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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

Sun 1 **Calendar of Saints: David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601**

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Please pray for the Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal this year; that people may be moved to give generously to support the Anglican Development Services of Mt. Kenya East and their work in response to climate change and in environmental conservation across our five linked partner dioceses in Kenya.

Pray for: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Mon 2 **Pray for: The Deanery of Redbridge**

Area Dean: James Gilder. Lay Chair: Philip Carnelley.
All the chaplains who work in the Deanery of Redbridge.

Pray for: The Diocesan Advisory Committee and Church Buildings Team.

Pray for: The Diocese of Toamasina – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Tue 3 **Pray for:** The Benefice of Aldborough Aldborough Hatch (St Peter)
Clergy: Vacancy (V). Licensed Lay Minister: Vanessa Cole.

Great Ilford (St John the Evangelist, Seven Kings)
Clergy: Vacancy (V). Licensed Lay Minister: Keziah Jimoh.

Pray for: The Diocese of Tohoku – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Wed 4 **100 days of prayer theme of the week: Church growth**
Find out more and access resources: shorturl.at/r8qr

Pray for: Aldersbrook (St Gabriel)
Clergy: Martyn Hawkes (V), Amy Taylor (A), Rachel Summers (A).
Licensed Lay Minister: Henry Lau.

Barkingside (Holy Trinity) Clergy: Chris Szejnmann (V),
Kate Szejnmann (AC), Michelle Steptoe (A).

Pray for: The Diocese of Tokyo – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

Thu 5 **Pray for:** Barkingside (St Cedd) Clergy: Paul Harcourt (PIC).
Barkingside (St Francis) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

Pray for: The Diocese of Toliara – The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

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

Thu 28 **Calendar of Saints: Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar, 1089**

Pray for: Stock Harvard (All Saints) Clergy: Jacqueline Pearson (PIC),
Miranda Seaman (AC).

Stock CE Primary School: Gareth Roberts (HT).

West Hanningfield (St Mary & St Edward)
Clergy: Jacqueline Pearson (PIC), Miranda Seaman (AC).

West Hanningfield St Peters CEVA Primary Academy: Jamie Bearman (HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of Ziwa Rukwa – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Fri 29 **Pray for:** Sandon (St Andrew) Clergy: Vacancy (R).

Widford (St Mary, Church of the Holy Spirit) Clergy: Stephanie Gillingham (R),
David Cattle (AC). Licensed Lay Minister: Roger Gillingham.

The retired clergy, readers, and lay ministers who live and work in the
Deanery of Chelmsford

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

Sat 30 **Calendar of Saints: Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906**
Joan of Arc, Visionary, 1431; Apolo Kivebulaya, Priest, Evangelist in
Central Africa, 1933

Pray for: The Diocese of Zululand – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

Sun 31 **TRINITY SUNDAY**

Holy, holy, holy, merciful, eternal, and mighty, by your grace you have shown us who you are, One in Three, and Three in One. We glorify you as Trinity, even as we worship you in your Unity.

Open our hearts to receive your word to us, that not only in our worship but in our lives, we may serve and reflect your Triune Love all our days. Amen
(Adapted from John Wesley)

Calendar of Saints: VISIT OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH

Pray for: Trinity Sunday Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

Sat 23 *Pray for:* The Diocese of Northern Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Sun 24 **PENTECOST (WHIT SUNDAY) / ANGLICAN COMMUNION SUNDAY**
 Father, pour out your Spirit upon your people, and grant us: a new vision of your glory, a new experience of your power, a new faithfulness to your Word, and a new consecration to your service; that your love may grow among us, and your kingdom come: through Christ our Lord. Amen

Calendar of Saints: John and Charles Wesley, Evangelists, Hymn Writers, 1791 and 1788

Pray for: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Mon 25 **Calendar of Saints: The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735; Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709**

Pray for: Great Baddow Team Ministry: (St Mary Vn, St Paul, Meadgate) Clergy: Vacancy (TR), Lydia Petitt (TV), Mark Petitt (TV), Andy Greaves Brown (AC). Licensed Lay Ministers: Rosalind Coleridge and Anne Heath.

