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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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Chelmsford Diocese Prayer Diary

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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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*

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)*

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*

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*

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 Benge-Abbott.

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

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).

Roydon (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*

September

- 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 Carlile, founder of the Church Army, 1942**
Pray for: *The Diocese of British Columbia – The Anglican Church of Canada*

November

- 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*

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

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

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*

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*

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*

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*

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*

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*

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

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)



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,

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 Guli 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.