses of Marathwada (North India), Twik East (South Sudan), and Hereford (England)

Sat 9
“We must live from our weakness, from the barren places of our need, because there is the spring of grace and the source of our strength … When we stand before God in the truth of our need, acknowledging our sinfulness and bankruptcy, then we can celebrate his mercy. Then we are living by grace, and we can allow full scope to his joy.” - Maria Boulding
The Dioceses of Maridi (South Sudan), Udi (Nigeria), and Highveld (Southern Africa)

Sun 10
The First Sunday of Lent
Please pray for the success of the Bishop’s Lent Appeal this year; that people may be moved to give generously.

PRAY for the Province de L’Eglise Anglicane Du Congo,
The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda, Archbishop

Mon 11
Squirrels Heath (All Saints) [Ardleigh Green] Clergy: Chris Wragg (V).
North Ockenden (St Mary Magdalene) Clergy: Michael Sparrow (PIC).
The Dioceses of Maridi (Uganda), Ughelli (Nigeria), and Ho (West Africa)

Tue 12
Rainham (St Helen & St Giles) w Wennington (St Mary & St Peter) Clergy: Vacancy (V), David Stainer (AC).
Our Link Diocese of Marsabit (Kenya), The Rt Revd Daniel Qampicha, Bishop, ALSO The Diocese of Ukhahlamba (Southern Africa)
Jenny pioneers at the two ends of the pioneer spectrum. Firstly, as a ‘pioneer adaptor’ with Lighthouse, an all age gathering on Sunday afternoons, aimed at those involved with Sunday morning children’s sporting activity. Jenny is also operating as a ‘pioneer activist’ to create an ethical fashion business.

Jenny says: “The modules made me aware of how ‘churched’ I am, and how this lens affects my thoughts and decisions. Attractional church is not working for many people today.”

“The input from Church Mission Society stimulated me to integrate my faith and secular fashion design experience. I found the teaching in the Missional Entrepreneurship module really inspiring!”

Jenny has recently returned from India, where she has been sourcing suppliers and is devising a ‘Kingdom of God’ Business Plan.

The St Cedd programme is a reflective practice approach to learning, applying the Church Mission Society teaching to pioneer practice in parishes and beyond. The third intake will begin in September 2019.

For more information, visit www.chelmsford.anglican.org/st-cedd-centre.
New Archdeacon of Barking appointed

The Revd Canon Chris Burke, currently Canon Precentor of Sheffield Cathedral, has been appointed as the next Archdeacon of Barking.

Chris will begin his ministry in the Diocese of Chelmsford in May and he will ‘Collated and Installed’ as Archdeacon of Barking in Chelmsford Cathedral on Sunday 12 May 2019 at 3.30pm.

The Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, the Bishop of Chelmsford said: “I am delighted that Chris Burke has agreed to come and join us as the next Archdeacon of Barking. As well as his Cathedral experience in Sheffield, Chris brings experience of parish ministry on estates in diverse contexts such as Stepney and Middlesbrough. He will add value to our team and I’m sure his ministry will be a blessing to the parishes of the Barking Archdeaconry.”

The Revd Canon Chris Burke added: “I am hugely looking forward to working with the churches and communities of the Barking Archdeaconry at this very exciting time. It will be great to share in mission and ministry and working with local communities as they seek to be faithful and respond to emerging opportunities.” Read more - https://bit.ly/2MlTBNw

Mon 18 Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386
Romford (St Alban) Clergy: Roderick Hingley (V).
Romford (St Augustine of Canterbury) Clergy: Martin Howse (V).
The Dioceses of Maseno South (Kenya), Uyo (Nigeria), and Hong Kong Island (Hong Kong)

Tue 19 Joseph of Nazareth
Romford (St Andrew [& St Agnes]) Clergy: Lara Dose (R) (also Romford Town Centre Chaplain).
Romford (St Edward the Confessor) Clergy: Mike Power (V), Roger Clarke (A), Dan Barnes-Davies.
St Edward’s CE Academy: Jodie Hassan (HT).
St Edward’s CE Primary School: Mr Simon Abeledo/Mrs L Humpheryes (HT).
The Dioceses of Maseno West (Kenya), and Valparaiso (Chile)

Wed 20 Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687
Upminster (St Laurence) Clergy: Susannah Brasier (R), Roy Murray (AC).
The Dioceses of Masindi-Kitara (Uganda), Vanuatu (Melanesia), and Vermont (The Episcopal Church)

Thu 21 Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Reformation Martyr, 1556
The retired clergy, Readers and Lay Ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Havering
The Dioceses of Massachusetts (The Episcopal Church), and Victoria Nyanza (Tanzania)

Fri 22 The Deanery of Newham
Area Dean: Jeremy Fraser. Lay Chair: Shirley Biro. Assistant Area Deans: Dave Chesney, Cornelius Henry, Merrin Playle.
Chaplains: Christopher Oladuji, Santou Beurklian Carter (Barts Healthcare NHS Trust), Tristan Alexander-Watts (Barts Healthcare NHS Trust, also Richard House Children’s Hospice), Stephen Chandler (East London NHS Foundation Trust); Vacancy (London City Airport).
The Dioceses of Masvingo (Central Africa), Virgin Islands (The Episcopal Church) and Hpa-an (Myanmar)
Lent 2019 at Chelmsford Cathedral

Lent at Chelmsford Cathedral this year is all about faith and pilgrimage. On Wednesday evenings during Lent everybody is warmly welcome to come along from 7.30pm – 9pm where there will be a whole range of presentations. Speakers include Bishop Stephen Cottrell, Dean Nicholas Henshall, Brother Sam SSF and Canon Cilla Hawkes.