Pray for: The Diocese of Zanzibar – The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Tue 26 **Calendar of Saints: Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605 John Calvin, Reformer, 1564 Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guide, 1595**

Pray for: Moulsham (St John the Evangelist) Clergy: John Bloomer (PIC), David Cattle (AC), Stephanie Gillingham (AC).

Moulsham (St Luke) Clergy: Stephanie Gillingham (PIC), David Cattle (AC), Suzanne McAllister (AC).

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

Wed 27 *Pray for:* South Woodham Ferrers (Holy Trinity) Clergy: Jacqueline King (V). South Woodham Ferrers Trinity St Mary's CE Primary School: Janet Hoy (HT). Woodham Ferrers (St Mary) and Bicknacre (St Andrew) Clergy: Jacqueline King (PIC).

Woodham Ferrers St Mary's CE Primary School: Theresa Walker (HoS).

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

Fri 6 **World Day of Prayer**

Pray for: Barkingside (St George) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

Barkingside (St Laurence) Clergy: Chris Burrows (V).

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

Sat 7 **Calendar of Saints: Perpetua, Felicity and Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 203**

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

Sun 8 **Calendar of Saints: Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910 Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles, 647 Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929**

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Today is the Day of Reflection across the UK for the COVID-19 pandemic. Dear God, be with us as we think about all that has changed, and help us to trust that you are always with us. Be close to us as we remember those who have died, and help us to trust they are at peace with you. Show us how to reach out to others with kindness and care, so that hope shines out in every heart and home, Amen. (Prayer from the Church of England)

Pray for: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

Mon 9 *Pray for:* Goodmayes (All Saints) Clergy: Christiana Asinugo (V). Goodmayes (St Paul) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

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

Tue 10 *Pray for:* Great Ilford (St Margaret of Antioch, St Clement) Clergy: Josh Peckett (V).

Great Ilford (St Alban) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

Pray for: The Diocese of Trichy-Tanjore – The Church of South India (United)

- Wed 11** **100 days of prayer theme of the week: Discipleship and nurture.**
Find out more and access resources: shorturl.at/r8qrl
Pray for: Great Ilford (St Andrew)
 Clergy: Riaz Mubarak (V), Hayley Morris (AC).
 Great Ilford (St Luke) Clergy: John Brown (V).
 Great Ilford (St Mary) Clergy: Gareth Jones (V), Marcel Firth (A).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Trinidad and Tobago – The Church in the Province of the West Indies*
- Thu 12** **Pray for:** Hainault (St Paul) Clergy: Sarah Clarke-Moisley (V).
Pray for: The Diocese of Truro – The Church of England
- Fri 13** **Pray for:** South Woodford (Holy Trinity, Hermon Hill)
 Clergy: Abi Todd (V), Leslie Crossland (A).
Pray for: The Diocese of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe – The Church of Ireland
- Sat 14** **Pray for:** *The Diocese of Twik East – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*
- Sun 15** **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY)**
Pray for mothers everywhere, give thanks for their love and devotion, and pray, too, for the work of the Mothers' Union and the Women's Institute and all who work untiringly to maintain the values of the home and family life.
Pray for: *The Anglican Church of Kenya*
- Mon 16** **Pray for:** Wanstead (St Mary w Christ Church)
 Clergy: James Gilder (AD, R), Rachel Summers (A), David Lappano (A).
 Wanstead CE Primary School: Natalie Denchfield (HT).
Pray for: The Diocesan Print Unit.
Pray for: *The Diocese of Udi – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*
- Tue 17** **Calendar of Saints: Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460**
Pray for: Woodford Green (St Barnabas) Clergy: William Obedoza (V).
Pray for: The Diocese of Northern Uganda – The Church of the Province of Uganda

