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ABBREVIATIONS:

A Assistant Clergy; AAD Assistant Area Dean; AC Associate Priest/Minister; AD Area Dean; BMO Bishop's Mission Order; BP Bishop; CHP Chaplain; Exec. HT Executive Head Teacher; HT Head Teacher; HoS Head of School; LLM Licensed Lay Minister; PEV Provincial Episcopal Visitor; PIC Priest in Charge; PP Public Preacher; R Rector; Rdes Rector designate; TM Team Ministry; TR Team Rector; TV Team Vicar; TV des Team Vicar designate; V Vicar; Vdes Vicar designate.

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Harlow Deanery Vision Day

Clergy and lay representatives from Harlow Deanery Synod recently came together for a vision day at the Emmaus Centre, Thorley. The day was facilitated by the Revd Andy Griffiths, Lead Adviser for Wellbeing and Formation and Continuing Ministerial Development Adviser.

Drawing on passages from John 1 and Acts 10, participants reflected together on God's calling and explored a shared vision for the deanery.

The Revd Andy Griffiths said: "I really enjoyed joining the Harlow Deanery for this vision day. There was real energy in the room as we reflected on the Holy Spirit, who descends like a dove, and sought to put into words the desires God has placed on our hearts.

"People contributed in a variety of ways, from creative artwork featuring a rainbow-decorated elephant and an ostrich, to what one participant described as a vision from God of the Bayeux Tapestry, alongside thoughtful discussion and generous encouragement.

"Together, we discovered a desire to be a deanery that is Jesus-centred and open to the leading of the Holy Spirit, even when that means being lovingly nudged, stretched or surprised. Prayer lies at the heart of this vision, alongside a commitment to mutual care, togetherness, and collaboration.

"Like a family of elephants gathering to protect

one another, the deanery longs to share gifts, wisdom, experience and resources generously, with a sense of subsidiarity – where decisions are made as close to the local context as possible. Ministers and churches should be able to say, 'I'm glad I'm part of this deanery. It helps me.'"

The vision that emerged emphasised supporting churches through both the joys and challenges, reducing unnecessary burdens, and creating an environment where disciples can flourish and grow.

The Revd Darren McIndoe, Area Dean of Harlow, added: "The passages we reflected on reminded us that God lives in and works through ordinary people like us, and that we are called to listen for the prompting of the Holy Spirit. They encouraged us to minister wherever God leads us and never to turn away from those whom God is calling us to love into his Kingdom.

"The vision day provided an opportunity to celebrate the rich diversity of our deanery. Our variety is one of our strengths, but we were also reminded of the importance of working together. By supporting one another, we can strengthen every parish and better serve our communities."

Pray for our churches and worshipping communities across Harlow Deanery as they seek to follow the Holy Spirit, grow in unity, and support one another in serving their local communities.

November

Tue 24 **Pray for:** West Bergholt (St Mary the Virgin) and Great Horkesley (All Saints, St John) Clergy: Heather Wilcox (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Liz Dixon.

Heathlands School, West Bergholt: Darrel Crawley (HT).

The Bishop William Ward School, Great Horkesley: Toby Bull (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese on the Coast – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

Wed 25 **Calendar of Saints: Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th Century**
Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer, 1748

Pray for: Lexden (St Leonard) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Cochin – The Church of South India (United)*

Thu 26 **Pray for:** Myland (St Michael) Clergy: Janine Wild (PIC), Hazel Greenland (AC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Coimbatore – The Church of South India (United)*

Fri 27 **Pray for:** Wormingford (St Andrew) and Mount Bures (St John) w Little Horkesley (St Peter and St Paul) Clergy: Heather Wilcox (PIC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Colombia – The Episcopal Church*

Sat 28 **Pray for:** *The Diocese of Colombo – The Church of Ceylon (Extra Provincial)*

Sun 29 **Calendar of Saints: DAY OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE CHURCH**

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Keep us, O Lord, while we tarry on this earth, in a serious seeking after thee, and in an affectionate walking with thee, every day of our lives; that when thou comest, we may be found not hiding our talent, nor serving the flesh, nor yet asleep with our lamp unfurnished, but waiting and longing for our Lord, our glorious King, for ever and ever." Richard Baxter (1615-91)

Pray for: *Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui*

Mon 30 **Calendar of Saints: ANDREW THE APOSTLE**

Pray for: Shrub End (All Saints w St Cedd) Clergy: Nikki Horsley (PIC)

Wivenhoe (St Mary) Clergy: Erwin Lammens (R, AD).

Licensed Lay Minister: Glyn Stanway.

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

Pray for: *The Diocese of Colorado – The Episcopal Church*

September

Tue 1 **Calendar of Saints: Giles of Provence, Hermit c.710**

Pray for: COLCHESTER EPISCOPAL AREA

Please pray for the Bishop of Colchester: Roger Morris, and our Archdeacons: Ruth Patten (Colchester) and Kate Peacock (Stansted); and all staff and volunteers in the Colchester Area Team.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Belize – The Church in the Province of the West Indies*

Wed 2 **Calendar of Saints: The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1901, 1942**

Pray for: The Deanery of Harlow

Area Dean: Darren McIndoe. Lay Chair: Jane Potter.
All the chaplains who work in the Deanery of Harlow.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Bendigo – The Anglican Church of Australia*

Thu 3 **Calendar of Saints: Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 604**

Pray for: Great Hallingbury (St Giles) & Little Hallingbury (St Mary Vn)
Clergy: Sophie Weller (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Caroline Harding.

Little Hallingbury CE Primary School: Ruth Baugh (Exec. HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Beni – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*

Fri 4 **Calendar of Saints: Birinius, Bishop of Dorchester (Oxon.), Apostle of Wessex, 650**

Pray for: Harlow (St Mary & St Hugh w St John the Baptist)

Clergy: Sarah Swift (V).

Harlow Churchgate CE Primary School: Chris Jarvis (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Benin – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

Sat 5 **Pray for:** *The Diocese of Bentiu – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

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Travelling Well Together - Sustaining Ministry

100 Days of Listening

Between 6 September and 15 December, parish communities across Chelmsford Diocese are invited to pause, pray and talk together about how we can be an enduring missional presence in the times and context in which God has placed us.

This '100 days of Listening' follows the '100 Days of Prayer' that took place earlier this year.

Across the Diocese of Chelmsford, people are faithfully serving God in the parish communities. There is much to give thanks for, but at the same time, many parish communities are facing real pressures.

Four topics have been identified which impact many of our parish communities across the diocese:

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| 1. Vocations | 2. Wellbeing |
| 3. Buildings | 4. Finances |

However, the 100 Days of Listening is not limited to these four topics and there will be other topics people might want to focus on in their own parish and deanery.

Taking part in 100 Days of Listening

A discussion resource has been written to help people hold discussions in their own church communities; to listen carefully to one another's experiences, hopes and concerns, and to discern together how God is leading us as we seek to sustain ministry and join in God's mission across the many parish communities of East London and Essex that make up the Diocese of Chelmsford.

You can view the Discussion Resource and find out more about the 100 Days of Listening on the diocesan website or by scanning the QR code chelmsford.anglican.org/sustaining-ministry.



November

- Wed 18** **Calendar of Saints: Elizabeth of Hungary, Princess of Thuringia, Philanthropist, 1231**
Pray for: Pray for: Colchester (St Botolph)
 Chris Smith (PIC), Emma Smith (AC), Jo Jeffery (A).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Christ the King – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola*
- Thu 19** **Calendar of Saints: Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680**
19 Mechthild, Béguine of Magdeburg, Mystic, 1280
Pray for: Colchester (St Peter)
 Clergy: Mark Wallace (V). Licensed Lay Minister: Duncan Breckels.
Pray for: *The Diocese of Christ the King – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*
- Fri 20** **Calendar of Saints: Edmund, King of the East Angles, Martyr, 870**
Priscilla Lydia Sellon, a Restorer of the Religious Life in the Church of England, 1876
Pray for: Fordham (All Saints) w Eight Ash Green (All Saints)
 Clergy: Francis Blight (R).
 Fordham All Saints School: Carla Dale (HoS), Sarah Stevenson (Exec. HT).
 Holy Trinity School Eight Ash Green and Aldham: Katie Welsh (HoS), Sarah Stevenson (Exec. HT).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Christchurch – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*
- Sat 21** **Pray for:** *The Diocese of Chubu – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai*
- Sun 22** **CHRIST THE KING (SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT)**
 Sovereign God, ruler of all creation, you sent Jesus to testify to the truth: that you alone are the Lord of life. Help us to listen always to his voice so that we may proclaim his realm of justice, peace, and endless love; through Christ, who reigns forever.
Calendar of Saints: Cecilia, Martyr at Rome, c.230
Pray for: *The Church of England*
- Mon 23** **Calendar of Saints: Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, c.100**
Pray for: Stanway (St Albright w St Andrew's Church Centre)
 Clergy: Nikki Horsley (PIC).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Clogher – The Church of Ireland*



Harwich Deanery Outreach at the Tendring Show

Each year, the Tendring Show welcomes around 20,000 visitors from across Essex, bringing together rural and urban communities for a celebration of agriculture, local business and family activities. For many years, the churches of Harwich Deanery have been a valued part of the event, offering a welcoming space where people can pause and find refreshment amid the bustle of the showground.

