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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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“...love the Lord your God. Listen to his voice and hold fast to him.” Deut 30:20

Sat 1 Justin, Martyr at Rome, c.165

One of today's readings (Acts 18.23-end) contains the wonderful line “Apollos began to speak boldly in the synagogue; but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained the Way of God to him more accurately” (v 26).

Is this the first recorded nurture group?! It is a beautiful picture of the new preacher speaking about Jesus with burning enthusiasm. But like all of us he needs guidance, people who will walk with him on the way of Christ, people who will support and sustain him on the journey.

Many new Christians - especially those who have become Christians from other faith traditions – are disappointed that the Christian community fails to live up to the promise of being a new family, a new community to support them on their way.

Priscilla and Aquila prompt us to respond.

The Dioceses of Nebraska (The Episcopal Church), Akot (South Sudan) and Irele-Eseodo (Nigeria)

Sun 2 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Environment Sunday: Loving Father, we praise and thank you for the beauty and goodness of creation around us.

Over the past century we have noticed the diminution of the living diversity of creation and of the health of the ecosystems that support it.

Help us Lord, to respect the earth's rich diversity and to do our part to stop further decline in the health of our planet by the way we live our lives.

PRAY for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico, The Most Revd Francisco Moreno, Presiding Bishop

Sun 28 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Please pray for all who work in our local hospitals, both medical and ancillary, that they may feel valued and appreciated.

Pray also for all who work in the Ambulance and Air Ambulance Services.

PRAY for the Scottish Episcopal Church, The Most Revd Mark Strange, Primus

Mon 29 Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord

Heybridge (St Andrew, St George Heybridge Basin) w Langford (St Giles) Clergy: Asa Humphreys (V). Licensed Lay Minister: Julia McGregor. Reader: Lynne Wood.

The Dioceses of Nsukka (Nigeria), Biharamulo (Tanzania) and Karamoja (Uganda)

Tue 30 William Wilberforce, Social Reformer, Olaudah Equiano and Thomas Clarkson, anti-slavery campaigners, 1833, 1797 and 1846

Maldon (All Saints w St Peter) Clergy: Stephen Carter (V), Julie Willmot (A).

All Saints' School: Phillip Brown (HT).

The Dioceses of Nyahururu (Kenya) and Birmingham (England)

Wed 31 Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556

Maldon (St Mary) w Mundon (St Mary) Clergy: John Dickens (PIC), Robert Wiggs (AC).

The Dioceses of Nzara (South Sudan), Blackburn (England) and Bo (Sierra Leone)

Please pray for Denis Huntley and his team as they minister to the less abled within our diocese.

- Tue 23** **Bridget of Sweden, Abbess of Vadstena, 1373**
Bradwell on Sea (St Thomas, St Peter on the Wall), and Newland (St Lawrence) Clergy: Steven Poss (PIC, CHP St Peter on the Wall).
St Cedd's School: Pauline Ward (Exec. HT).
The Dioceses of Northwest Ankole (Uganda) and Bendigo (Australia)
- Wed 24** **Burnham-on-Crouch (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Vacancy (V).**
St Mary's School: Geraldine Denham-Hale (HT).
The Dioceses of Northwest Texas (The Episcopal Church), Benin (Nigeria) and Bermuda (Bermuda)
- Thu 25** **James the Apostle**
Purleigh (All Saints) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).
Creeksea (All Saints) Clergy: Vera Wadman (PIC).
The Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania (The Episcopal Church) and Bethlehem (The Episcopal Church)
- Fri 26** **Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
Cold Norton (St Stephen) w Stow Maries (St Mary & St Margaret)
Clergy: Sandra Manley (R). Licensed Lay Minister: Hayley Rogers.
Tillingham (St Nicholas) w Dengie (St James) & Asheldham
Clergy: Steven Poss (PIC).
St Nicholas School: Robert Pike (HT).
Asheldham Youth Centre: Barry Howard (Manager).
The Dioceses of Norwich (England), Bhopal (North India) and Kapoeta (South Sudan)
- Sat 27** **Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of Durham, Teacher of the Faith, 1901**
One of today's readings (Matthew 13.24-30) is the parable of the weeds among the wheat. Whole books of spiritual guidance have been written about this parable, and it has often been interpreted as meaning that at the end of time everyone will get what they deserve. But there are two equally ancient readings of the parable – one that says this is about how we need to tolerate others; and the other that invites us to recognise that there are wheat and weeds in each of us.
The Dioceses of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island (Canada), Bida (Nigeria) and Karachi (Pakistan)