- Mon 18** **Pray for:** The Diocesan Parish Giving Advisors
Pray for: Springfield (All Saints) Clergy: Sally Croft (R).
 North Springfield (St Augustine of Canterbury) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).
 Springfield The Bishops' CE & RC Primary School: Greg Waters (HT).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Yukon – The Anglican Church of Canada*
- Tue 19** **Calendar of Saints: Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988**
Pray for: East Springfield (Church of Our Saviour) LEP.
 Clergy: Andrew Greaves-Brown (PIC), Mandy Hewson (AC).
 Springfield (Holy Trinity). Clergy: Keith Roddy (V), Ian Fuller (AC).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Zaki-Biam – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)*
- Wed 20** **100 days of prayer theme of the week: Our readiness for change.**
Find out more and access resources: shorturl.at/r8qrl
Calendar of Saints: Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804
Pray for: Writtle (All Saints) w Highwood (St Paul). Clergy: Tony Cant (V).
 Danbury (St John the Baptist) Clergy: Jacqui Jones (PIC).
 Danbury St John's CE Primary School: Toby Power (HT).
Pray for: *The Missionary Diocese of Zambezia – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola*
- Thu 21** **Calendar of Saints: Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330**
Pray for Downham (St Margaret) w South Hanningfield (St Peter) & Ramsden Bellhouse (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Jacqueline Pearson (PIC), Barry Hobson (AC).
 Downham CE Primary School: Theresa Walker (Exec. HT), Johanna Bailey (HT).
 East Hanningfield (All Saints) Clergy: Jacqueline King.
 East Hanningfield School: Lesley Roche (Exec. HT), Lisa Stainsbury (HoS).
Pray for: The Diocese of Central Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa
- Fri 22** **Pray for:** Galleywood (St Michael & All Angels) Clergy: David Cattle (V), Stephanie Gillingham (AC). Lay Minister: Fiona Selden.
 Galleywood St Michael's CE Junior School: Rowen Prigg (HT).
 Little Baddow (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Jacqui Jones (PIC).
Pray for: The Diocese of Eastern Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa

Wed 13 Rogation Day
100 days of prayer theme of the week: Our readiness for change.
Find out more and access resources: shorturl.at/r8qrl
Pray for: Chelmsford (The Ascension w All Saints)
 Clergy: Simon Pearce (AD, PIC), Mark Pape (A)
 Chelmsford (St Andrew) Clergy: Simon Pearce (AD, PIC), Mark Pape (A).
 Licensed Lay Minister: Linda Robinson.
Pray for: The Diocese of York – The Church of England

Thu 14 ASCENSION DAY
THY KINGDOM COME
Calendar of Saints: MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE
Pray for: The Chignals (St Nicholas w St James) w Mashbury
 Clergy: Dan Pierce (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Greg Waters.
 Great & Little Leighs St Mary Vn, St John) and Little Waltham (St Martin)
 Clergy: Dan Pierce (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Greg Waters.
 Little Waltham CE Primary School: Stephen Saunders (HT).
 Great Waltham (St Mary & St Lawrence) w Ford End (St John).
 Clergy: Dan Pierce (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Greg Waters.
 Ford End CEVC Primary School: Sarah Tate (HoS), Melissa Taylor (Exec. HT).
 Great Waltham CE Primary School: Justine Brooks (HT).
Pray for: The Diocese of New York – The Episcopal Church

Fri 15 Pray for: Pleshey (Holy Trinity) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC)
 Roxwell (St Michael and All Angels). Clergy: Tony Cant (PIC).
 Roxwell CE Primary School: Sarah Letham (HoS), Melissa Taylor (Exec. Head).
Pray for: The Diocese of Western New York – The Episcopal Church

Sat 16 Calendar of Saints: Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877
Pray for: The Diocese of Ysabel – The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Sun 17 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER /SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY
Please pray for the ministry of the Actors Church Union, and everyone involved in the local theatre and entertainment industry in our diocese.
Pray for: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

