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ABBREVIATIONS:

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



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Bishop Guli spent time meeting people at a mother and toddler group held at St Christopher's Jaywick.

Bishop Guli completes Lenten Walking Pilgrimage

The Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani has completed her Lenten Walking Pilgrimage across Chelmsford Diocese.

Bishop Guli spent time walking with people from 41 churches as well as visiting schools, colleges, the Diocesan House of Retreat at Pleshey and the Diocesan Office.

After being commissioned at the Ash Wednesday Eucharist at Chelmsford Cathedral on 22 February, she spent time walking in the three Episcopal Areas of the Diocese.

The pilgrimage finished at the Maundy Thursday Eucharist at Chelmsford Cathedral on Thursday 6 April. during which Bishop Guli said: "The Pilgrimage has been a profound and really wonderful experience for me. I've hugely enjoyed the 13 days which have taken me to 41 churches and several schools covering around 70 miles on foot in all three Episcopal Areas. I've received warm hospitality, and have shared many memorable conversations."

For more photos from the pilgrimage, visit: www.chelmsford.anglican.org/news/bishop-gulis-lenten-walking-pilgrimage.



Bishop Guli walked to St Augustine's Church, North Springfield where she met Revd Caroline Brown and members of the church community.



Bishop Guli walked from St John's Stratford to the Westfield Shopping Centre and the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. She is pictured here with Revd Lee Young, Bishop Lynne Cullens, Revd Dave Chesney and Michaela Southworth.

Sun 27 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Pray for the work of the Salvation Army, East of England Division: Major Howard Russell, Divisional Commander.

Pray for: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Mon 28 Calendar of Saints: Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430

Pray for: Southend (All Saints) Clergy: Neil Paxton (V).

Westcliff (St Alban) and Southend (St Mark) Clergy: Neil Dalley (V), Cherry Sandover (AC), Claire Abraham (A).
Reader: Margaret Henning.

Pray for: The Diocese of Yola (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

Tue 29 Calendar of Saints: The Beheading of St John the Baptist

Pray for: South Shoebury (St Andrew w St Peter) Clergy: Louise Williams (R).
Licensed Lay Ministers: Sandra Baines, Andy Clipsham.

Thorpe Bay (St Augustine) Clergy: Dave Willis (V).

Pray for: The Diocese of York (The Church of England)

Wed 30 Calendar of Saints: John Bunyan, Spiritual writer, 1688

Pray for: Westcliff-on-Sea (St Andrew) Clergy: Paul Gambling (PIC).

Westcliff-on-Sea St Saviour Clergy: Julie Fleming (V), Judith Wilkinson (AC).

Pray for: The Diocese of Ysabek (The Anglican Church of Melanesia)

Thu 31 Calendar of Saints: Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651

Pray for: Westcliff (St Michael & All Angels) Clergy: Tom Loh (PIC), Nicholas Pucenot (A).

Southend (St John the Baptist) Clergy: Michael Walker (PIC), Steven Collier (AC).

Pray for: The Diocese of Yukon (The Anglican Church of Canada)



Chelmsford Diocese recipients of Maundy Money

In his first Maundy Thursday service as Monarch, His Majesty King Charles presented Maundy Money to four recipients from churches in Chelmsford Diocese.

Margaret Milne, Christopher Owens, Ann Easter and Hugh Dibbens received their Maundy Money purses from the King at York Minster.

The Royal Maundy Service dates back to 600AD and commemorates Jesus washing the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper.

During the service, His Majesty the King presented each recipient with two purses: one red and one white. The white purse contained a set of specially minted silver Maundy coins equivalent in value to the age of the Monarch. The red purse contained two commemorative coins, symbolising the Sovereign's historic gift of food and clothing.

This year, one of the coins celebrated His Majesty's forthcoming 75th birthday and the other commemorated the 75th anniversary of the Windrush Generation.

Recipients were selected from the Church of England dioceses across the country and Anglican and Ecumenical partners across the UK.

Commenting on receiving Maundy Money, The Revd Ann Easter said: "It was a great honour to receive Maundy Money and it was an amazing occasion - the Minster looked magnificent, the music was fantastic, and His Majesty the King thanked me for my 'wonderful work for the Church'".

To read more about the recipients of Maundy Money from Chelmsford Diocese visit www.chelmsford.anglican.org/news.

June

"Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night."

George Herbert

Thu 1 **Calendar of Saints: Justin, Martyr at Rome, c.165**

Pray for: The Deanery of Basildon
Area Dean: Jonathan Evens. Lay Chair: Christine Coe.
Assistant Area Dean: Simon Law.
Chaplain: Tara Frankland (St Luke's Hospice).

Pray for: The Diocese of Taungoo (The Church of the Province of Myanmar)

Fri 2 **Pray for:** Basildon (St Martin of Tours) Clergy: Timothy Brampton (PIC).

Pray for: Te Pihopatanga p Te Waipounamu (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)

Sat 3 **Calendar of Saints: The Martyrs of Uganda, 1885-7 and 1977**

Pray for: The Diocese of Temotu (The Anglican Church of Melanesia)

Sun 4 **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 August serve and reflect your Triune Love all our days.