- Mon 3** **The Martyrs of Uganda , 1885-7 and 1977**
The Deanery of Basildon
Area Dean: Jane Freeman. Lay Chair: Shirley Jeffery. Assistant Area Dean: Simon Law. Chaplains: Linda Peall, David Bates (Basildon & Thurrock University Hospitals NHS Trust), Tara Frankland (St Luke's Hospice).
The Dioceses of Nelson (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia), Akure (Nigeria) and Isial-Ngwa South (Nigeria)
- Tue 4** **Petroc, Abbot of Padstow, 6th century**
Basildon (St Martin of Tours) Clergy: Vacancy (R).
The Diocese of Nevada and the Diocese of Alabama (The Episcopal Church)
- Wed 5** **Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754**
Basildon (St Andrew w Holy Cross) Clergy: Jane Richards (V), Shirley Pearce (A).
The Dioceses of New Busa (Nigeria), Alaska (The Episcopal Church) and Albany (The Episcopal Church)
- Thu 6** **Ini Kopuria, Founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945**
Billericay & Little Burstead TM: Billericay (Christ Church), Billericay (Emmanuel), Billericay (St John the Divine), Little Burstead (St Mary Vn)
Clergy: Paul Carr (TR), Margaret Fowler (AC). Licensed Lay Ministers: Linda Russ, Pauline Randall. Readers: Peter Fisher, Susan Oakley, Pauline Woolnough.
The Dioceses of The New Guinea Islands (Papua New Guinea) and Algoma (Canada)
- Fri 7** **Bowers Gifford w North Benfleet (St Margaret, St John)**
Clergy: David Ibiayo (PIC).
St Margaret's C of E Academy: Emma Wigmore (Exec. HT), Gemma Smith (Head of School).
The Diocese of New Hampshire (The Episcopal Church), All Saints Cathedral Diocese (Kenya) and The Diocese of Isikwuato (Nigeria)

Sat 8 Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711

Tomorrow is the feast of Pentecost – a Jewish feast celebrating the giving of the law at Sinai and a Christian feast celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit. Luke’s account of the day of Pentecost is almost like a dramatisation of the New Testament teaching on law and spirit. The Spirit – as Jesus says – will lead us into all truth. We often misunderstand the Spirit. It doesn’t mean feeling excited during worship. Rather it is the means by which God shapes our lives.

And as many of the great Christians down the centuries have discovered, the Spirit often does his most important work in darkness, when we feel God is far away. That’s the nature of the deeper journey on which the Lord calls us.

The Dioceses of New Jersey (The Episcopal Church), Amazon (Brazil), and Jabalpur (North India)

Sun 9 Pentecost

Come, O Spirit of God, and make within us your dwelling place and home. May our darkness be dispelled by your light, and our troubles calmed by your peace; may all evils be redeemed by your love, all pain transformed through the suffering of Christ, and all dying glorified by his risen life. Amen. (A Prayer Book for Australia)

*PRAY for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma),
The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop*

Mon 10 Laindon (St Nicholas) w Dunton Clergy: Andrei Petrine (PIC).

The Dioceses of New Westminster (Canada), Amichi (Nigeria) and Jaffna (South India)

Tue 11 Barnabas the Apostle

Great Burstead (St Mary Magdalene) w Ramsden Crays
Clergy: Michael Hall (PIC).

The Dioceses of New York (The Episcopal Church) and Amritsar (North India)

Wed 12 Langdon Hills (St Mary & All Saints) Clergy: Colin Hopkinson (R), Julian Patching (AC), Emma Wylie (A). Reader: Kennedy Rath.