The Harwich Deanery Churches Tent provides free refreshments, conversation and a listening ear throughout the day, alongside a baby changing and feeding area that is particularly appreciated by families.

This year, more than 100 children took part in craft activities. Families explored the theme of the Beatitudes, with children adding thumbprints to a collaborative Sermon on the Mount picture. More than 100 goody bags containing prayer cards, crosses and information about local churches were also given away.

Reflecting on this year's event, the Area Dean of Harwich, the Revd John Saxon, said: "The Tendring Show gives our churches a wonderful opportunity to serve the wider community in a simple and practical way. Visitors are often surprised that all hospitality is provided free of charge. Whether through offering hospitality,

supporting families, listening, praying or sharing something of our faith, we hope visitors experience the love and welcome of the Church."

Rural Adviser and Agricultural Chaplain, the Revd Canon Janet Nicholls added, "It is always a pleasure to visit the Harwich Deanery Churches Tent at the Tendring Show. The warm welcome, kind hospitality and prayerful presence amidst the busyness of the showground are reminders of how our churches so often bring 'salt, light and yeast' to the heart of our rural communities."

This presence has been supported in recent years through the Deanery Mission Opportunity Fund, enabling investment in resources including professional publicity materials, a gazebo and a generator, enabling the serving of hot drinks. These resources are now used at other community events - Christmas markets, sea shanty festivals and village fetes - helping Harwich churches to maintain a visible and welcoming presence across the deanery.

The Revd John Saxon also noted that improved publicity has helped increase attendance at local church services. The Deanery is already looking forward to returning to the Tendring Show on 10 July 2027.

Pray for the churches of Harwich Deanery as they continue to serve their communities through practical acts of hospitality and witness.

Sun 6 CREATION IN CHRIST / FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Creator God, we see your hand in your creation; On the earth we see and feel your love and care for us; Your earth feeds us and clothes us. Lord forgive our greed and selfish use of your gifts. May we learn to share the earth, to work it and to care for every part of it, so that all who live now and, in the future, may enjoy its Care for us. Amen
(The Church of England/The Diocese of Leeds)

Calendar of Saints: Allen Gardiner, Missionary, Founder of the South American Mission Society, 1851

Pray for: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

Mon 7 Pray for: Harlow (St Mary Magdalene) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

Pray for: The Diocesan Education Team.

Pray for: The Diocese of Bermuda – (Extra Provincial)

Tue 8 Calendar of Saints: The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pray for: Harlow Town Centre (St Paul w St Mary), Little Parndon TM Clergy: Vacancy (TR), Jokey Poyntz (TV). Licensed Lay Minister: Peter Smith.

Pray for: The Diocese of Bethlehem – The Episcopal Church

Wed 9 Calendar of Saints: Charles Fuge Lowder, Priest, 1880

Pray for: Great Parndon (St Mary)

Clergy: Richard Attew (PIC), Paul Bartlett (AC).

Pray for: The Diocese of Bhopal – The Church of North India (United)

Thu 10 Pray for: Tye Green (St Stephen) w Netteswell (St Andrew)

Clergy: Darren McIndoe (PIC, AD), Christian Okeke (AC).

Licensed Lay Minister: Karen McIndoe.

William Martin CE Infant & Nursery School: Gina Bailey (Exec. HT).

William Martin CE Junior School: Gina Bailey (Exec. HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of Bida – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)



Celebrating our new Deacons and Priests

Fifteen new Deacons will be ordained by the Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, the Bishop of Chelmsford, at services held at Chelmsford Cathedral on Sunday 13 September.

There will be two services. Our new deacons from the Bradwell Episcopal Area will be ordained at the 11am service, while our new deacons for the Barking and Colchester Episcopal Areas will be ordained at the 2pm service.

We will be introducing our new Deacons on our social media channels in the run up to the ordination services. Search @chelmsdio on Facebook, Instagram, X and BlueSky with the hashtag #ChelmsdioNewRevs.

You can also read the story of one of our new deacons, Andy Mussell, in this edition of We Pray - on page 24. Raised in the Methodist Church, Andy shares his faith journey, from a life-changing encounter with God's grace 15 years ago to the path that has led him to ordained ministry in the Church of England.

You can also find out more about our new Deacons and our ordination services on our website: www.chelmsford.anglican.org/newrevs or by scanning the QR code.

Services will also take place on Saturday 26 September in parish churches across our diocese to celebrate our new priests, who will be ordained to the priesthood by our Area Bishops.

Barking Area: Chadwell Heath St Chad at 10am and St Saviours Walthamstow at 2pm. Both services will be led by the Right Reverend Lynne Cullens, the Bishop of Barking.

Bradwell Area: St Michael and All Angels, Westcliff at 10:30am led by the Right Reverend Adam Atkinson, the Bishop of Bradwell.

Colchester Area: St Botolph's, Colchester at 10am led by the Right Reverend Roger Morris, the Bishop of Colchester and Henham Church at 6pm led by the Right Reverend Rob Munro, the Bishop of Ebbsfleet.

Caption: A photograph of our Bishops with last year's new Deacons at the Diocesan House of Retreat, many of whom will be ordained priests on Saturday 26 September 2026.



Please pray for all our new deacons as they prepare for ordination and to begin their new ministry in parishes across our diocese. Pray too for all our new priests as they prepare for this new chapter in their ministry.

Thu 12 **Pray for:** Colchester (St John the Evangelist) Clergy: Paul Dever (V).

Colchester St John's School: Craig Twin (HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of Chester – The Church of England

Fri 13 **Calendar of Saints: Charles Simeon, Priest, Evangelical Divine, 1836**

Pray for: Colchester (Christ Church) w (St Mary at the Walls)

Clergy: Chris Smith (PIC), Emma Smith (AC), Jo Jeffery (A).

Licensed Lay Minister: Elizabeth Humphreys.

Pray for: The Diocese of Chhattisgarh – The Church of North India (United)

Sat 14 **Calendar of Saints: Samuel Seabury, first Anglican Bishop in North America, 1796**

Pray for: The Diocese of Chicago – The Episcopal Church

Sun 15 **SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT**

Please pray for the work of the Dean and Chapter in their daily work of the administration of the Cathedral.

Pray for: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

Mon 16 **Calendar of Saints: Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Philanthropist, Reformer, 1093**
Edmund Rich of Abingdon, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1240

Pray for: Colchester New Town and the Hythe (St Stephen, St Leonard, St Mary Magdalene) Clergy: Anna Davis (PIC).

Kendall School: Clare French (HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of Chichester – The Church of England

Tue 17 **Calendar of Saints: Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200**

Pray for: Colchester (St Luke) Clergy: Hannah Cooper (PIC), Sarah Hayward (AC), Paul Mann (AC), Charley Day (A), Stephanie Jones (A).

Licensed Lay Ministers: Diana Bengé-Abbott.

Pray for: The Diocese of Chotanagpur – The Church of North India (United)

Diocese of Chelmsford signs Armed Forces Covenant

On Monday 15 June, a service of Choral Evensong was held at Chelmsford Cathedral at which the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Dean of Chelmsford and the Diocesan Secretary signed the Armed Forces Covenant on behalf of the Diocese of Chelmsford.

The service was a public expression of the Diocese of Chelmsford's commitment to recognise the value, service, and sacrifice of those who serve or have served in the Armed Forces of the Crown, together with their families.

In signing the Covenant, the Diocese affirms its intention to uphold the principle that members of the Armed Forces Community should not face disadvantage, and that they and their families should be treated with respect, fairness, and appropriate support in recognition of their contribution to national life.

The Covenant was signed during the service by representatives of the Diocese and the Armed Forces in Essex and East London:

- Lt Colonel Ed Rankin - Commander of Colchester Garrison
- The Revd Gavin Smith CF - Senior Chaplain 16 Air Assault Brigade
- WO2 Timothy Armon Jones - Warrant Officer Class 2 (WO2) Army Reserves Centre, West Ham

- The Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani - Bishop of Chelmsford
- The Very Revd Dr Jessica Martin - Dean of Chelmsford
- Canon Michaela Southworth - Diocesan Secretary and Chief Executive Officer, the Diocese of Chelmsford

The Armed Forces Covenant was introduced to underscore the commitment of the people of this nation to continue to support those who have served and continue to serve, in our Armed Forces.