Amen.
(Adapted from John Wesley)

Pray for: The Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria

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



Environment Sunday

Diocesan Environmental Officer, the Revd Sandra Eldridge writes about this year's World Environment Day and invites us to pray for those around the world who are suffering from the impact of global warming.

Cote D'Ivoire, in West Africa, is not a rich country. Its gross domestic product per capita is about a twentieth of that in the UK. Similarly, its greenhouse gas emissions per capita are only about a twentieth of those in the UK.

However, it is more vulnerable than the UK to the effects of greenhouse gas emissions. By 2070 many countries in Africa, including Cote D'Ivoire, may become largely uninhabitable due to high temperatures.

The country cannot prevent this. The extent to which it happens depends on richer countries that are more able to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

However, on Monday 5 June Cote D'Ivoire is leading action on the environment by hosting World Environment Day in partnership with the Netherlands. The theme of the day is Beat Plastic Pollution.

They banned plastic bags in 2014. On World Environment Day it wants to highlight the solutions to plastic pollution now available.

The day before World Environment Day, is Environment Sunday, a chance to think of and pray for our neighbours in Cote D'Ivoire and elsewhere who are particularly vulnerable to the effects of global warming, and to pray for changes in the way we use plastic.

Find out about World Environment Day at www.worldenvironmentday.global

A prayer for World Environment Day

God of life,
 we praise you for the beauty of creation,
 its richness and variety;
 yet, through greed and ignorance,
 we scar your world with plastic waste
 and throw so much away.
 Make us more like Jesus,
 treading gently on our common home,
 and breathe your Spirit on us,
 that we may care more deeply
 for your Earth.
 We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

Mon 21 Pray for: The Deanery of Southend

Area Dean: Louise Williams. Lay Chair: Linda Barnard.

Southend Healthcare NHS Trust: David Childs (Lead CHP).

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

Tue 22 Pray for: North Shoebury (St Mary the Virgin) Clergy: Vacancy (Lead Minister).

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

Wed 23 Pray for: Prittlewell (St Mary the Virgin)

Clergy: Paul Mackay (V), Jacky Lindoe (AC).

Prittlewell School: Aleisha Lewis (HT).

Prittlewell (St Luke) Clergy: Ben Drury (PIC).
 Licensed Lay Minister: Liz Robinson.

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

Thu 24 Calendar of Saints: BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

Pray for: Westcliff (St Peter) w St Cedd and the Saints of Essex (The Bridgewater Drive Church); ALSO Prittlewell (St Stephen) Clergy: Colin Baldwin (PIC), Chukwudum Aguocha (A), Bernard Noghiu (A), Cornelia Noghiu (A).

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

Fri 25 Pray for: Southchurch (Holy Trinity) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).

Southchurch (Christ Church) Clergy: Michael Walker (PIC), Steven Collier (Lead Minister, AC). Licensed Lay Minister: Elizabeth Butterworth.

*Pray for: The Diocese of Yirrol
 (The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)*

Sat 26 Pray for: The Diocese of Yokohama (The Nippon Sei Ko Kai)



The Church of the Nativity

A new Ukrainian congregation in Becontree South

Fr. Pavlo Protsenko arrived in Dagenham in December under the "Homes for Ukraine" scheme, sponsored by Fr Leigh Daynes, Assistant Curate in the Parish of Becontree South. Pavlo is a Priest in the Orthodox Church of Ukraine and a former Padre in the Ukrainian army.

Since arriving in East London Pavlo has been ministering to Ukrainians in the local area while working as a teaching assistant. He hopes to qualify as a teacher.

On March 5, a joint venture between the Orthodox Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain and the Parish of Becontree South was founded. Pavlo planted a new Ukrainian Orthodox Church, The Church of the Nativity, at St Martin's Church in Dagenham and 60 people came to the first service.

The church community of Becontree South has been supporting Pavlo's ministry. Members of the congregations have made donations towards vestments and other equipment needed for church services. Further funds were raised through people being encouraged to 'sponsor a sunflower'

- the national flower of Ukraine at a special service marking the first anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine in February.

Thanks to donations from the congregations and others in the local community the Church of the Nativity was able to celebrate Communion for the first time at its Easter service.

Fr Pavlo said: "I have felt so welcomed by Fr Leigh since I arrived in Dagenham. The support the local community has given me - in particular, the Revd Faye Bailey, Fr Leigh, and the parish of Becontree South - has been amazing. Through the Church of the Nativity we have been able to offer a little bit of home to Ukrainians who have been displaced by the war."

Fr Leigh added: "We are so pleased to be able to support Pavlo's priestly ministry by hosting The Church of the Nativity at St Martin's, and to see the real difference this is making for our Ukrainian neighbours."

Services at the Church of the Nativity take place every Sunday at 11am.

To find out more, visit their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/rizdvo.uk.