Wed 18 100 days of prayer theme of the week: Vocations.
Find out more and access resources: shorturl.at/r8qrl
Calendar of Saints: Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386
Pray for: Woodford (St Mary w St Philip and St James)
 Clergy: Elizabeth Lowson (R) Rachel Summers (A).
 Licensed Lay Minister: Mark Lewis.
Pray for: The Diocese of Ughelli – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Thu 19 Calendar of Saints: JOSEPH OF NAZARETH
Pray for: Woodford Bridge (St Paul) Clergy: Alexandra Podd (V)
Pray for: The Diocese of Ukwa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Fri 20 Calendar of Saints: Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687
Pray for: Woodford Wells (All Saints & St Andrew)
 Clergy: Paul Harcourt (V), Mark Castleton (AC), Jacob Farley (A)
 The Retired Clergy, Readers and ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Redbridge.
Pray for: The Diocese of Umuahia – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Sat 21 Calendar of Saints: Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop, Reformation Martyr, 1556
Pray for: Te Pihopatanga o Te Upoko o Te Ika – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Sun 22 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (PASSIONTIDE BEGINS)
Father, help us to be like Christ your Son, who loved the world and died for our salvation. Inspire us by his love, and guide us by his example. Amen
Pray for: The Anglican Church of Korea

Mon 23 Pray for: The Deanery of Waltham Forest
 Area Dean: Tim Scott. Lay Chair: Vevet Deer.
 All the chaplains who work in the Deanery of Waltham Forest.
Pray for: The Diocese of Uruguay – The Anglican Church of South America

Tue 24 **Calendar of Saints: Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon, Mystic, 1396**

Paul Couturier, Priest, Ecumenist, 1953

Óscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980

Pray for: Chingford (St Peter and St Paul, All Saints)

Clergy: Darren McCallig (R), Hilary Musker (AC).

Chingford CE Primary School: Lindsey Lampard (HT).

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

Wed 25 **100 days of prayer theme of the week: Vocations.**
Find out more and access resources: shorturl.at/r8qr1

Calendar of Saints: The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pray for: Chingford (St Anne) Clergy: Jude Bullock (V).

Chingford (St Edmund) Clergy: Ruth Holmes (V).

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

Thu 26 **Calendar of Saints: Harriet Monsell, Founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883**

Pray for: Harrow Green (Holy Trinity, St Augustine of Hippo)

Clergy: Polly Kersys-Hull (V).

Highams Park (All Saints) Clergy: David Baker (V).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Valparaiso – Iglesia Anglicana de Chile*

Fri 27 **Pray for:** Leyton (St Mary w St Edward & St Luke)
 Clergy: Al Gordon (PIC), Steven Opie (AC), Farida Pashi (A).

Leyton (All Saints) Clergy: Al Gordon (PIC), Steven Opie (AC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Vanuatu – The Anglican Church of Melanesia*

Sat 28 **Pray for:** *The Diocese of Vellore – The Church of South India (United)*

Thu 7 **Pray for:** Warley (Christ Church) and Great Warley (St Mary) Clergy: Dawn Butcher (V), Neil Barrett (AC). Licensed Lay Ministers: Julian Pennant, Annie Fraser.

The retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Brentwood

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

Fri 8 **Calendar of Saints: Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417**

Pray for: The Deanery of Chelmsford

Area Dean: Simon Pearce. Lay Chair: Jill Readings.

All the chaplains who work in the Deanery of Chelmsford.

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

Sat 9 **Pray for:** *The Diocese of Yiroi – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

Sun 10 **THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Christian Aid Week begins.

God of the impossible, we pray for justice, peace and reconciliation. And when the challenges seem too many, remind us of your resurrection power, and the miracles of your love that happen whenever injustice is dismantled and rebuilt with peace. Help us to hope that the impossible can happen and live as if it might do so today. Amen (Prayer for Christian Aid)

Pray for: *The Church of Pakistan (United)*

Mon 11 **Rogation Day**

Pray for: Boreham (St Andrew) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).