It acknowledges that those in the military are called upon to make personal sacrifices in order to serve the people of this nation, and asks that this is recognised by the population as a whole.

It also recognises the contribution of family members of military personnel in supporting those who serve.

The Covenant affirms the nation's moral duty to support military personnel and their families, ensuring they face no disadvantage and, when injured or bereaved, may receive special considerations.

Pray for our military personnel, veterans and their families, giving thanks for their service and sacrifice. Pray that all who have served our nation will be treated with fairness, dignity and compassion.

Fri 11 **Pray for:** Latton (St Mary)

Clergy: Vacancy (V), Malcolm Green (AC), Piers Northam (A).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Biharamulo – The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

Sat 12 **Pray for:** *The Diocese of Birmingham – The Church of England*

Sun 13 **THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY:**

Today is Education Sunday

Lord God, we thank you for the education we have received from teachers and schools, from colleges, academies and universities, from parents and friends. Help us to support those who work in education, especially with the difficulties they have faced over the past few years. We appreciate the important job that they do in shaping the future of our world and remember them in our prayers.

Calendar of Saints: John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, Teacher of the Faith, 407

Pray for: *The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*

Mon 14 **Calendar of Saints: HOLY CROSS DAY**

Pray for: Hatfield Broad Oak (St Mary Vn) w Bush End (St John the Evangelist) Clergy: Sophie Weller (PIC).

St Mary's CE Primary School: Ruth Baugh (Exec. HT).

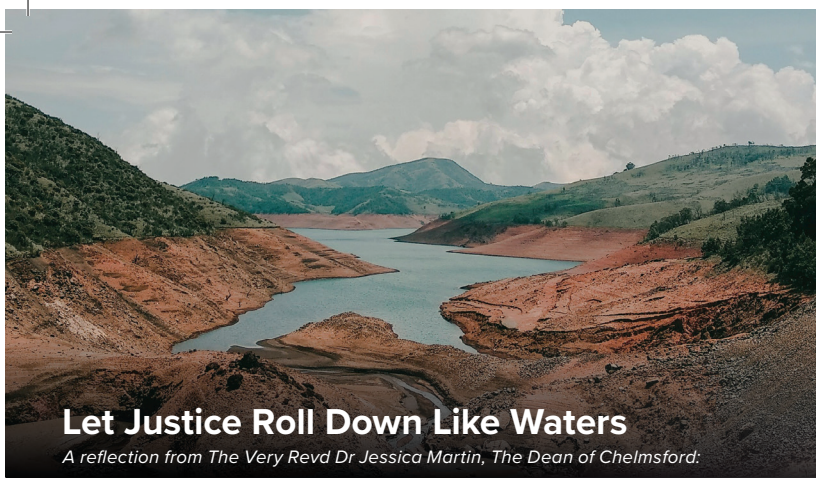
Pray for: *The Diocese of Blackburn – The Church of England*

Tue 15 **Calendar of Saints: Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr, 258**

Pray for: Hatfield Heath (Holy Trinity) w Sheering (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Sophie Weller (PIC).

Sheering CE Primary School: Lorna Brittain (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Bo – The Church of the Province of West Africa*



Let Justice Roll Down Like Waters

A reflection from The Very Revd Dr Jessica Martin, The Dean of Chelmsford:

As I write, the grass is dead. It is hot. Wildfires rage in France, Spain, Greece. The little 'rain' icon on my phone endlessly recedes: 35% chance next Tuesday, next Friday, towards the end of the following week.

In you is the well of life, wrote the psalmist in Psalm 36. In a world where water suddenly seems scarce, its life-giving properties become miraculous: the precious nature of running water (for 'living water' is also a way of describing water that flows rather than pools) in a dry country upends our sense of what is valuable.

In psalm 84, in the beautiful translation by Coverdale, the psalmist speaks of the person who 'going through the vale of misery uses it for a well; and the pools are filled with water'.

We know that our extreme weather is a consequence of human-made climate change. We have brought upon ourselves the extremities of heat and of flood, of wind and of scorching sun. The delicate ecological niche in which we, and countless species besides, flourished

in complex interdependence, has been destabilised by our unchecked desire to take up more and more space. In climate terms, we are like the rich in Amos's prophecy, who flourish by grabbing from those around them.

'Let justice roll down like rivers,' he writes, 'and righteousness like a never-failing stream'. The good things of the earth are not exploitable resources, but gifts from God, generosity that begets generosity, so that as we receive, so we learn to give onwards.

As we approach the Season of Creation, may we honour the gifts God gives us by conserving and handing on a more hospitable world to those who come after.

For all things come from you (as Solomon prayed over his gifts) and of your own do we give you.



Fri 6 **Calendar of Saints: Leonard, Hermit, 6th Century**
William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1944

Pray for: Greenstead w Colchester St Anne TM: Colchester (St Anne), Colchester (St Andrew), Colchester (St Matthew) Clergy: Sue Howlett (V), Philip Howlett (AC). Licensed Lay Minister: Martin Roscoe.

Colchester Parsons Heath School: Claire Newson (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Upper South Carolina – The Episcopal Church*

Sat 7 **Calendar of Saints: Willibrord of York, Bishop, Apostle of Frisia, 739**

Pray for: *The Diocese of Western North Carolina – The Episcopal Church*

Sun 8 **Calendar of Saints: The Saints and Martyrs of England**

THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT (REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY)

Ever-living God, We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (The Church of England).

Pray for: *Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*

Mon 9 **Calendar of Saints: Margery Kempe, Mystic, c.1440**

Pray for: Colchester (St Barnabas Old Heath) Clergy: Erwin Lammens (PIC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory – The Church of Ireland*

Tue 10 **Calendar of Saints: Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, Teacher of the Faith, 461**

Pray for: Langham (St Mary the Virgin) w Boxted (St Peter) Clergy: Heather Wilcox (PIC).

Boxted St Peter's School: Ellie Jaggs (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Chandigarh – The Church of North India (United)*

Wed 11 **Calendar of Saints: Martin, Bishop of Tours, c.397**

Pray for: Colchester (St James and St Paul) Clergy: James McCluskey (R), Jeff Graham (A).

St James School: Lucy Turner (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Chelmsford – The Church of England*



From Compliance to Culture: How the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard is Supporting Our Churches

In June 2025, the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard was launched across Chelmsford Diocese, providing parishes with a simple, user-friendly online tool to help keep track of safeguarding administration and stay up to date with local and national safeguarding requirements.

The Dashboard supports parishes in monitoring and recording key safeguarding activities, while also helping them assess their progress against the Church of England's five National Safeguarding Standards.

The Parish Safeguarding Dashboard has been rolled out across most dioceses in the Church of England, and Chelmsford Diocese has achieved one of the fastest sign-up rates in the country.

Graeme Eyre, Parish Safeguarding Officer for St Thomas, Bradwell-on-Sea and St James, Dengie, has been using the Dashboard since July 2025 and has found it hugely beneficial.

Graeme explains: "As the Parish Safeguarding Officer for two rural parishes, I have found the Parish Safeguarding Dashboard an incredibly useful tool for structuring and supporting our safeguarding work.

"Both parishes are at slightly different stages, but the Dashboard takes account of that. Registering was straightforward, and it was easy to give access to the Churchwarden and Vicar so that we could all see progress and work collaboratively.

"The Dashboard enabled me to quickly record the safeguarding measures we already had in place, while also providing a clear action plan for areas where further development was needed. One of the things I have found particularly valuable is the way it has helped focus discussions at PCC meetings. Safeguarding is always a standing agenda item, but the Dashboard has moved conversations beyond simply reporting that there is nothing new to discuss or reminding PCC members to complete their training.

"We have also used one of the "Promoting a Healthier Culture" worksheets available through the Dashboard to help shape wider discussions at a PCC away day. I would strongly encourage any parish that has not yet started using the Dashboard to do so. It helps shift safeguarding purely from just a check list to something that permeates the culture of the parish."

Every parish in the Diocese of Chelmsford is required to use the Dashboard to track their progress in all areas of safeguarding. Encouragingly, 92% of our parishes are already actively using the system.

Parishes that have not yet registered, or those who would like support to get started, are encouraged to email the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on safeguarding@chelmsford.anglican.org.

Pray for our Parish Safeguarding Officers and all those across our diocese who work to ensure our churches are safe and welcoming places for everyone.