Mon 5 **Calendar of Saints: Boniface (Wynfrith) of Crediton, Bishop, Apostle of Germany, Martyr, 754**

Pray for: Basildon (St Andrew w Holy Cross) Clergy: Vacancy (V), Trudy Arnold (A), Karen White (A). Licensed Lay Ministers: Phil Horscroft.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Tennessee (The Episcopal Church)*

Tue 6 **Calendar of Saints: Ini Kapuria, founder of the Melanesian Brotherhood, 1945**

Pray for: Billericay & Little Burstead TM: Billericay (Christ Church), Billericay (Emmanuel), Billericay (St John the Divine), Little Burstead (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Paul Carr (TR), Rupert Hankey (TV). Licensed Lay Ministers: Catherine Benbough, Peter Fisher, Susan Oakley, Pauline Woolnough.

Pray for: *The Diocese of East Tennessee (The Episcopal Church)*

Wed 7 **Pray for:** Bowers Gifford w North Benfleet (St Margaret, St John)

Clergy: David Ibiayo (PIC).

St Margaret's C of E Academy: Sally Finch (Exec. HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of West Tennessee (The Episcopal Church)*

Thu 8 **DAY OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE INSTITUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (CORPUS CHRISTI)**

Calendar of Saints: Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, Nonjuror, Hymn Writer, 1711

Pray for: Laindon (St Nicholas) w Dunton Clergy: Andrei Petrine (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Susan Shadrake.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Terekaka (The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)*

Fri 9 **Calendar of Saints: Columba, Abbot of Iona, Missionary, 587 Ephrem of Syria, Deacon, Hymn Writer, Teacher of the Faith, 373**

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

Pray for: *The Diocese of Northern Territory (The Anglican Church of Australia)*

Please pray for the people of Ukraine and for Fr Pavlo's ministry to Ukrainians in East London.



Summer at the Chelmsford Diocesan House of Retreat

The Diocesan House of Retreat at Pleshey has a wide variety of events and retreats taking place over the summer months.

If you're not going on holiday, then why not find refreshment at the Retreat House.

Whether you would like to attend a quiet day, a walking retreat or a wellbeing retreat, the Retreat House has something for you.

On Thursday the 15 June, the Retreat House celebrates spiritual writer, Evelyn Underhill with a special quiet day. The day is led by Val Thompson.

Val gained her MA in Christian Spirituality in 2019 with a dissertation which explored Evelyn Underhill's influence on others both in her own time and in present time within Chelmsford Diocese and at Pleshey Retreat House.

At the core of Evelyn Underhill was her commitment to God and her determination to help others approach God and have a personal relationship with him.

Come and find out more about her life and work and how we can make this relevant for us today.

To book and for more details of what's on at The Diocesan House of Retreat visit www.retreathousepleshey.com.

You can also get the latest information about upcoming retreats and events by following The Diocesan House of Retreat on social media.

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Mon 14 **Calendar of Saints: Maximilian Kolbe, Friar, Martyr, 1941**

Pray for: Leigh-on-Sea (St Aidan) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

Leigh-on-Sea (St Clement)

Clergy: Clive Hillman (PIC); Cherry Sandover (AC), Lizzie Youngs (A).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Worcester (The Church of England)*

Tue 15 **Calendar of Saints: THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Pray for: Leigh-on-Sea (St James the Great) Clergy: William Bulloch (V).

Leigh-on-Sea (St Margaret) Clergy: David Wylie (PIC).

St Michael's School: James Mobbs (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Forth Worth (The Episcopal Church)*

Wed 16 **Pray for:** New Thundersley (St George) Clergy: Peter Hillman (PIC).

Licensed Lay Minister: Olga Porteous.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Wulu*

(The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)

Thu 17 **Pray for:** South Benfleet (St Mary)

Clergy: Ben Drury (V). Licensed Lay Minister: Cathy Ranson

Pray for: *The Diocese of Wusasa*

(The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

Fri 18 **Pray for:** Thundersley (St Peter, St Michael & All Angels)

Clergy: Andy Hudson (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Jan Kersey.

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

Pray for: *The Diocese of Wyoming (The Episcopal Church)*

Sat 19 **Pray for:** *The Diocese of Yambio*

(The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)

Sun 20 **ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

As churches and countries mark Slavery Memorial Day on 23rd August, we remember the world-wide call to repentance and reparation laid upon many consciences and cultures. We pray for the day when those of all races, and those of all faiths and of none, will be treated fairly and equally by everyone.

Pray for: *The Church of England*

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



Farewell to Archdeacon Vanessa

On Sunday 26 March, people gathered at Chelmsford Cathedral to say farewell to the Venerable Vanessa Herrick and to give thanks for her ministry as the Archdeacon of Harlow.

Archdeacon Vanessa retired from her role on 1 April, having been in licensed ministry for nearly forty years and serving as archdeacon since 2017.

Commenting on the announcement of her retirement Vanessa said: "I am looking forward to retirement and to the opportunity to explore new things.

"I've appreciated the chance to work in five different dioceses and exercise a wide range of ministries over that time and I'm grateful to God and to the many people I've worked and served with for all I've learnt and enjoyed.