The Dioceses of Newala (Tanzania), Andaman & Car Nicobar Islands (North India) and Angola [Missionary Diocese] (Southern Africa)

Fri 19 Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith, c. 394 and c.379

Woodham Ferrers (St Mary) and Bicknacre (St Andrew) Clergy:
Carol Ball (PIC) Michèle Marshall (AC).

St Mary’s School: Lorna Pigram (Interim HT).

The Retired Clergy, Readers, and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Chelmsford South

The Dioceses of Northern Territory (Australia), Bathurst (Australia) and Kano (Nigeria)

**Sat 20 Margaret of Antioch, Martyr, 4th century
Bartolomé des las Casas, Apostle to the Indies, 1566**

In Matthew 12.14-21 Jesus quotes Isaiah 42 to describe his mission: “my servant, whom I have chosen...he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles... in his name the Gentiles will hope.’ We are used to the way Jesus uses the prophets from the Old Testament – so very powerfully in Luke 4 where Jesus reads “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...” in the synagogue. Christians easily imprison Jesus in church or in a particular set of ideas. Passages like these remind us of the scope of God’s mission. People love quoting John 3.16 but often forget to read the text verse: “For God did not send his son into the kosmos to condemn the kosmos but that the kosmos might be saved through him”.

The Dioceses of Northern Uganda (Uganda), Bauchi (Nigeria) and Kansas (The Episcopal Church)

Sun 21 Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Give thanks for the men and women of the RNLI and HM Coastguard, who risk their lives to protect those who travel the seas around our coast.

*PRAY for the Province de L’Église Anglicane au Rwanda
The Most Revd Laurent Mbanda, Archbishop*

Mon 22 Mary Magdalene

The Deanery of Maldon & Dengie Area Dean: Peter Begley.
Lay Chair: Adrian Smith. Chaplain: Steven Poss (St Peter on the Wall).
The Dioceses of Northern Zambia (Central Africa), Belize (West Indies) and Kanyakumari (South India)

Mon 15 Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c.862**Bonaventure, Friar, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 1274**

Moulsham (St John the Evangelist) Clergy: Gemma Fraser (PIC), David Cattle (AC), Stephanie Gillingham (AC).

Moulsham (St Luke) Clergy: Gemma Fraser (PIC), David Cattle (AC), Stephanie Gillingham (AC).

The Dioceses of Northern Malawi (Central Africa), Barbados (West Indies and Kampala (Uganda)

Tue 16 Osmund, Bishop of Salisbury, 1099

Sandon (St Andrew) Clergy: Terry Brown (R).

South Woodham Ferrers (Holy Trinity) Clergy: Carol Ball (V), Michèle Marshall (AC).

Trinity St Mary's School: Mike Williams (HT).

The Dioceses of Northern Mexico (Mexico) and Bari (Nigeria)

Wed 17 Stock Harvard (All Saints) Clergy: Stephen Need (PIC).

Stock School: Alina Clay (HT).

West Hanningfield (St Mary & St Edward) Clergy: Stephen Need (PIC).

St Peter's School: Wendy Figueira (HT).

The Dioceses of Northern Michigan (The Episcopal Church), Barisal (Bangladesh) and Barrackpore (India)

Thu 18 Elizabeth Ferard, first Deaconess of the Church of England, Founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883

Widford (St Mary, Church of the Holy Spirit) Clergy: Stephanie Gillingham (PIC), David Cattle (AC), Gemma Fraser (AC), Andy Brown (A).
Licensed Lay Minister: Roger Gillingham.

The Dioceses of Northern Philippines (Philippines) and Bath & Wells (England)

Thu 13 Pitsea (St Gabriel) w Nevendon (St Peter) Clergy: Simon Law (R).

The Dioceses of Newark (The Episcopal Church), and Ankole (Uganda)

Fri 14 Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine, 1691

Vange (St Chad) Clergy: David Ibiayo (R).