September

Wed 16 **Ember Day**

Calendar of Saints: Ninian, Bishop of Galloway, Apostle of the Picts, c.432
Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882

Pray for: Staple Tye (St James) Clergy: Christian Okeke (PIC).

St James' CE Primary School: Casey Cox (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Boga – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*

Thu 17 **Calendar of Saints:** Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Visionary, 1179

Pray for: Nazeing (All Saints w St Giles)
Clergy: Richard Attew (PIC), Paul Bartlett (AC).

Royston (St Peter) Clergy: Richard Attew (PIC), Paul Bartlett (AC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Bolivia – The Anglican Church of South America*

Fri 18 **Ember Day**

Pray for: Church Langley
Clergy: Darren McIndoe (PIC, AD). Licensed Lay Minister: Lis Scott.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Bondo – The Anglican Church of Kenya*

Sat 19 **Ember Day**

Calendar of Saints: Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690

Pray for: The Diocese of Bor – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Sun 20 **THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Tomorrow (21 September) is the UN International Day of Peace:

Pray for Peace

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace: let the design of thy great love lighten upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows: and give peace to thy Church, peace among nations, peace in our dwellings, and peace in our hearts: through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.
(The Church of England)

Calendar of Saints: John Coleridge Patteson, First Bishop of Melanesia, and his Companions, Martyrs, 1871

Pray for: *The Anglican Church of Australia*



November

Sun 1 Calendar of Saints: ALL SAINTS' DAY

FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT [OR ALL SAINTS' DAY]

Pray for all those men and women who work in the emergency services providing 24-hour care and protection, both in front line and behind the scenes. Pray, too, for their chaplains.

Pray for: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Mon 2 Calendar of Saints: COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

Pray for: The retired Clergy, Readers and Lay Ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Hinckford.

Pray for: The Diocesan Secretary and Chief Executive Officer who oversees the work of the diocesan staff teams.

Pray for: The Diocese of Carlisle – The Church of England

Tue 3 Calendar of Saints: Richard Hooker, Priest, Anglican Apologist, Teacher of the Faith, 1600 Martin of Porres, Friar, 1639

Pray for: The Deanery of Colchester

Area Dean: Erwin Lammens. Lay Chair: Lynne Gettings.

All the chaplains who work in the Deanery of Colchester.

Pray for: The Diocese of East Carolina – The Episcopal Church

Wed 4 **Pray for:** Marks Tey (St Andrew) and Aldham (St Margaret & St Catherine) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).

Marks Tey St Andrew's School: Keith Birbeck (HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of North Carolina – The Episcopal Church

Thu 5 **Pray for:** Berechurch (St Margaret w St Michael) Clergy: Anna Davis (PIC).

Pray for: The Diocese of South Carolina – The Episcopal Church

Harvest 2026

A reflection from The Revd Canon Janet Nicholls, Rural Adviser & Agricultural Chaplain:

Over the next few weeks, many of our churches will be offering Harvest Festivals. In a diocese of extensive agricultural land, Harvest Festival provides the opportunity to connect with the people who dedicate their lives to ensuring that food is produced to nourish and sustain us.

Bringing crops to harvest in 2026, has required incredible expertise and commitment. The very wet winter followed by an excessively dry spring and extremely hot summer have provided challenging growing conditions. Every crop brought to fruition this year has been something of a triumph. Each time I saw a combine harvester cutting wheat this harvest, I felt truly thankful that our farmers had managed to add to the reserves of this essential crop.

Globally, wheat continues to be the staple food for around 3 billion people of whom more than a third are among the poorest, and it provides approximately one fifth of the calories and protein of the human diet. The wheat in our diocese is often grown in environmentally-friendly ways including zero-till systems to maintain soil structure and store carbon, with

reduced herbicides and fungicides, and in settings where biodiversity is encouraged through maintaining hedgerows and allowing wide field-margins (providing "Wildlife Motorways" around the farm!).

Times remain tough in agriculture. As Agricultural Chaplain, I'm mindful of the sacrifices made by many in our farming community as they aim to provide us with a consistent and safe supply of food, whilst treading lightly on the earth.

Over the last eleven years, it has been my honour and privilege to affirm, support and pray for them. I extend a very warm invitation to everyone to join me in this endeavour as we give thanks for this year's harvest in prayer and praise at our **Essex County Harvest Service in Chelmsford Cathedral on Sunday 27th September at 3.30pm**. Tractors and animals will be present!

Pray for all those who work in agriculture across our diocese and beyond. We give thanks for their skill, resilience and dedication in bringing food from field to plate, often in challenging conditions.

Chaplaincy to 16 Air Assault Brigade: Providing Pastoral, Spiritual and Moral Care

Since 2001, 16 Air Assault Brigade has been based in Colchester, building strong ties with the city and its communities. These links were celebrated in July 2026 at the dedication of the Colchester Airborne Soldier Statue, marking the Brigade's long-standing presence in the city.

As the British Army's Global Response Force, the Brigade is held at very high readiness to respond rapidly to crises worldwide. Its personnel are supported by a dedicated chaplaincy team.

The Revd Gavin Smith CF, Senior Chaplain to Brigade Headquarters, explains the role and ministry of the team:

"I lead chaplains who provide pastoral, spiritual and moral care to Brigade units. Most are based in Colchester, alongside Brigade Headquarters, Colchester Garrison, and the Military Correction and Training Centre, where service personnel undertake corrective training following periods of detention.

"Other Brigade locations include Woodbridge in Suffolk, Tern Hill in Shropshire, Shorncliffe in Kent and Brunei. A reservist unit has locations across England, Scotland and Wales. The team is also supported by an Officiating Chaplain to the Military, the Revd Kirsty Emerson, who serves in the Diocese of Chelmsford's Harwich Team

Ministry. She is chaplain to the Royal Military Police and other detachments in Colchester. The Diocese further showed its commitment to the military and veteran community by signing the Armed Forces Covenant in June 2026. (see page 38).

"The Royal Army Chaplains' Department exists to care for the Army's people and their families, offering pastoral, spiritual and moral support at home and overseas. This year, Brigade chaplains have deployed, or will deploy, to France, Kenya, Cyprus, the Falkland Islands, the Netherlands and Germany for exercises and commemorations, including events linked to the Normandy landings and the Battle of Arnhem.

"We are working on how best to prepare the Brigade for the ethical, psychological and spiritual challenges of the modern battlefield. Chaplains currently lead Moral Resilience seminars, helping service personnel define virtues such as courage and loyalty so they are better equipped to make the right choice in difficult and arduous situations."

For more information about the Royal Army Chaplains' Department, email: ArmyCG-Chaplain-Recruiter@mod.gov.uk.

Please pray for the Armed Forces Community and the Chaplains serving in the Diocese.
Above all, let us continue to pray for peace.

Mon 21 Calendar of Saints: MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Pray for: The retired Clergy, Readers and Lay Ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Harlow.

Pray for: The Diocesan Rural Adviser and Agricultural Chaplain and all those involved in rural ministry in our diocese.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Botswana – The Church of the Province of Central Africa*

Tue 22 Pray for: The Deanery of Dunmow and Stansted

Area Dean: Thomas Warmington. Lay Chair: Allison Ward.

All the chaplains who work in the Deanery of Dunmow and Stansted.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Brandon – The Anglican Church of Canada*

Wed 23 Pray for: Felsted (Holy Cross) and Little Dunmow (St Mary the Virgin)

Clergy: Vacancy (V). Licensed Lay Minister: Joanna Pratt.

Felsted School: Vacancy (CHP).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Brechin – The Scottish Episcopal Church*

Thu 24 Pray for: Broxton w Chickney (St Mary Vn) and Tilty (St Mary Vn) and Great Easton (St John & St Giles) and Little Easton Clergy: Susan Hurley (V).

Great Easton School: Claire Jackman (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Brisbane – The Anglican Church of Australia*

Fri 25 Calendar of Saints: Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, Spiritual Writer, 1626

Sergei of Radonezh, Russian Monastic Reformer, Teacher of the Faith, 1392

Pray for: Great Dunmow (St Mary Vn) w Barnston (St Andrew)
Clergy: Thomas Warmington (PIC), Elsie Bouffler (AC), Michelle Cottis (A).

Dunmow St Mary's CE Primary School: Claire Kearney (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Bristol – The Church of England*

Sat 26 Calendar of Saints: Wilson Carile, founder of the Church Army, 1942

Pray for: *The Diocese of British Columbia – The Anglican Church of Canada*



Celebrating Community and Building a Neighbourhood of Solidarity and Love

In July, the Barkingside community came together for a vibrant Community Summer Garden Party at Holy Trinity Church. Open to everyone, the event was a joyful celebration of community life and a practical expression of the church's vision of creating a Neighbourhood of Solidarity and Love.