"In retirement, I plan to focus more on speaking, writing and working with people one to one and to getting involved in life beyond the church walls!"

Vanessa's farewell service is available to watch on the Chelmsford Cathedral YouTube channel [@ChelmsfordCathedralLive](#).



Please pray for Vanessa and her husband David as they begin this next chapter in their lives and move to Suffolk.

June

Sat 10 *Pray for:* The Diocese of Texs (The Episcopal Church)

Sun 11 **FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY [OR BARNABAS, THE APOSTLE]**

Pray for all those involved in Lay Development and Training in the Diocese.

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

Mon 12 **Calendar of Saints: BARNABAS, THE APOSTLE**

Pray for: Langdon Hills (St Mary & All Saints) Clergy: Jeremy Noles (R).

Pray for: The Diocese of North West Texas (The Episcopal Church)

Tue 13 *Pray for:* Pitsea (St Gabriel) w Nevendon (St Peter) Clergy: Simon Law (R).

Pray for: The Diocese of West Texas (The Episcopal Church)

Wed 14 **Calendar of Saints: Richard Baxter, Puritan Divine, 1691**

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

Pray for: The Diocese of Thika (The Anglican Church of Kenya)

Thu 15 **Calendar of Saints: Evelyn Underhill, Spiritual Writer, 1941**

Pray for: Wickford & Runwell TM: Wickford (St Catherine, Wickford (St Andrew), Runwell (St Mary) Clergy: Jonathan Evans (TR), Sue Wise (TV), Steven Lissenden (AC). Licensed Lay Ministers: Emma Doe, Mike Tricker.

Wickford CofE School: Annie Bristow (Head of School).

Pray for: The Diocese of Thoothukudi – Nazareth (The [United] Church of South India)

Fri 16 **Calendar of Saints: Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253
Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, Philosopher, 1752**

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

Pray for: The Diocese of Tirunelveli (The [United] Church of South India)



Going through the long greens

A reflection from The Very Revd Paul Kennington,
Acting Dean of Chelmsford:

Fried food and chips are more tempting than boiled cabbage and kale, and Lent, Easter, Advent and Christmas are easier to work with than the 21 Sundays after Trinity, and yet we all know that we have to eat our greens if we are to have a balanced diet and get all the vitamins and minerals we need.

So in these long liturgically green months I think we have to be like Nigella and Jamie, serving up the essential and life-giving stories of Jesus in St Matthew's Gospel with the spices and seasoning of our own unique experiences.

The Good News may be an old old story, but we are asked to proclaim it afresh in every generation.

And of course proclaiming the Gospel afresh has to start with ourselves. The long greens are not a time for wallowing in the old and

familiar, rather they are a lengthy time to be challenged and to grow.

We will all enjoy preaching on Matthew 11:28, but Matthew 12:48's challenge to our understanding of family has been carefully avoided and many of us will struggle on August 20th with Matthew 15:26. Did Jesus really liken the Canaanite woman to a dog?

However tempting it is to read about Jamie and Nigella's cabbage and kale recipes on the page, the long greens will only ever come to life when we have them fresh and tasty on our plate, when we eat them for ourselves and make them our own.

**'God's compassions never fail.
They are new every morning'**

(Lamentations 3:22-23)

Tue 8 Calendar of Saints: Dominic, Priest, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221

Pray for: The Deanery of Hadleigh

Area Dean: Peter Hillman. Lay Chair: Ron McLernon.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Waiwso (The Church of the Province of West Africa)*

Wed 9 Calendar of Saints: Mary Sumner, Founder of the Mothers' Union, 1921

Pray for: Canvey Island TM: (St Nicholas, St Anne, St Katherine)

Clergy: David Tudor (TR), Marion Walford (TV), Lesley McGlynn (AC).

Licensed Lay Ministers: Karen Bates, Jacqui Light.

St Katherine's School: Anne-Marie Taylor (HT).

Pray for: The Diocese of Willochra (The Anglican Church of Australia)

Thu 10 Calendar of Saints: Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr. 258

Pray for: Eastwood (St Lawrence and All Saints) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).

Eastwood (St David) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Winchester (The Church of England)*

Fri 11 Calendar of Saints: Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoreesses (Poor Clares), 1253

John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, 1890

Pray for: Hadleigh (St James the Less); also Hadleigh (St Barnabas)

Clergy: Ruth Cartwright (PIC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Windward Islands (The Church in the Province of the West Indies)*

Sat 12 Pray for: *The Diocese of Wonduruba*

(The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)

Sun 13 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Please pray for the Diocesan Chancellor, Philippa Hopkins, and those who work in our Diocesan Registry: Aiden Hargreaves-Smith, Registrar; Melanie Tucker, Registry Administrator.

Pray for: *Iglesia Anglicana de Chile*



Citizens Chelmsford Launched!

On 15 March Citizens Chelmsford, the newest alliance in the Citizens UK family, launched at Anglia Ruskin University.