The Dioceses of Newcastle (Australia) and Newcastle (England)

Sat 15 Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941

Evelyn Underhill has a special connection to Chelmsford Diocese – it was at the Retreat House at Pleshey that she essentially began the retreat movement in the Church of England, a movement that over the last hundred years has had a profound effect on Christians of all traditions, and been particularly important in serving the needs of lay Christians seeking a deeper life of prayer. She was the most popular religious author of the first half of the 20th century and though her influence has waned today, her call to holiness in daily life for every Christian is stronger and more important than ever.

The Dioceses of Ngbo (Nigeria), Antananarivo (Indian Ocean) and Jalingo (Nigeria)

Sun 16 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 the Church of the Nigeria (Anglican Communion),
The Most Revd Nicholas Okoh, Metropolitan and Primate*

Mon 17 Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers, 1913 and 1936

Wickford & Runwell TM: Wickford (St Catherine), Wickford (St Andrew), Runwell (St Mary) Clergy: Jane Freeman (TR), Sue Wise (AC).

Wickford CofE School: Louise Johnson (HT).

The Dioceses of Niagara (Canada), Antsiranana (Indian Ocean) and Jamaica & The Cayman Islands (West Indies)

Tue 18 Bernard Mizeki, Apostle of the MaShona, Martyr, 1896

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

The Dioceses of Niassa (Southern Africa) and Aotearoa (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia)

Wed 19 Sundar Singh of India, Sadhu (holy man), Evangelist, Teacher of the Faith, 1929

The Deanery of Chelmsford North:

Acting Area Dean of Chelmsford North: Tim Ball. Lay Chair: Robert Hammond. Chaplains: Susan Malam (Mid-Essex Hospitals NHS Trust); Vacancy (Farleigh Hospice), Andrew Merchant (Writtle University College), Jeremy Noles (HMP Chelmsford) Patrick Morrow (HMP Chelmsford).

The Dioceses of Nicaragua (Central America), Argentina (South America) and Argyll & The Isles (Scotland)

Thu 20 Day of Thanksgiving for the institution of Holy Communion (Corpus Christi) World Refugee Day

Boreham (St Andrew) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Dan Pierce (AC).

Broomfield (St Mary w St Leonard) Clergy: Carolyn Tibbott (V), Anne Harvey (AC), Dan Pierce (AC) Julie Hardy (A), Diana Garfield (A).

The Dioceses of Niger Delta North, Niger Delta West, and The Niger Delta (Nigeria)

Fri 21

Chelmsford Cathedral (St Mary the Virgin, St Peter, St Cedd) Clergy: Nicholas Henshall (Dean), Ivor Moody (Vice-Dean), Imogen May (Commissioners Canon), Alison Kennedy (Canon for Worship & Music), Kate Moore (AC). Community Chaplain: Tim Leeson.

The Cathedral School: Linda Wiskin (HT).

The Dioceses of Nike (Nigeria), Arizona (The Episcopal Church) and Jebba (Nigeria)

Thu 11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism, c.550

Galleywood (St Michael & All Angels) Clergy: David Cattle (V), Stephanie Gillingham (AC), Gemma Fraser (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Fiona Selden.

St Michael's Junior School: Maria Rumsey (HT).

Little Baddow (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Jacqui Jones (PIC).

Reader: Charles Cope.

The Dioceses of North Indiana (The Episcopal Church) and Bangor (Wales)

Fri 12

Great Baddow Team Ministry: (St Mary Vn, St Paul, Meadgate) Clergy: Philip Ritchie (TR), Tim Ball (AD, TV), Philip Sheldrake (TV), Roger Matthews (AC), Sue Finch (AC). Licensed Lay Minister: Anita Ball.

The Diocese of Edinburgh (Scotland)

Sat 13

You may have heard Bishop Stephen speak about walking to Compostella. Here is a great quote from Walter Hilton about the pilgrimage of the heart.