The day featured stalls offering food, drinks, raffle prizes and bric-a-brac, alongside a bouncy castle and a steel drum band that brought smiles, dancing and a festive atmosphere. Adults and children also joined in races and other fun activities throughout the day.

The Revd Dr Chris Szejnmann, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Barkingside, reflects: "Our amazing Community Summer Garden Party is what a 'Neighbourhood of Solidarity and Love' looks like for us at Holy Trinity Barkingside. It was a wonderful celebration of people of all ages and backgrounds - our Vicarage Garden was heaving with joy and laughter.

"At a time when we are challenged daily by violence, hatred and exclusion, alongside an ever-deepening cost of living crisis, our vision is to bring the community together in solidarity and love and to build a welcoming, diverse, inclusive, family-friendly, lively and creative church for

all in Barkingside. We welcome everyone and celebrate and affirm each person as beautifully made and wonderfully unique."

This vision has helped bring together people of all backgrounds, all faiths and none, through church activities including baby and toddler groups, youth clubs and salsa classes. Relationships with other faith communities, particularly Jewish and Muslim neighbours, continue to grow, alongside partnerships with local councillors, the police and other community organisations.

Many of these groups joined the Community Summer Garden Party, creating a powerful example of shared celebration and community spirit - showing how God's love and generosity are at work within the local community.

Chris added: "This was such a wonderful image of God's abundance around us. It encouraged us to continue awakening the unique gifts and power of people, families and our neighbourhood, and to keep building a community rooted in solidarity and love in these challenging times."

Pray for the mission and ministry of Holy Trinity Church in Barkingside, that it may continue to be a place of welcome, solidarity and love, sharing God's hope and compassion with all in the community.



belonging and growth in Christ in an area where this is an expressed need.

From 2026–2028, a further £3.6 million has been agreed in principle.* This will support outward-looking church renewal, including revitalisation projects in the most densely populated areas of the city of Chelmsford. This following phase will further strengthen parish renewal more broadly across the area, including leadership development, rural ministry, and work with children and young people.

Looking ahead, in 2029, the Bradwell Episcopal Area intends to submit a further bid of up to £7.8m, focusing on Basildon and Thurrock, two areas with significant and growing populations and historic under-investment in its churches.

Bradwell is the second Episcopal Area in The Diocese of Chelmsford to receive investment from SMMIB, following Barking's successful application to support the Believing in Barking missional plan. An application is also in development for the Colchester Episcopal Area.

Welcoming the news, the Bishop of Bradwell, the Rt Revd Adam Atkinson, said: "It is deeply

encouraging to receive this investment, and we give thanks to God for the opportunity it brings.

"We are grateful to the Church of England's Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board, and to the Vision and Strategy Team and our diocesan colleagues, for their support and dedication in enabling this work. We trust that it will bear abundant fruit by the power of the Holy Spirit among our beautifully diverse communities in South Essex. These are places rich in life, culture and possibility, marked by very different challenges yet all under the Lord's loving gaze.

"We are especially thankful to the local churches, clergy, lay leaders and volunteers - whose faithful discernment and commitment continues to shape the vision.

"This investment is one expression of a wider strategic approach called 'Abundant Bradwell'. Through it, we seek to grow a culture of mutual support and shared mission, trusting that God is already at work among us and inviting every community in Bradwell into fullness of life in Christ."

Read the story in full, including a quote from The Rt Revd Dr Gulii Francis-Dehqani, the Bishop of Chelmsford at chelmsford.anglican.org/news.

Pray for the flourishing of churches, chaplaincies and worshipping communities across the Bradwell Episcopal Area - that Abundant Bradwell will support renewal, strengthen mission and discipleship, and that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, people will come to know the love of Jesus Christ.

"In-principle awards are subject to the Archbishops' Council's and Church Commissioners' decisions about the future availability of Diocesan Investment Programme funding, and the Strategic Mission and Ministry Board's approval of detailed plans brought from the Diocese for the next phase.



Abundant Bradwell

In June this year, the Church of England Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board (SMMIB) committed funds to support mission in the Bradwell Episcopal Area of South Essex.

Overall, £5.2m has been committed through the Diocesan Investment Programme, an initial £1.6 million with a further £3.6 million agreed in principle. This funding will support Abundant Bradwell, a missional plan developed in partnership with local church leaders and volunteers across the Bradwell Area of Chelmsford Diocese.

Abundant Bradwell seeks to resource and strengthen parishes across the Episcopal Area, holding a vision for the area as a whole, with some projects supported by national funding. Reflecting the Diocese of Chelmsford's direction of travel and shared values- Travelling Well Together - the plan has been shaped collaboratively in response to locally discerned needs and opportunities.

It focuses on four key areas:

- Helping churches and chaplaincies to flourish abundantly as the people and communities God calls them to be
- Enabling and empowering people to flourish in ministry and daily life
- Supporting significant growth in engagement with children and young people
- Focusing on renewed worship and confident discipleship

The initial tranche of funding will support the development of specific church revitalisation among a network of churches in Southend. It builds on growing congregations and work with young people and draws on planting experience in parts of the diverse Southend Deanery. It will also expand work among the LGBTQI+ community. This builds on an existing chaplaincy and reflects a broader vision of welcome,

Sun 27 **Calendar of Saints: Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Congregation of the Mission (Lazarists), 1660**

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Pray for the work of the Charity for Licensed Ministers in the Diocese of Chelmsford (LMDC), formerly known as the Essex Clergy Charity Corporation.

Pray for: The Church of Bangladesh

Mon 28 **Pray for:** Benefice of the Rodings, Easters & Great Canfield: The South Rodings - Abbess Roding (St Edmund), Beauchamp Roding (St Botolph), White Roding (St Martin), Leaden Roding (St Michael); Great Canfield (St Mary Vn), High Roding (All Saints), Aythorpe Roding (St Mary Vn), High Easter (St Mary Vn), Good Easter (St Andrew) and Margaret Roding (St Margaret of Antioch) Clergy: Tim Goodbody (R).

Pray for: The Diocese of Central Buganda – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Tue 29 **Calendar of Saints: MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS**

Pray for: Stebbing (St Mary Vn) & Lindsell (St Mary Vn) w Great Saling (St James) and Little (Bardfield) Saling (St Peter & St Paul) Clergy: Susan Hurley (V), Ian Elliott (AC). Licensed Lay Ministers: Catherine Elliott, Paul Green.

Pray for: The Diocese of West Buganda – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Wed 30 **Calendar of Saints: Jerome, Translator of the Scriptures, Teacher of the Faith, 420**

Pray for: Stansted Mountfitchet (St John) w Birchanger (St Mary Virgin) & Farnham (St Mary Virgin), Takeley (Holy Trinity) w Little Canfield (All Saints) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Helen Flack (AC). Licensed Lay Minister: Hugh Mascetti.

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

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

Pray for: The Diocese of Buhiga – The Anglican Church of Burundi



Fri 30 **Pray for:** The Hedinghams and Upper Colne: Great Yeldham (St Andrew), Little Yeldham (St John the Baptist), Stambourne (St Peter & St Thomas), Tilbury-juxta-Clare (St Margaret), Toppesfield (St Margaret), Sible Hedingham (St Peter) and Castle Hedingham (St Nicholas)
Clergy: Justin Tomkins (R), Michael Bursell (AC), Tia Stickland (A).

Great Yeldham St Andrew's School: Emma Flin (HT).

Toppesfield St Margaret's School: Stephanie Newland (HT).

St Peter's School, Sible Hedingham: Chris Eynon (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Cape Town – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa*

Sat 31 **Calendar of Saints: Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546**

Pray for: *The Diocese of North Eastern Caribbean and Aruba – The Church in the Province of the West Indies*

Diocesan Celebration of Lay Ministry

This year's Diocesan Lay Ministry Celebration Service took place on Sunday 5 July at Chelmsford Cathedral.

The service – led by The Right Reverend Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, the Bishop of Chelmsford was an opportunity for us to gather as a Diocese and celebrate the variety of Lay Ministries in our places of worship, communities and schools across Essex and East London.

The preacher was Canon Caroline Harding, Diocesan Lay Ministry Adviser, Warden of Readers and Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) in the Harlow deanery.

During the service Bishop Guli licensed a new LLM - Nicky Sirett who will serve at St John the Evangelist, Colchester.

LLMs are theologically trained, and their role involves working alongside ordained ministers and other lay leaders in their church community. They have a leadership role and can use their leadership skills in a variety of ways, as an adult educator – training or mentoring other lay ministries, focusing Christian nurture or as someone who attends to the connection between faith and daily life.

New Pastoral Assistants and Spiritual Companions were also authorised at the service.