Citizens Chelmsford is the newest local alliance within Citizens Essex, there is another in Colchester and one in development in Southend.

Citizens Essex is a broad-based alliance of civil society working together through community organising, to tackle the social issues that matter to the local community. It is formed of 14 churches, mosques, universities and community groups.

Talking about the Assembly of Citizens Essex in March, the Revd Andy Griffiths, member of Chelmsford Citizens and Head of Training in Chelmsford Diocese said:

“We heard about the great work Citizens Essex has been doing, in areas like violence against women, asylum hotels and undocumented migrants. And we had three big “asks” for local politicians: about the real living wage, about homelessness prevention for Ukrainian guests, and about modular housing for the homeless.

“We were really proud of Iryna and Svitlana, two Ukrainian guests, who spoke about their

experiences of seeking council help as their hosting came to an end. The Ukrainian scratch choir sang to us, and the Salvation Army band played the Ukrainian national anthem.

“The assembly was a great success. Our aim was not to get the politicians to change their policies on the spot, but to build relationships with them.

“Councillors committed to giving a place at the table to the Alliance of Chelmsford Hosts and Ukrainians, to visit the cathedral school and listen to their students, and to talk with us about the Living Wage and modular housing.

“The Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex has committed to work with us on safety, misogyny, reporting of crime and migrant issues.

“Community Organisers believe that the way real social change occurs is through the people effected getting a place at the table with the decision makers.”

Please pray for all those involved in community organising, for Citizens Essex and for the local alliances in Chelmsford, Colchester and Southend.

Sat 17 **Calendar of Saints: Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, Social Reformers, 1913 and 1936**

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

Sun 18 **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

As churches and communities mark Refugee Week we remember those driven from their homes, separated from their families and forced to live in another country.

We pray that we August be among those who can lighten the burden of the dispossessed and provide new beginnings for the vulnerable refugees in our midst.

Pray for: The Anglican Church of Australia

Mon 19 **Calendar of Saints: Sundar Singh of India, Sadhu (holy man), Evangelist, Teacher of the Faith, 1929**

Pray for: The Deanery of Chelmsford: Area Dean: Tim Ball. Lay Chair: Jill Readings. Chaplains: Susan Malam (Mid-Essex Hospitals NHS Trust); Meymans Sala (Mid-Essex Hospitals NHS Trust); Hannah Robinson (Anglia Ruskin University); Wendy Norris (HMP Chelmsford).

Pray for: The Diocese of Tohoku (The Nippon Sei Ko Kai)

Tue 20 **Pray for:** Boreham (St Andrew) Clergy: Emma Wylie (PIC), Dan Pierce (AC).

Broomfield (St Mary w St Leonard) Clergy: Carolyn Tibbott (V), Dawn Butcher (A).

Pray for: The Diocese of Tokyo (The Nippon Sei Ko Kai)

Wed 21 **Pray for:** Chelmsford Cathedral (St Mary the Virgin, St Peter, St Cedd) Clergy: Paul Kennington (Interim Dean), Ivor Moody (Vice-Dean), Kate Moore (AC), John Fry (AC), Sebastian Harries (AC), Julia Lacey (A).

The Cathedral School: Linda Wiskin (HT).

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



National Lottery boost for English for Women project

English for women - a project that helps reduce isolation amongst women who speak little or no English - has been awarded £100,000 from The National Lottery Community Fund.

The project provides weekly sessions where women can come together to learn everyday English, gain an understanding of British culture, and make new friends. The learners are supported by teams of trained volunteers through sessions specially developed to help build learners confidence in their language skills so they can speak to their child's teacher, use public transport, find work, or volunteer in their local community.

English for Women, which started in 2015, began at Chelmsford Cathedral to support Afghan refugees who had relocated to the city. Today the project welcomes people from more than 30 countries and is part of the Chelmsford Diocese Mothers' Union. English for Women is currently funded entirely through charitable donations and fundraising, and the grant will help support some of the project's activities over the next five years.

Currently the project operates a mixture of online and face to face sessions in

Chelmsford and Goodmayes each week. In addition, it offers a weekly session called English for All which supports both men and women.

Project Coordinator Susannah Owen said: "We are delighted to receive this grant from the National Lottery. English for Women has grown to become a vibrant community where people come not just to learn conversational English, but to make connections and create positive opportunities for themselves. This money will make a big difference to the project, and we want to say a huge thank you to The National Lottery Community Fund."

"The grant will enable us to develop and expand sessions based on local need so we can reach many more of those in our communities who are isolated by language barriers. Demand for our services is growing, so alongside this very welcome grant we're continuing to fundraise and seek donations so we can help even more families."

Find out more about English for Women, or if you'd like to help support this growing project, please email admin@englishforwomen.org.

Please pray for the English for Women project, the volunteers and those who attend the sessions.