Broomfield (St Mary w St Leonard) Clergy: Vacancy (V)

Pray for: *The Diocese of Yokohama – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai*

Tue 12 **Rogation Day**

Calendar of Saints: Gregory Dix, Priest, Monk, Scholar, 1952

Pray for: Chelmsford Cathedral (St Mary the Virgin, St Peter, St Cedd)

Clergy: Jessica Martin (Dean), Joseph Fernandes (Vice-Dean),

Sebastian Harries (Cathedral Precentor), Revd Olivia Maxfield-Coote (AC).

The Cathedral CE Primary School: Gemma Smith (HT).

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

Fri 1 Calendar of Saints: PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

Pray for: Hutton (All Saints and St Peter) Clergy: Andy Smith (AD, R), Lisa Whymark (AC), Alice Smith (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Tino To.
Hutton All Saints CE Primary School: Jeanette Manookian (HT).

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

Sat 2 Calendar of Saints: Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373

Pray for: The Diocese of Wyoming – The Episcopal Church

Sun 3 THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Please pray for the House of Retreat at Pleshey, for all those who work and minister there, for all Pleshey Partners, and for those who visit or stay.

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

Mon 4 Calendar of Saints: English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era

Pray for: Ingestone (St Edmund and St Mary) w Fryerning (St Mary Virgin) Clergy: Lee Francis-Dehqani (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Tim Lee.

Ingestone and Fryerning Church of England Junior Academy: Leigh Johnson (HoS).

Pray for: The Mustard Seed Team and their work supporting children, young people and families ministry in parishes across our diocese.

Pray for: *Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan*

Tue 5 Pray for: Shenfield (St Mary the Virgin) Clergy: Darren Barlow (R).

Shenfield St Mary's CE Primary School: Elizabeth Bundy (HoS).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Yangon – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)*

Wed 6 100 days of prayer theme of the week: Stewardship and finance.

Find out more and access resources: shorturl.at/r8qrl

Pray for: South Weald (St Peter) Clergy: Justin Hutcherson (PIC).

South Weald St Peter's CE Primary School: Iain Gunn (HT).

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

Sun 29 PALM SUNDAY

Jesus, you rode into your city in triumph of this day, receiving the shouts and welcome of many. Come into our Churches today. Receive our welcomes and our acclaim. Come to rule in the hearts and minds of all who lead us and help us all to go out and proclaim you as King over all the world.

Pray for: *The Anglican Church of Melanesia*

Mon 30 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Pray for: Leyton (Christ Church) Clergy: Philip Brentford (V).

Leyton (Emmanuel) Clergy: Ade Ademola (V).

Leyton (St Catherine and St Paul) Clergy: Bill Donoghue (V).

Pray for: The Diocesan Human Resources Team.

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

Tue 31 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Calendar of Saints: John Donne, Priest, Poet, 1631

Pray for: Leytonstone (St Andrew)

Clergy: Paul Kennington (V), Jane Richards (AC).

Leytonstone (St John the Baptist)

Clergy: Elizabeth Blackham (V), Pervaiz Khan (AC).

Leytonstone (St Margaret w St Columba) Clergy: Neil-Allen Walsh (V).

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

Wed 1 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

100 days of prayer theme of the week: Wellbeing and sustaining healthy rhythms. Find out more and access resources: shorturl.at/r8qrl

Calendar of Saints: Frederick Denison Maurice, Priest, Teacher of the Faith, 1872

Pray for: Walthamstow (St Mary, St Gabriel, St Luke)
Clergy: Vanessa Conant (TR), Andrew Stewart (TV), Tim Scott (AD, AC),
Jacintha Danaswamy (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Robert Duddridge.

Walthamstow St Mary's CE Primary School: Joe Pitchford (HT).

Walthamstow (St Andrew) [Higham Hill Ecumenical Partnership]
Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).