In each session, there is a presentation, time for questions and reflection, and ‘a chance to share together in a very simple time of prayer and stillness. Everybody is welcome and no booking is required! To find out more visit www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk.

Sat 23

Today’s Gospel reading from Luke 15 is Jesus’ parable of the lost son. It is a great passage to spend some time with in Lent. It beautifully captures the upside down values of the kingdom and invites us to live differently. So often it is in these unique stories in Luke’s Gospel that we begin to understand the love and mercy of God in fresh ways. And so often in our lives we find ourselves behaving much more like the resentful brother than either the penitent, returning son or the generosity of the father.

The Dioceses of Matabeleland (Central Africa), Virginia The Episcopal Church), and Huron (Canada)

Sun 24

The Third Sunday of Lent

Pray that we will daily continue to look and listen for God in our lives during this holy season of Lent.

PRAY for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, The Most Revd Paul Kwong, Archbishop

Mon 25

Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

East Ham Holy Trinity Team Ministry (St Mary, St Bartholomew, St Alban Upton Park, St Edmund) Clergy: Susan Lucas (TR), Quintin Peppiatt (TV), Fred Ashford-Okai (AC), Ann Easter (AC) John King (A).

East Ham (St George and St Ethelbert) Clergy: David Haokip (V), The Dioceses of Matana (Burundi), Wad Medani (Sudan) and Hyderabad (Pakistan)

Tue 26

Harriet Monsell, Founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883

East Ham (St Paul) Clergy: Merrin Playle (V), Obi Chike (A).

Reader: Philip Burgess

The Dioceses of Matlosane (formerly Klerksdorp) (Southern Africa), and Waipau (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia)

Wed 27

Forest Gate (All Saints) Clergy: Jeremy Fraser (PIC), David Hoyte (A).

Forest Gate (Emmanuel w St Peter Upton Cross) Clergy: Chigor Chike (V), Barnabas Matloob (CP), Kingsley Akwasi-Yeboah (A).

The Dioceses of Mauritius (Indian Ocean), Waitaki & Taranaki (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia), and Wangaratta (Australia)
Supporting families growing in faith together

Mothering Sunday is on 31 March and it is an opportunity in the year to appreciate and thank those who have nurtured us, especially our own mothers. The tradition, revived in the early 20th century, also celebrates the church as mother and serves to remind us of the church’s role in nurturing people’s faith.

Mothers and nurturers are vital in children’s spiritual growth as children learn by following their example; but many parents lack confidence in knowing how best to guide their children spiritually. In response to this, the church is finding new ways to help and encourage parents.

Two events to encourage churches to support families growing in faith together are being held in the Barking Area this spring.

25 February: Baptism and Beyond - Sandra Millar, from Church of England - Life Events will share some good news and tips on how to connect with those families we meet through baptisms. Meeting at 7-9pm at Stratford St John E15

27 March: Faith at Home will look at resources and ways we can encourage families to grow spiritually together. Meeting at 10am, Bru Coffee & Desserts, 223 Hoe Street, Walthamstow E17 9PP

Contact Emma Anderton, Barking Area Children & Families Missioner for more information. eanderton@chelmsford.anglican.org.

Thu 28
Forest Gate (St Mark) Clergy: Vacancy (V).
Forest Gate (St Saviour and St James) Clergy: Cornelius Henry (R).
The Dioceses of Mbaise (Nigeria) and Warri (Nigeria)

Fri 29
Little Ilford (St Barnabas) Clergy: Revd Robert Ryan (V).
Manor Park [Little Ilford] (St Michael and All Angels, St Mary the Virgin Clergy: Vacancy (R), Patrick Morrow (AC).
The Dioceses of Mbale (Uganda), Washington (The Episcopal Church), also Ibadan, Ibadan North and Ibadan South (Nigeria)

Sat 30
Tomorrow is one of those Sundays with too many names. But in popular culture it only has one: Mother’s Day. It is really easy for us Christians to get resentful that wider society has forgotten the names we use – Mothering Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, Refreshment Sunday.

But the way of the Gospel has always been to see what God is doing in the world and join in. So rather than trying impose our own version, let’s run with Mother’s Day and use the conversations we have over this weekend to talk about our relationships with one another and our relationship with God.

The Dioceses of Mbamili (Nigeria), Wau (South Sudan), and Ibba (South Sudan)

Sun 31
The Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)
Pray for mothers everywhere, give thanks for their love and devotion, and pray, too, for the work of the Mothers’ Union and the Women’s Institute and all who work untiringly to maintain the values of the home and family life.

PRAY for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean,
The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song, Archbishop
NOTES:
Where parochial links are known to exist the names of overseas workers are placed immediately after the appropriate parish. Further information concerning overseas dioceses, including the names of bishops, is contained in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, available on their website www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/cycle-of-prayer.aspx

ABBREVIATIONS:
A Assistant Clergy; AAD Assistant Area Dean; AC Associate Priest/Minister; AD Area Dean; AM Assistant Minister, AR Associate Rector; AV Associate Vicar; AYO Area Youth Officer, BMO Bishop’s Mission Order; BP Bishop; CA Church Army; CIC Curate in Charge; CHP Chaplain; EVN Evangelist; HT Head Teacher; LLM Licensed Lay Minister; MCD Minister of Conventional District; MIC Minister in Charge; PEV Provincial Episcopal Visitor; PIC Priest in Charge; PP Public Preacher; R Rector; RD Rural Dean; Rdes Rector designate; RDR Reader; PTO Permission to Officiate; RES Residiency Canon; Sr Sister, TM Team Ministry; TR Team Rector; TV Team Vicar; V Vicar; Vdes Vicar designate; WDN Warden.

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