August

- Tue 1** **Pray for:** Woodham Mortimer (St Margaret) w Hazeleigh and Woodham Walter (St Michael) Clergy: Julie Willmot (PIC).
Woodham Walter School: Philip Brown (Exec. Head), Pippa Edlin (Head of School).
Pray for: The Diocese of Wanyjok (The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)
- Wed 2** **Pray for:** Mayland (St Barnabas) and Latchingdon (Christ Church) Clergy: Andrew Appiah (R).
Pray for: The Diocese of Warri (The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion))
- Thu 3** **Pray for:** Althorne (St Andrew) and North Fambridge (Holy Trinity) Clergy: Suzanne Fryer (PIC).
Pray for: The Diocese of Washington (The Episcopal Church)
- Fri 4** **Calendar of Saints: Jean-Baptiste Vianney, Curé d'Ars, Spiritual Guide, 1859**
Pray for: Dengie (St James) Clergy: Steven Poss (PIC).
Pray for: The Diocese of Wau (The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)
- Sat 5** **Calendar of Saints: Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642**
Pray for: The Diocese of Wellington (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)
- Sun 6** **THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD [NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY]**
Please pray for the work of the Leprosy Mission. Remember, too, the people of those countries where leprosy is still a major problem today.
Pray for: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane du Congo
- Mon 7** **Calendar of Saints: John Mason Neale, Priest, Hymn Writer, 1866**
Pray for: The retired Clergy, Readers and Lay Ministers who live and work in the Deanery of Maldon and Dengie.
Pray for: The Diocese of Wernyol (The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)



Lammas - Give us this day, our daily bread...

The line 'Give us this day, our daily bread', from the Lord's Prayer is held dear by many of us who pray the Lord's Prayer.

Some of us praying these words, work hard to be part of Christ's answer for those who might otherwise go hungry.

Placing bread into the hands of a hungry person is a wonderful privilege. Many hard-working hands contribute to this simple, life-giving gift of our daily bread: farmers, millers, bakers, distributors and retailers. All deserve our thanks.

The festival of Lammas calls us to pause as the first wheat is harvested. Before rushing into the full busyness of harvest, Lammas enables us to take in the incredible gift of the grain and give thanks to God for its life-giving potential.

The first grain is made into a loaf of bread to be placed into the hands of those who are hungry.

But this loaf, the Lammas loaf, won't only be nourishing the physical body. The Lammas loaf, blessed and consecrated, becomes the Eucharistic bread, feeding us spiritually as Jesus promised, and priests lead us to remember, Sunday after Sunday.

When the precious Lammas loaf is lifted high for the congregation to see, it marks the beginning of a feast for body, mind and soul.

As the Lammas loaf is broken, the fragrance of freshly baked bread gently wafts through the air as a wonderfully earthy incense. This is the festival of the year when we're reminded how the Eucharistic bread can truly connect earth and heaven.

As the bread is placed into the open hand of each hungry communicant this Lammas, we might pray that all who receive will be truly nourished through God's earthly creation and His holy Son.

Rev'd Canon Janet Nicholls
Rural Adviser and Agricultural Chaplain

Thu 22 **Calendar of Saints: Alban, first Martyr of Britain, c.250** Ember Day

Pray for: Chelmsford (The Ascension w All Saints)
Clergy: Simon Pearce (V), Timnat Emmanuel (A).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Torj*
(The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)

Fri 23 **Calendar of Saints: Etheldreda, Abbess of Ely, c.678**

Pray for: Chelmsford (St Andrew)
Clergy: Simon Pearce (PIC), Andrew Merchant (AC).
Licensed Lay Minister: Linda Robinson.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Torit*
(The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)

Sat 24 **Calendar of Saints: THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Pray for: *The Diocese of Toronto (The Anglican Church of Canada)*

Sun 25 **THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

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

Pray for: *The Church of Bangladesh*

Mon 26 **Pray for:** The Chignals (St Nicholas w St James) w Mashbury Clergy: Dan Pierce (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Greg Waters.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Trichy-Tanjore (The [United] Church of South India)*

Tue 27 **Calendar of Saints: Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 444**

Pray for: Great & Little Leighs St Mary Vn, St John) and Little Waltham (St Martin) Clergy: Dan Pierce (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Greg Waters.

Little Waltham School: Stephen Saunders (HT)

Pray for: *The Diocese of Trinidad & Tobago*
(The Church of the Province of the West Indies)



Congratulations to our new Young Leaders

In April, seven young people were commissioned by Bishop Roger, to be young leaders in their parishes and worshipping communities.

The service took place at Chelmsford Cathedral for those who had completed the Diocese of Chelmsford's Growing Young Leaders course.

The service was attended by friends and family of the young people and Bishop Roger led a talk, exploring the Cathedral.

Our Growing Young Leaders Course seeks to encourage young people aged 13 and above in our churches to engage with ministry and to build their leadership skills.

The course gives young people the opportunity to spend 6 months serving in leadership roles within in their local church communities.

Diocese of Chelmsford Youth Adviser, Charley Day, said: "We had a fantastic time journeying through this year's Growing Young Leaders course with an amazing group of young people.

"The commissioning service was a brilliant service led by the young people themselves. Thank you to all the young people and all those who continue to mentor, support and encourage them in their ongoing ministries!"