Walthamstow (St Barnabas w St James the Greater)
Clergy: Salvador Telen (PIC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Victoria Nyanza – The Anglican Church of Tanzania*

Thu 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY

Pray for: Walthamstow (St John) Clergy: Kieran Bush (V).

Walthamstow (St Michael & All Angels) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Virgin Islands – The Episcopal Church*

Fri 3 GOOD FRIDAY

Pray for: Walthamstow (St Peter-in-the-Forest) Clergy: Alex Summers (PIC),
Bernard Eaton (A).

Walthamstow (St Saviour) Clergy: Salvador Telen (V), Neil Houghton (A).

St Saviour's CE School: Beverley Hall (Executive HT), Mr Pawley (HT).

The Retired clergy, Readers and lay ministers who live and work in the
Deanery of Waltham Forest.

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

Sat 4 EASTER EVE / HOLY SATURDAY

Pray for: *The Diocese of Southern Virginia – The Episcopal Church*

Wed 29 100 days of prayer theme of the week: Stewardship – time, talents and gifts. Find out more and access resources: shorturl.at/r8qrl

Calendar of Saints: Catherine of Siena, Teacher of the Faith, 1380

Pray for: East and West Horndon (St Francis) w Little Warley (St Peter)
and Childerditch (All Saints & St Faith) Clergy: Vacancy (R).

Margaretting (St Margaret) w Mountnessing (St Giles) and Buttsbury
(St Mary) Clergy: Lee Francis-Dehqani (PIC).

Licensed Lay Minister: Tim Lee.

Margaretting CE Primary School: Sarah Kirk (HoS),
Melissa Taylor (Exec. HT).

Mountnessing CE Primary School: Holly Obank (HT).

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

Thur 30 Calendar of Saints: Pandita Mary Ramabai, Translator of the Scriptures, 1922

Pray for: Ingrave (St Nicholas) Clergy: Paul Hamilton (R).

Ingrave (St Stephen) Clergy: Paul Hamilton (R).

Ingrave Johnstone CE Primary School: James Rogers (HT).

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

Sat 25 **Calendar of Saints: MARK THE EVANGELIST**

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

Sun 26 **THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Today is Vocations Sunday. We give thanks to God that he calls us all to varieties of forms of service in his Church and in the world and pray for openness to his Holy Spirit, that each of us may discern the call of God upon our lives. "Christ, you call us to be your people in the world.

We will follow your call to be our people: our hands will do your work, our feet will walk your way. Christ, you call us. Help us respond to your call."

Pray for: The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Mon 27 **Calendar of Saints: Christina Rossetti, Poet, 1894**

Pray for: Bentley Common (St Paul) w Kelvedon Hatch (St Nicholas) and Navestock (St Thomas) Clergy: Julie Hardy (R), John Biddulph (AC).

Bentley St Paul's Church of England Primary School: Louise Putt (HT).

Brentwood (St George) Clergy: Justin Hutcherson (V).

Pray for: The Diocese of Windward Islands – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Tue 28 **Calendar of Saints: Peter Chanel, Missionary in the South Pacific, Martyr, 1841**

Pray for: Brentwood (St Thomas)

Clergy: Mark North (V). Licensed Lay Minister: Carolyn Robertson.

Brentwood St Thomas of Canterbury CE Primary School: Dean Moran (HT).

Brentwood Becket Keys CE Secondary School: Andy Scott-Evans (HT).

Doddinghurst All Saints Clergy: Ann Coleman (PIC), John Biddulph (AC).

Doddinghurst Church of England Junior School: Russell Davies (HoS).

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



Bishop Guli's Easter message

The Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, the Bishop of Chelmsford, has written a message for the Easter season:

I've recently returned from another trip to Israel and Palestine to show solidarity with our Christian brothers and sisters who continue to live under intolerable conditions. In the West Bank, in particular, the increase in the number of checkpoints haphazardly and cruelly dominates daily life and the effect of unrestrained illegal settlements perpetuates violence against Palestinians, driving people from their homes. Communities are being decimated and prospects for a lasting and just peace for all seem bleaker than ever.