“Just as a true pilgrim going to Jerusalem leaves behind him house and land, wife and children, and makes himself poor and bare of all that he has in order to travel light and without hindrance, so if you want to be a spiritual pilgrim you are to make yourself naked of all that you have – both good works and bad – and throw them all behind you; and thus become so poor in your own feeling that there can be no deed of your own that you want to lean upon for rest, but you are always desiring more grace of love, and always seeking the spiritual presence of Jesus.”

The Dioceses of Kajiado (Kenya), Kajo-Keji (South Sudan) and Kamango (Congo)

Sun 14 Fourth Sunday after Trinity: Sea Sunday

We remember all those whose lives are lived on your great oceans and give thanks for the work and inspiration of The Mission to Seafarers and pray for all agencies who work amongst seafarers.

*PRAY for the Episcopal Church in the Philippines
The Most Revd Joel Atiwag Pachao, Prime Bishop*

Sat 6 Thomas More, Scholar, and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs, 1535

Today is quite a mixed day in the calendar. It commemorates Thomas More and John Fisher, two reformation martyrs who died opposing what many see as the foundation of the Church of England. But that's the challenge – celebrating and taking responsibility for our mixed up past and having the will and integrity to understand those we disagree with. The church has always been a bit of a mess, mostly when it forgets that its job is not to be an organisation but a sacrament of God's kingdom for the world.

Please pray for all those taking part in the Bradwell Gathering today.

The Dioceses of North Queensland (Australia), Agwa/Aninri (Nigeria) and Kaduna (Nigeria)

Sun 7 Third Sunday after Trinity

Please pray for the work of the Friends of Essex Churches Trust, and give thanks for those who work so hard to preserve our ancient buildings.

PRAY for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea,

The Most Revd Allan Migi, Archbishop

Mon 8 The Deanery of Chelmsford South

Area Dean: Tim Ball. Lay Chair: Christine Horton.

Chaplain: Michèle Marshall (St Andrew's Healthcare Essex).

The Dioceses of North Western Australia (Australia), Awka (Nigeria) and Kafanchan (Nigeria)

Tue 9 Danbury (St John the Baptist) Clergy: Jacqui Jones (PIC).

St John's School: Jona Davies (HT).

The Dioceses of Northern Argentina (South America) and Awori (Nigeria)

Wed 10 Downham (St Margaret) w South Hanningfield (St Peter) & Ramsden Bellhouse (St Mary Vn) Clergy: vacancy, Jean Andrews (AC), Miranda Seaman (AC), Suzy Edmundson(A).

Downham School: Sue Crace/Leanne Grey (jointly HT).

East Hanningfield (All Saints) Clergy: Terry Brown (PIC).

East Hanningfield School: Kerry Collins (HT).

The Dioceses of Northern California (The Episcopal Church), Badagry (Nigeria) and Ballarat (Australia)

Sat 22 Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c.250

Apparently in a radio poll some years ago, Aidan won the vote for saint of the north and Alban won the vote for saint of the south. A great choice – Britain's first martyr who gave his life to save someone else, and who was himself so new to the Christian faith that he hadn't even been baptized.

Alban martyrdom stands very close to the start of the life of the Christian church in the British Isles, and it's a stark reminder of the contemporary comment "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Maybe it's not what we face here in Europe yet, but an average of 250 Christians worldwide are killed for their faith every week.

As Billy Graham used to ask: "If YOU were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

The Dioceses of Nimule Area (South Sudan), Arkansas

(The Episcopal Church) and Jerusalem (Jerusalem & Middle East)

Sun 23 First Sunday after Trinity

Pray for all those involved in Lay Development and Training in the Diocese, led by Elizabeth Jordan, Lay Development Adviser.

PRAY for the United Church of North India,

The Most Revd Dr Prem Chand Singh, Moderator

Mon 24 The Birth of John the Baptist

Chelmsford (The Ascension w All Saints) Clergy: Tom Page (V).

The Dioceses of Nnewi (Nigeria), Armagh (Ireland), and Johannesburg (Southern Africa)

Tue 25 Chelmsford (St Andrew) Clergy: Paul Greenland (V).

Licensed Lay Minister: Linda Robinson.