Please pray for the young people who completed the Growing Young Leaders course as they continue to serve God in their church communities.



St Michael's, Myland, was decorated with handmade flowers, made by the local community in celebration of the Coronation.



Holy Trinity and St Augustine of Hippo, Leytonstone held a Coronation Big Lunch



St Mary's, Burnham on Crouch hosted The Big Burnham Coronation Celebration which showcased local volunteering opportunities.

Bishop Guli played a role in the King's Coronation Service

The Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, the Bishop of Chelmsford, played a role in the Coronation Service of King Charles III which took place on 6 May.

Bishop Guli carried the King's Chalice in the Coronation procession and, later took part in Holy Communion.

She was one of the first three female Bishops ever to participate in a Coronation service alongside The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London; and The Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover.

Talking about the Coronation service, Bishop Guli said: "It was a huge honour and a privilege to be involved in the Coronation Service and very special to be amongst the first three female bishops to play a role.

"The theme of the Coronation was "Called to Serve". We know it is the King's desire that service be at the heart of his reign.

"It is his wish to serve God and serve the nation and we too are invited, each one of us, to participate in that same life of service as we seek to make our homes, our communities, our nation and our world a place where all belong; where no one is too great to serve and no one too small to be served."



St Stephen's in Harlow, held a special Coronation Cafe Church service.

Churches mark the Coronation weekend with services and community events

Churches and worshipping communities across Chelmsford Diocese marked the Coronation weekend with services and community events.

Here are some of the pictures that have been shared with us.

Wed 28 **Calendar of Saints: Iranaeus, Bishop of Lyons, Teacher of the Faith, c.200** Ember Day

Pray for: Great Waltham (St Mary & St Lawrence) w Ford End (St John).
Clergy: Dan Pierce (PIC). Licensed Lay Minister: Greg Waters.

Ford End School: Melissa Taylor (Exec. HT), Johanna Bailey (Head of School)

Great Waltham School: Justine Brooks (HT).

Pleshey (Holy Trinity) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Truro (The Church of England)*

Thu 29 **Calendar of Saints: PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES** (OR PETER THE APOSTLE)

Pray for: Roxwell (St Michael and All Angels).
Clergy: Tony Cant (PIC), John Bloomer (A).

Roxwell School: Melissa Taylor (Exec. Head), Sarah Tate (Head of School).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Tuam, Killala & Achonry (The Church of Ireland)*

Fri 30 **Ember Day**

Pray for: Springfield (All Saints) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).
Licensed Lay Minister: Roger McFarland.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Twic East*
(The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)



Travelling Well Together: Reflections from the Parish of Broomfield

At the beginning of this year, our Bishops introduced a document titled Travelling Well Together.

The document outlines a direction of travel for Chelmsford Diocese and an approach to enable and empower parishes and worshipping communities to discern how they are to be God's people in their own very different local contexts and as part of one diocesan family.

Underpinning the approach is an invitation to a way of being, articulated by shared diocesan values which might shape how we travel together, support each other, and provide mutual accountability.

Many parishes and individuals across Chelmsford Diocese took the opportunity

to engage with the Travelling Well Together materials throughout Lent.

The Revd Dawn Butcher, shares her experience of following the resources with a small group from St Mary with St Leonard, Broomfield where she is curate.

"We started, perhaps with some naivety, thinking we understood what it meant to travel well together, and we ended Lent feeling deeply challenged by the reality of what living in God's grace means for ourselves and for those we journey alongside. It was not easy, but it was worthwhile.

"One participant shared being deeply challenged by the call to say, 'I am thankful for you because....' of those with whom we

Wed 26 **Calendar of Saints: Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Pray for: Heybridge (St Andrew, St George Heybridge Basin) w Langford (St Giles) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Jordan Palmer (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Julia McGregor.

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

Thu 27 **Calendar of Saints: Brooke Foss Westcott, Bishop of Durham, Teacher of the Faith, 1901**

Pray for: Maldon (All Saints w St Peter) Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), Jordan Palmer (A). All Saints' School: Phillip Brown (Exec. HT), Corrinne White (Head of School)

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

Fri 28 **Pray for:** Maldon (St Mary) w Mundon (St Mary) Clergy: Andrew Appiah (PIC).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Wandj (The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)*

Sat 29 **Calendar of Saints: Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord**

Pray for: *The Diocese of Wang Lei (The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan)*

Sun 30 **EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Pray for the work of the Hockerill Foundation, which provides grants to this diocese and St Albans' diocese to develop the church's educational work, as well as grants to teachers in training, especially those studying Religious Education.

Pray for: *Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America*

Mon 31 **Calendar of Saints: Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556**

Pray for: Southminster (St Leonard) and Steeple (St Lawrence and All Saints) Clergy: Peter Begley (PIC), Jacqueline King (A). Licensed Lay Minister: Jenny Pratt.