Pastoral Assistants offer pastoral care in the church and wider community. They are people who have a passion for communicating the message of Christ to others through caring action.

Spiritual Companions are trained, authorised



Count on Nature: Uncovering the Fascinating World of Moths at St Mary's

Churchyards are places of peace and reflection, but they are also havens for wildlife. In June, as part of the national Love Your Burial Ground Week and Churches Count on Nature 2026, a group gathered in the churchyard of St Mary's Church in Stebbing to explore the fascinating world of moths.

The moths had been safely trapped overnight using specialist equipment designed to attract them without causing harm. On the morning of the event, they were carefully examined and recorded before being released back into their natural habitat. Participants were able to discover and learn more about the variety of species living within the churchyard.

The event was led by ecologist Richard Wren, alongside fellow moth enthusiast Kate Smith.

The Revd Sue Hurley, Vicar at St Mary's, said: "Richard demonstrated the specialist traps used to attract moths, complete with egg cartons, and shared fascinating insights into some of the species we discovered, including the striking Elephant Hawk-moth. Kate had also set her own traps and brought along additional specimens in viewing containers.

"We were treated to an unexpected variety of moths, each with beautiful colours, intricate patterns, remarkable camouflage and unique characteristics. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about just a small fraction of the approximately 2,500 moth species found in the UK.

"This event, held as part of Churches Count on Nature, was a wonderful reminder that even familiar places can be home to an astonishing diversity of wildlife, just waiting to be discovered."

Love Your Burial Ground Week is held annually to celebrate churchyards, chapel yards and cemeteries as places of heritage, community and nature. Churches Count on Nature - supported by Caring for God's Acre, the Church of England, the Church in Wales and A Rocha UK- which forms part of the week, encourages local communities to explore, record and celebrate the wildlife found in churchyards.

Pray for all who work to care for and maintain our churchyards and give thanks for the rich variety of wildlife that shares these sacred spaces.



Anglicans who meet with others to listen attentively, help them discern God's guidance and encourage them in their journey of prayer and faith. Some are lay and some are ordained.

Speaking ahead of the service, Bishop Guli said: "Our annual Lay Ministry Celebration is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a diocesan family and give thanks for the many people who faithfully serve God and their church communities through a variety of lay ministries.

"It is a particular joy this year to license Nicky as a new Lay Minister, and to authorise our new Pastoral Assistants and Spiritual Companions. I am deeply grateful for the commitment, gifts and dedication that they each bring.

"Please join me in praying for them as they begin their new ministries."

Canon Caroline added: "The ministry of lay ministers is part of the lifeblood of our Church, and without the vital part they play, the Church could not carry out God's Mission: to make the Gospel known through our words and actions, and to help realise the Kingdom of God here on earth.

"Our Diocesan Lay Ministry Celebration Service is a wonderful opportunity to come together and pray for all lay ministries, giving thanks for the dedicated service of so many volunteers."

Inspired by this story?

Find out more about Lay Ministry in the Diocese of Chelmsford on our website: www.chelmsford.anglican.org/lay-ministry or scan the QR code.



Pray for all those serving in lay roles within our diocese and all those involved in lay ministry training.



The Revd Ben King completes Three Peaks Challenge to celebrate 140 years of St Mark's

St Mark's, Forest Gate, celebrates its 140th anniversary this year, and the church community has been keen to mark this significant milestone. To commemorate the occasion, the Revd Ben King, Vicar of St Mark's, took on the Three Peaks Challenge to raise funds in support of the life and mission of the parish.

In May, Ben completed the iconic challenge which involves climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon - the three highest peaks in Scotland, England and Wales - within 24 hours.

Ben said: "I'd heard of the Three Peaks Challenge and resolved that this would be a good way of celebrating 140 years by raising funds to help resource our mission and ministry for the next 140 years.

"I'm glad to say that with the loving support and prayers of many at St Mark's and beyond, I completed the challenge at the end of May, with just seven minutes to spare!

"I felt wonderfully upheld and sustained by God every step of the way and am also grateful for the number of incredible opportunities I had to witness about Jesus to other members of my

team. To be honest, it felt more of a spiritual adventure than it did a physical challenge.

"Thank you to everyone who has supported and prayed for me as I've taken on this challenge. Your support means so much and will make a real difference to what we are able to do as a church – enabling us to continue to run community projects, supporting families and young people, and creating spaces where people can explore faith and find belonging.

"Having reflected on my own experience, may I also encourage others to consider some kind of challenge as a fundraiser for your church. Doing the Three Peaks certainly seems to have captured the imagination and God has used it in wonderful ways. All glory to Him!"

Ben's fundraising total has far exceeded its initial target of £2,000 and currently stands at more than £6,000. Anyone wishing to support the appeal can donate via www.justgiving.com by searching for 'Ben's fundraiser for St Mark's Church Forest Gate'.

Pray for the clergy, leadership team, volunteers and congregation of St Mark's, Forest Gate, as they celebrate 140 years of faithful witness in their community.

Tue 27 **Pray for:** The United Benefice of Great Tey (St Barnabas) w Little Tey (St James the Less), Wakes Colne (All Saints) & Chappel (St Barnabas)
Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).

Great Tey School: Lucy Overton (HT).

Chappel School: Sarah Griffith (HoS), Sarah Stevenson (Exec. HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn – The Anglican Church of Australia*

Wed 28 **Calendar of Saints: SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES**

Pray for: Halstead Area Team Ministry: Colne Engaine (St Andrew), Earls Colne (St Andrew), Gosfield (St Catherine), Greenstead Green (St James), Halstead (St Andrew w Holy Trinity), White Colne (St Andrew), Gestingthorpe (St Mary Vn), Great Maplestead (St Giles), Little Maplestead (St John the Baptist), Pebmarsh (St John the Baptist)
Clergy: Mark Payne (TR, AD), Sue Goldsmith (TV), Sharon Quilter (AC).
Licensed Lay Minister: Helen Sherfield.

Colne Engaine School: Rebecca More (Exec. HT).

Halstead St Andrew's School: Bridgette Gough (Exec. HT).

Great Maplestead St Giles School: Jinnie Nichols (Exec. HT).

Pebmarsh St John's School: Teresa Gage (HT).

Halstead Holy Trinity School: Sarah Rowe (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Canterbury – The Church of England*

Thur 29 **Calendar of Saints: James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, Martyr in Uganda, 1885**

Pray for: Two Rivers Benefice: Ridgewell (St Laurence), Ashen (St Augustine of Canterbury), Birdbrook (St Augustine of Canterbury), Sturmer (St Mary), Steeple Bumpstead (St Mary the Virgin) and Helions Bumpstead (St Andrew)
Clergy: Vacancy (V). Licensed Lay Minister: Stephen Norris.

Ridgewell School: Kirsty Stuart (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Cape Coast – The Church of the Province of West Africa*



Lichfield stone to become lasting symbol of faith and shared heritage at Bradwell Chapel

The Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, and the Dean of Chelmsford, the Very Revd Dr Jessica Martin, recently travelled to Lichfield Cathedral to collect a stone that will become part of the altar at St Peter's Chapel, Bradwell-on-Sea.

Their visit on Friday 11 June followed a commission given at the close of the 2025 Bradwell Pilgrimage – to bring a stone back to Essex from one of Lichfield Cathedral's spires.

While in Lichfield, Bishop Guli and Dean Jessica were welcomed by the Bishop of Lichfield, the Rt Revd Dr Michael Ipgrave, and Canon Chancellor, the Revd Canon Dr Gregory Platten. Together they celebrated the Eucharist and Bishop Michael blessed the stone before it began its journey to Chelmsford Diocese.

The stone was consecrated at this year's Bradwell Pilgrimage in July, which was themed "Living Stones". The stone will be placed within the altar at St Peter's Chapel as a lasting symbol of the connection between the dioceses of Lichfield and Chelmsford.

The connection has its roots in the seventh century, when Cedd and his brother Chad studied together in the monastery school of Lindisfarne. Cedd became a leading missionary bishop of that era, and he was first assigned a mission in the Midlands. Later, he led the mission to the East Saxons, and he built the chapel of St Peter-on-the-Wall at Bradwell-on-Sea around 654AD, while Chad later became Bishop of Lichfield.

Dean Jessica, said: "Visiting Lichfield and meeting Bishop Michael and Canon Gregory was a real joy, and a reminder that the connection between our two dioceses is not simply a piece of ancient history we carry around with us.

"Cedd and Chad were brothers shaped by the same faith and the same calling, sent in different directions to serve different people and in some sense, Chelmsford and Lichfield still are. Embedding this stone in the altar at Bradwell feels like the right way to mark that: a small, permanent sign that these stories belong together."