During my trip, I was asked to preach at St. Philip's Church in Nablus. But what to say to people living with such pain? I confess I found it quite a challenge. I offered them greetings from that other beleaguered Christian community close to my heart in Iran.

I spoke of Christian hope which persists even through the darkest times, and of the suffering which is at the heart of the Gospel in the way of the cross that Jesus walked. I spoke too of my solidarity and support in the ongoing cry for justice, also a Christian theme.

Finally, I reminded them (and all of us) to continue looking for the good, lest we be overwhelmed by the evil. For there is always goodness, even in the most vile situations. There is good in shared relationships, in small acts of kindness, courageous resistance, support given and received.

These are glimpses of God's love and presence. They are signs of resurrection – of the life that burst forth as Jesus emerged from the tomb on that first Easter and of resurrection life that still refuses to be subdued.

So, whatever your context and experiences, may God give you grace to continue looking for the good, strength to bear your suffering, and courage to continue speaking and working for justice.

I wish you a blessed and joyful Easter.

+ Guli Chelmsford

You can read more about Bishop Guli's recent visit to Israel and Palestine on page 26.

Sun 5 EASTER DAY

“The great gift of Easter is hope – Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake.” Basil C. Hume

Pray for: The peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6)

Pray for: *La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico*

Mon 6 Pray for: THE BRADWELL EPISCOPAL AREA

Please pray for the Bishop of Bradwell: Adam Atkinson and our Archdeacons: Jonathan Croucher (Chelmsford) and Sue Lucas (Southend); and all staff and volunteers in the Bradwell Area Team.

Pray for: The Diocesan Finance Team.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Southwestern Virginia – The Episcopal Church*

Tue 7 Pray for: The Deanery of Epping Forest and Ongar

Area Dean: John Fry. Lay Chair: Richard Kinder.
Assistant Area Deans: Malcolm Macdonald, Peter Smith.

All the chaplains who work in the Deanery of Epping Forest and Ongar.

Pray for: The Diocese of West Virginia – The Episcopal Church

Wed 8 100 days of prayer theme of the week: Wellbeing and sustaining healthy rhythms. Find out more and access resources: shorturl.at/r8qrl

Pray for: Buckhurst Hill (St John, St Stephen, St ElisabethF)
Clergy: Ian Farley (TR).

Buckhurst Hill St John's CE Primary School: Jonathan Furness (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Wad Medani – Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan*

Thu 9 Calendar of Saints: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Lutheran Pastor, Martyr, 1945

Pray for: The Vale of Roding Team Ministry: Chigwell (St Mary) Chigwell (St Winifred), Chigwell Row (All Saints), Lambourne (St Mary & All Saints) w Abridge (Holy Trinity) and Stapleford Abbots (St Mary Vn)
Clergy: Charlie Kosla (TR), Paula Preston (TV), Ann Kosla (AC), Lorraine Smart (AC), Licensed Lay Minister: Sandie Forshaw.

Pray for: The Diocese of Waiapu – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Tue 21 Calendar of Saints: Anselm, Abbot of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher of the Faith, 1109

Pray for: Fyfield (St Nicholas), Bobbingworth (St Germain) & Moreton (St Mary Vn), Willingale (St Christopher) w Shellow and Berners Roding
Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).

Fyfield Dr Walker's CE Primary School: Melissa Taylor (Exec. HT), Jenny Dean (Acting HoS).

Moreton CE Primary School: Nikki Batt (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Wellington – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*

Wed 22 100 days of prayer theme of the week: PCCs and governance. Find out more and access resources: shorturl.at/r8qrl

Pray for: High Laver (All Saints) w Magdalen Laver (St Mary Magdalene) w Little Laver (St Mary Vn) and Matching (St Mary Vn) w Matching Green (St Edmund) Clergy: Julia Baldwin (PIC).

Matching Green CE Primary School: Andy Lorkins (HT).