The Dioceses of Nord Kivu (Congo) and Armidale (Australia)

Wed 26 Ember Day

The Chignals (St Nicholas w St James) w Mashbury Clergy: Caroline Brown (PIC), Dan Pierce (AC), Sandra Sykes (AC), Jackie Thornton (A). Reader: Greg Waters.

The Dioceses of North Ankole (Uganda), Arochukwu/Ohafia (Nigeria), and Aru (Congo)

June

Thu 27 **Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 444**

Great & Little Leighs St Mary Vn, (St John) and Little Waltham (St Martin) Clergy: Caroline Brown (PIC), Dan Pierce (AC), Sandra Sykes (AC), Jackie Thornton (A). Reader: Greg Waters.

Little Waltham School: Liz Maycock (HT)

The Dioceses of North Carolina (The Episcopal Church) and Asaba (Nigeria)

Fri 28 **Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200**

Ember Day

Great Waltham (St Mary & St Lawrence) w Ford End (St John). Clergy: Caroline Brown (PIC), Dan Pierce (AC), Sandra Sykes (AC), Jackie Thornton (A). Reader: Greg Waters.

Ford End School: Sarah Cottee/Liz Maycock (Interim HTs).

Great Waltham School: Alex Burden (HT).

Pleshey (Holy Trinity) Clergy: Mike Aston (PIC), Dan Pierce (AC).

The Dioceses of North Central Philippines (Philippines), Asante-Mampong (West Africa), and Jos (Nigeria)

Sat 29 **Peter and Paul, Apostles**

Ember Day

In an ancient hymn for today Peter and Paul are referred to as “twin olive branches” and they are certainly the great figures of the apostolic church. In many ways the Acts of the Apostles would be more accurately called “the acts of Peter and Paul”. They stand at the foundation layer of the Christian church. It’s therefore a fantastic gift to Christians down the ages that Peter and Paul disagreed – and the New Testament tells us so. A great quote by a modern scholar goes “of course Christians disagree – it’s part of our Jewish DNA!” Christians, after all, don’t have a rule book to guide them but a person to follow.

The Dioceses of North Dakota (The Episcopal Church), Athabasca (Canada), and Juba (South Sudan)

Sun 30 **Second Sunday after Trinity**

Pray for the work of the Hockerill Foundation, which provides grants to teachers in training from this diocese, St Albans’ diocese and others, especially those studying Religious Education.

PRAY for the United Church of Pakistan, The Most Revd Humphrey Peters, Moderator

July

Mon 1 **Henry, John, and Henry Venn the younger, Priests, Evangelican Divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873**

Roxwell (St Michael and All Angels). Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Andrew Merchant (A).

Roxwell School: Vacancy (HT).

The Dioceses of North East India (North India), Atlanta (The Episcopal Church) and Kabba (Nigeria)

Tue 2 **Springfield (All Saints) Clergy: Susan Iskander (PIC), Dan Pierce (AC), Simon Pearce (A). Licensed Lay Ministers: Roger McFarland, Ros Webb.**

The Dioceses of North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba (West Indies) and Attoch (South Sudan)

Wed 3 **Thomas the Apostle**

North Springfield (St Augustine of Canterbury) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Dan Pierce (AC). Reader: Simon Carpenter.

The Bishops’ CE & RC School: Greg Waters (HT).

The Dioceses of North Karamoja (Uganda), Auckland (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) and Ayaci (South Sudan)

Thu 4 **East Springfield (Church of Our Saviour) LEP. Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).**

Springfield (Holy Trinity). Clergy: Keith Roddy (V), Ian Fuller (A).

The Dioceses of North Kigezi (Uganda) and Aweil (South Sudan)

Fri 5 **Writtle (All Saints) w Highwood (St Paul). Clergy: Vacancy (V), Andrew Merchant (A).**

The Retired Clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Chelmsford North.

General Synod begins today in York. Please pray for all those attending.

The Dioceses of North Mbale (Uganda), Awerial (South Sudan) and Kadguli & Nuba Mountains (Sudan)