Read the story in full, including a quotes from Bishop Guli and Bishop Michael, at www.chelmsford.anglican.org/news.

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October

Thu 1 **Calendar of Saints: Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks, 533**
Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer, 1885

Pray for: The Deanery of Saffron Walden

Area Dean: Gary Fleming. Lay Chair: Graham Cook.

All the chaplains who work in the Deanery of Saffron Walden.

Pray for: The Diocese of Bujumbura – The Anglican Church of Burundi

Fri 2 **Pray for: 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: James Webster (R).

Chrishall School: Tracey Bratley (Exec. HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of Bukavu – Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Sat 3 **Calendar of Saints: George Bell, Bishop of Chichester, Ecumenist, Peacemaker, 1958**

Pray for: The Diocese of Bukedi – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Sun 4 **Calendar of Saints: Francis of Assisi, Friar, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226**

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Today is Animal Welfare Sunday: Pray for all charities involved in the care and protection of our animals, and for veterinary surgeons and all who work for the welfare of animals.

Pray for: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil



October

This year marks 100 years since the launch of Negro History Week in 1926, by historian Dr Carter G. Woodson, laying the earliest foundations celebrating Black History.

The UK 2026 theme, "A Century of Black History Commemorations" invites us to give thanks for those whose faith, courage and perseverance have enriched the Church and wider society.

Across the Diocese, we continue this legacy through our commitment to racial justice, learning, awareness raising and meaningful action. Through training, parish engagement, diocesan communications and the dedication of clergy and lay leaders, we seek to celebrate the gifts of all God's people and nurture communities where dignity, belonging and inclusion can flourish.

As we mark this milestone, we recognise that the journey continues. Building a Church that truly reflects the diversity of God's Kingdom requires commitment from all of us. Leaders at every level, alongside congregations and communities,

have a vital role in listening to lived experiences, challenging barriers and creating opportunities for all God's people to participate and thrive.

This October, we invite churches, worshipping communities and schools across our diocese to join together in marking Black History Month - celebrate the stories and contributions of Black communities, create spaces for learning and reflection, and consider what practical steps can be taken locally to advance racial justice and inclusion.

The fruits of this work are stronger communities, deeper belonging, richer discipleship and a clearer witness to Christ's love.

Loving God, we thank you for the faithful witnesses who have gone before us and those who continue to work for justice, dignity and inclusion today. Help us to see your image in one another, celebrate our diversity, and build a Church where all can belong and flourish. Guide us in truth, courage and love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thu 22 **Pray for:** Braintree (St Paul) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

The retired Clergy, Readers and Lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Braintree.

Pray for: The Diocese of California – The Episcopal Church

Fri 23 **Pray for: The Deanery of Hinckford**

Area Dean: Mark Payne. Lay Chair: Helena Gee.

Assistant Area Dean: Gillian Morgan.

All the chaplains who work in the Deanery of Hinckford.

Pray for: The Diocese of Northern California – The Episcopal Church

Sat 24 **Pray for:** The Diocese of Cameroon – The Church of the Province of West Africa

Sun 25 **Calendar of Saints: Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs at Rome, c.287**

LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY [BIBLE SUNDAY]

Lord, help us to grow in faith, hope and love as we spend time with you and your Word this coming week. Help us also to support others as they grow in their faith.

Pray for: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Mon 26 **Calendar of Saints: Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899 Cedd, Abbot of Lastingham, Bishop of the East Saxons, 664**

Pray for: North Hinckford Team Ministry: Alphamstone (St Barnabas), Belchamp Otten (St Ethelbert & All Saints), Belchamp St Paul (St Andrew), Belchamp Walter (St Mary), Bulmer (St Andrew), Foxearth (St Peter & St Paul), Great & Little Henny (St Mary), Lamarsh (Holy Innocents), Liston and Borley, Middleton (All Saints), Ovington (St Mary), Pentlow (St Gregory & St George), Twinstead (St John Evangelist) and Wickham St Paul (All Saints)
Clergy: Gillian Morgan (TR, AAD), Claire Wilkinson (TV).

Bulmer St Andrew's School: Jinnie Nichols (Exec. HT).

Belchamp St Paul's School: Kirsty Stuart (Exec. HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of El Camino Real – The Episcopal Church



Bishop's Lent Appeal raises over £12,000

Thank you to everyone who donated to the 2026 Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal.

Thanks to your generosity, a fantastic £12,989.57 was raised to support the work of the Anglican Development Services of Mt Kenya East (ADSMKE) in responding to climate change and in environmental conservation across our five linked partner dioceses in Kenya: Embu, Kirinyaga, Meru, Mbeere and Marsabit.

Communities across Mt Kenya East are facing the harsh realities of the climate crisis. Years of recurring drought have devastated harvests, depleted natural resources and pushed many families into increasing hardship.

In response, ADSMKE is leading inspiring, community-driven work to restore the environment and strengthen livelihoods. Funds raised through your generous donations to the Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal will enable ADSMKE to expand vital climate and conservation projects that:

- Build community resilience to climate change
- Improve biodiversity and restore damaged ecosystems
- Enhance food security through sustainable agriculture

• Create economic opportunities rooted in environmental stewardship

• Equip future generations to care for God's creation

These projects include investment in agroforestry systems, investment in Farmer-Managed Natural Regeneration and the expansion of community-led tree-planting programmes to combat climate change, restore ecosystems and increase biodiversity.

The Bishop of Chelmsford, The Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, said: "Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Lent Appeal. The funds raised will make a real difference to communities across Mt Kenya East who are facing the devastating impacts of climate change.

"I am thankful for the generosity of those in our churches and worshipping communities and I'm pleased that through our partnership with ADSMKE, we are able to support a range of projects in the region that restore the environment, strengthen livelihoods, build climate resilience and help care for God's creation."

Pray for the work of ADSMKE as they support communities living with the devastating impacts of the climate crisis - bringing hope, building resilience, and providing practical support while also equipping future generations to care for God's creation.

Mon 5 **Pray for:** Saffron Walden and Villages: 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: Jeremy Trew (TR), Lynda Sebbage (TV), Ella Harris (TV), Romey Poston, (AC), Hilary Walker (A). Licensed Lay Ministers: Marisa Baltrock, Tracey Nicholls.

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

Debden School: Sarah Bailey (HT).

Great Chesterford Primary Academy: Amy Sargeant (HT).

Pray for: The Diocesan Estates Ministry Team.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Bukuru – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*

Tue 6 **Calendar of Saints: William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536**

Pray for: Thaxted (St John and St Laurence); The Sampfords (St Mary Virgin, St Michael) and Radwinter (St Mary Virgin) with Hempstead (St Andrew Clergy: David Sheppard (R). Licensed Lay Minister: Adrian Wright.

Radwinter School: Emily Bartram (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Bunbury – The Anglican Church of Australia*

Wed 7 **Pray for:** Clavering (St Mary & St Clement) and Langley (St John Evangelist) w Arkesden (St Mary Virgin) and Wicken Bonhunt (St Margaret); Manuden (St Mary Virgin) and Berden (St Nicholas). Clergy: Gary Fleming (V, AD).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Bungoma – The Anglican Church of Kenya*

Thu 8 **Pray for:** Henham (St Mary Virgin) and Elsenham (St Mary Virgin) w Ugley (St Peter). Clergy: Louis Wilson (V), Peter Tibbott (A).

Elsenham School: Linda Todd (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Bunyoro-Kitara – The Church of the Province of Uganda*



Outstanding contributions of children's and youth ministers recognised

Three children's and youth ministers from across the Diocese of Chelmsford were among those honoured at a special celebration at Lambeth Palace in July, recognising their contribution to ministry with children, young people and families.

The event, which was part of RECOGNISE 2026, was hosted by Archbishop Sarah Mullally, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and gathered together children and youth ministers from across the southern province of the Church of England to thank them for their ministry.

Representing the Diocese of Chelmsford were Sarah Twitchett from St Margaret's, Barking, Claire Arculus from the Dedham and Ardleigh Parishes and Emily Townshend from Epping.

Reflecting on the event Sarah said: "It was a privilege to attend the Recognise event. We spent the afternoon in worship and prayer, heard inspiring talks from Ele Mumford, Ben Lindsay and Archbishop Sarah, and enjoyed afternoon tea together. I felt honoured to have been nominated to attend this event. It was a special day that made me feel valued and encouraged in my role as a Youth and Children's Worker."

Claire commented: "It was a wonderful surprise to receive an invitation to attend an afternoon

tea at Lambeth Palace in recognition of the work myself and others have done in children and young people's ministry. What a privilege! Archbishop Sarah thanked us, prayed for us and spoke of the difference we are all making.