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

Thu 23 Calendar of Saints: GEORGE, MARTYR, PATRON OF ENGLAND, C.304

Pray for: High Ongar (St Mary) w Norton Mandeville (All Saints) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC). Licensed Lay Ministers: Katherine Garner, Geoff Willis.

North Weald (St Andrew) Clergy: Mark North (Lead Minister).

North Weald St Andrew's CE Primary School: Katie Henson (HT).

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

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

Fri 24 Calendar of Saints: Mellitus, Bishop of London, First Bishop at St Paul's, 624 Seven Martyrs of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 2003

Pray for: The Deanery of Brentwood
Area Dean: Andy Smith. Lay Chair: Paul Betts.

All the chaplains who work in the Deanery of Brentwood.

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

Wed 15 **100 days of prayer theme of the week: Church buildings and the importance of place. Find out more and access resources: shorturl.at/r8qr**

Pray for: Waltham Abbey Team Ministry;
Waltham Abbey (Holy Cross & Ninefields St Lawrence), High Beach (Holy Innocents), Upshire (St Thomas) Clergy: Peter Smith (AAD, TR), Jane Yeadon (TV), Jane Begley (AC), Trevor Scott (AC).

High Beech CE Primary School: Jonathan Furness (Exec. HT), Kate Mortimer (HoS).

Waltham Abbey Hillhouse CE Primary School: Jo Willcox (HT).

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

Thu 16 **Calendar of Saints: Isabella Gilmore, Deaconess, 1923**

Pray for: Loughton (St Michael & All Angels)
Clergy: Vacancy (V), Deborah Lake (A).

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

Fri 17 **Pray for:** Blackmore (St Laurence) w Stondon Massey (St Peter and St Paul)
Clergy: Vacancy (V), Jane Marr (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Gail Hughes.

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

Sat 18 **Pray for:** *The Diocese of Washington – The Episcopal Church*

Sun 19 **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Please pray for followers of other faiths, that there may be discussion and understanding between all of God's people.

Calendar of Saints: Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012

Pray for: *The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)*

Mon 20 **Pray for:** Chipping Ongar (St Martin) w Shelley (St Peter);
Greensted juxta Ongar (St Andrew); Stanford Rivers (St Margaret)
Clergy: Hazel Aucken (AC), Neil Taylor (AC).

Pray for: The Diocesan Vocations Team.

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

Fri 10 **Calendar of Saints: William Law, Priest, Spiritual Writer, 1761
William of Ockham, Friar, Philosopher, Teacher of the Faith, 1347**

Pray for: Epping District Team Ministry;
Epping (St John), Epping Upland (All Saints), Coopersale (St Alban)
Clergy: John Fry (AD, TR), Vacancy (TV), Jessica Bostock (AC), Liz Gloyn (A).

Epping St Johns Church of England School: Mike Yerosimou (HT).

Epping Upland School: Julia Ferguson (HT).

Coopersale & Theydon Garnon CE Primary School: Dale Bateman (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*

Sat 11 **Calendar of Saints: George Augustus Selwyn, First Bishop of New Zealand, 1878**

Pray for: *Te Pihopatanga o Te Waipounamu – The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*

Sun 12 **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Pray for those who today still risk all to proclaim their faith in an often hostile world. Remember all Christians who struggle to maintain their freedom to worship.

Pray for: *Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique Angola*

Mon 13 **Pray for:** Loughton (St John the Baptist, St Nicholas, Trinity Church)
Clergy: Chris Davies (R), Will Rose-Moore (A).

Loughton (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Malcolm Macdonald (AAD, V), Ruth How (A).
Licensed Lay Minister: Brenda Miller.

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

Tue 14 **Pray for:** The Theydon Parishes: Theydon Bois (St Mary Vn), Theydon Garnon (All Saints), Stapleford Tawney (St Mary the Virgin) w Theydon Mount (St Michael)

Clergy: Sarah Moss (V). Licensed Lay Minister: John Philip.

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