"I walked away at the end of the afternoon feeling so uplifted and privileged to be in a position of serving Jesus in this way. The importance of youth ministry is vital in the growth of our churches - allowing a safe space, time to understand and learn and giving the youth a voice"

Emily added: "It was an honour and a privilege to be invited to Lambeth Palace as part of Recognise Week. It was a brilliant day that was incredibly uplifting and a joy to be a part of. It's also such a privilege to be part of the lives of children, youth and families in our churches and to be involved in nurturing the young church of today."

Recognise is part of the Church of England's 30k Project, which aims to raise up to 30,000 new children and youth leaders by 2030.

Pray for children's and youth workers across our Diocese, that God may encourage and strengthen them as they share the love of Christ with children, young people and families.

Sun 18 **Calendar of Saints: LUKE THE EVANGELIST**

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Give thanks for the work and ministries of our hospices who bring comfort and relief to patients and families in times of physical and spiritual need and stress. Pray for all hospice chaplains.

Pray for: The Anglican Church of Canada

Mon 19 **Calendar of Saints: Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary in India and Persia, 1812**

Pray for: Coggeshall (St Peter ad Vincula) w Marks Hall (St Nicholas' Chapel) Clergy: Vacancy (V), Tayrina Ferguson (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Brian Meads.

Coggeshall St Peter's School: Sam Wilding (HT).

Pray for: The staff, volunteers and chaplaincy team at the Diocesan House of Retreat, Pleshey.

Pray for: The Diocese of Calcutta – The Church of North India (United)

Tue 20 **Pray for:** The Pant Valley Churches: Finchingfield (St John the Baptist) w Cornish Hall End (St John the Evangelist) and Wethersfield (St Mary Magdalen) w Shalford (St Andrew), Great Bardfield (St Mary Vn) and Little Bardfield (St Katharine)

Clergy: Alex Shannon (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Sarah Pilgrim.

Wethersfield School: Danielle O'Connell (HoS).

Finchingfield School: Martin Hawrylak (HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of Caledonia – The Anglican Church of Canada

Wed 21 **Pray for:** Cressing (All Saints) w Stisted (All Saints) and Bradwell-juxta Coggeshall (Holy Trinity) and Pattiswick (St Mary the Virgin) Clergy: Vacancy (V), Tayrina Ferguson (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Brian Meads.

Stisted Primary Academy: Danielle Welsman (HoS), Martin Hawrylak (Exec. HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of Calgary – The Anglican Church of Canada

Following God's Call: Andy's Journey to ordination

After first sensing a call to ordained ministry over 15 years ago, Andy Mussell is now one of 15 new deacons to be ordained at Chelmsford Cathedral on 13 September. Following his ordination, he will serve at All Saints, Springfield. In this reflection, Andy shares the story of his faith journey.

"My Christian journey began in childhood. I grew up in a Methodist family, and my brother and I attended Sunday school regularly. Church was an important part of our early lives, but as I grew older and my circumstances changed, attending worship gradually became less frequent.

"Everything changed in 2011 when I was invited to a special centenary service at my local Methodist church - the same church where my mother had worshipped for many years. The preacher was the Revd Martin Turner from Westminster Central Hall, whose sermon was based on Romans 8. As he spoke about the forgiveness that is ours through Christ, I felt as though his words were directed personally to me. In that moment, I understood why I was there. The burden of guilt and suffering that I had carried was lifted, and I experienced God's grace in a profound way.

"From that day, the hymn 'And Can It Be' took on a deeply personal meaning, expressing my own experience of God's transforming love. On

6 March 2011, I gave my life to Christ, and within a few weeks I sensed a clear and compelling call to ordained ministry. I began five years of training within the Methodist Church and, on completion, served in the Chelmsford Circuit. For many years I believed that my vocation would be fulfilled through ordained ministry in the Methodist Church. However, after a prayerful period of discernment, I was led to the Church of England in 2019. Now, fifteen years after first sensing God's call, I am preparing for ordination with deep gratitude and humility.

"Throughout this journey, I have been blessed by the many people I have had the privilege to meet, serve, and learn from. I am especially grateful to my wife, whose steadfast love, encouragement, and unwavering support have sustained me every step of the way.

"As I look back, I will always cherish the place where my faith began and my calling first took root. I do so with gratitude and affection. As I look ahead, I do so with hope and anticipation, giving thanks to God for His unfailing grace, mercy, and faithfulness, and praying that I may continue to serve him faithfully in the service of others."

Please pray for Andy and all our ordination candidates as they prepare for their new ministry in September.

Fri 9 Calendar of Saints: Denys, Bishop of Paris, and his Companions, Martyrs, c.250
Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, Philosopher, Scientist, 1253

Pray for: Newport (St Mary Virgin) w Widdington (St Mary Virgin), Quendon (St Simon & St Jude) w Rickling (All Saints)
Clergy: Peter Allen (PIC), Gavin Sunshine (A).

Rickling CE Primary School: Tracey Bratley (HT).

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

Pray for: *The Diocese of Busan – The Anglican Church of Korea*

Sat 10 Calendar of Saints: Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644
Thomas Traherne, Poet, Spiritual Writer, 1674

Pray for: *The Diocese of Busoga – The Church of the Province of Uganda*

Sun 11 Calendar of Saints: Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675
James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th century

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

A prayer for Black History Month

Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity.

May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

(The Church of England)

Pray for: *The Anglican Church of Burundi*

'Called As We Are' Exhibition Coming to Chelmsford Cathedral

Chelmsford Cathedral will host Called As We Are, a powerful exhibition of twelve portraits celebrating the life and witness of disabled, deaf and neurodivergent people who minister and work in the Church of England.

Featuring twelve portraits by documentary and portrait photographer Ruth Samuels, the exhibition was launched at York Minster in July and is now touring four Church of England cathedrals, including Chelmsford Cathedral.

The exhibition will be on display at Chelmsford Cathedral from 12 October to 9 November, before concluding its national tour at St Giles' Church, Cripplegate, London, in February 2026.

Each portrait is accompanied by personal reflections from those featured, sharing their experiences of disability and neurodivergence, their journeys of faith, and the adjustments and support that have enabled them to flourish in ministry. Audio descriptions and British Sign Language (BSL) interpretation are also available.

Helen James, who features in the exhibition, and oversees The Church of England's Disability Project, said: "There are many deaf, disabled and neurodivergent priests and ministers living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but often this is unseen or unrecognised as a gift to the church.

"Disability, neurodivergence and difference are all part of what it means to be human, to be members of the 'human race' who are created to reflect the image of God. The breadth and diversity of the human experience leads us to understand more of the breadth and diversity of the God we worship and whose image we reflect."

The Revd John Saxon, Disabilities' Adviser for Chelmsford Diocese said: "I'm delighted that the 'Called as we are' exhibition is coming to Chelmsford Cathedral. The exhibition is a powerful reminder that everyone has a place in the life and ministry of the Church. It celebrates the truth that God calls each and every one of us, with our unique gifts and experiences, just as we are. Being inclusive is not just about welcoming everyone to sit with us in the pews, it is also opening the pulpit, altar table and rectory study to all whom, following exploration and discernment, are authorised to such ministry'.



For more information scan the QR code or visit chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/events.

Pray for all who visit the Called As We Are exhibition, that it may deepen understanding, celebrate God's gifts in every person, and encourage a more inclusive Church.

**Mon 12 Calendar of Saints: Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709
Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845
Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915**

Pray for: The Deanery of Braintree

Area Dean: Rod Reid. Lay Chair: Vacancy.

All the chaplains who work in the Deanery of Braintree.

Pray for: The Diocese of Central Busoga – The Church of the Province of Uganda

Tue 13 Calendar of Saints: Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066

Pray for: Black Notley (St Peter and St Paul), The Church in Great Notley, and Rayne (All Saints) Clergy: Rachel Prior (R), Roman Kukiewicz (AC).

Pray for: The Diocese of Butare – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Wed 14 Pray for: Bocking (St Mary the Virgin) and Panfield (St Mary and St Christopher) Clergy: Rod Reid (R, AD).

Pray for: The Diocese of Butere – The Anglican Church of Kenya

Thu 15 Calendar of Saints: Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith, 1582

Pray for: Bocking (St Peter) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

Pray for: The Diocese of Buye – The Anglican Church of Burundi

Fri 16 Calendar of Saints: Nicholas Ridley, Bishop of London, and Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester, Reformation Martyrs, 1555

Pray for: Braintree (St Michael) Clergy: Nigel Adams (V).

Braintree St Michael's School: Benjamin Sharp (HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of Byumba – Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Sat 17 Calendar of Saints: Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c.107

Pray for: The Diocese of Calabar – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)