Southminster Primary School: Becky Fairhead (Acting HT)

Pray for: *The Diocese of Wangaratta (The Anglican Church of Australia)*



Church in the Market

Bringing church to Dovercourt Street Market

Every Friday morning until the early afternoon, you will find the Harwich Team Ministry amongst the traditional market stalls of Dovercourt Street Market.

The bright yellow tent, run by the Revd Kirsty Emerson, Pioneer Team Vicar in the Harwich Team Ministry, offers free tea and coffee and a listening ear to market-goers.

In school holidays, they have biscuit decorating and colouring activities in the tent for children as a taster for Messy Church - their family church service for all ages.

The Church in the Market began in February this year after Kirsty attended a webinar based on the book 'God's Tents pitched among us' by Benjamin Carter. The book is about outdoor worship in rural communities, but Kirsty was inspired to use what she had learnt in her urban context.

Talking about Church in the Market, Kirsty said: "I knew I wanted to have a church presence outside and I knew Dovercourt had a market, but it didn't all click until I attended a recent webinar. We were donated a marquee tent and the rest is history!

"During the Easter Holidays we gave away 100 easter eggs along with a booklet containing the Easter story. We had so many visitors that we ran out of eggs very early in the day!

"The tent is a great way for us to a visible presence in the community and we're able to share information about the church and our upcoming events and services.

"We have lots of interesting conversations about exploring faith with people that wouldn't usually come to church and it's really encouraging that we now see many returning visitors."



struggle to get along with or with whom we disagree. It is easy to find reasons to be thankful for loved ones and friends, but to strive to say this when we disagree or dislike another is a real challenge.

"Another participant was confronted with knowing herself to be God's poetry and accepting she has a place at God's banqueting table. Expecting to be told 'you don't belong here' opened discussions about self-criticism that prevents us believing we are God's beloved, and as I am, so we each are, invited into God's love and grace.

"As part of the daily reflections through Lent, we were encouraged to 'ask God what God wants you to hear today' and this question struck some as so simple and yet captured

well a daily submission to God's voice.

"There was an encouragement to take that forward as a good practice to ask ourselves every day, 'What do you want me to hear today God?'

"Engaging with the Travelling Well Together resources as a group enabled us to begin the conversations and reflections that bring to light some of our deep-seated feelings and struggles. Everyone recognised this was only the starting point. But a rich, eye-opening and thought-provoking one."

To find out more about Travelling Well Together and to view the resources, visit www.chelmsford.anglican.org/about-us/travelling-well-together.

Please pray for all the Harwich Team Ministry, the Church in the Market team and those who visit the church tent.



Bishop's Lent Appeal

Donations accepted until 1 July

The 2023 Bishop of Chelmsford's Lent Appeal supported St Andrew's College of Theology and Development in Kabare, Kenya.

The College plays a key role in providing residential training for new clergy and lay leaders for all five of our partner dioceses in Kenya. The College also serves its local community with courses in theology, business and ICT.

The appeal was raising funds to improve the shower and toilet facilities for students as the current accommodation blocks are old and basic with no access to hot water.

Thanks to your support the appeal has so far raised just over £6,000 to improve the facilities. There is still time to support this year's Lent Appeal, if you would like to do so. Donations can be made until 1 July.

Commenting on this year's appeal, the Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani, the Bishop of Chelmsford said: "This year's Lent Appeal will provide an opportunity for people in our

Diocese to make an important contribution to the life of St Andrew's Theological College and with that, the Mission and Ministry of the Anglican Church in Kenya.

"St Andrew's College has been a key partner in the relationship with our five partner Dioceses of the Mount Kenya East region. The funds raised through your donations will have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of current students and help to attract new students to the college in the future."

Donations can be made online or by bank transfer. If you would like to make a donation by bank transfer, please use the following details:

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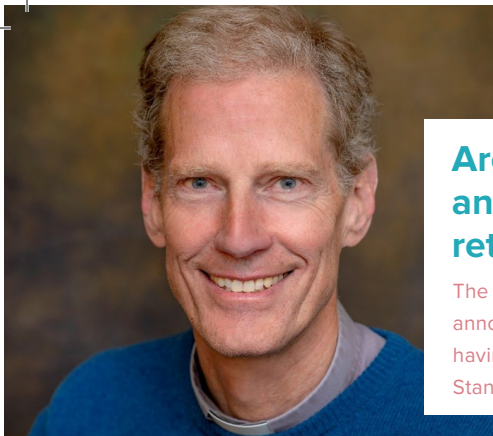
To donate online and to find out more about the appeal, scan the QR code.



Please pray for our partners at St Andrew's College of Theology and Development in Kabare, Kenya, both staff and students.

July

- Wed 19 Calendar of Saints: Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, Teachers of the Faith, c. 394 and c. 379**
Pray for: The Deanery of Maldon & Dengie Area Dean: Peter Begley. Lay Chair: Adrian Smith. Chaplain: Steven Poss (St Peter on the Wall).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Victoria Nanza (The Anglican Church of Tanzania)*
- Thu 20 Calendar of Saints: Margaret of Antioch, Martyr, 4th century**
Bartolomé des las Casas, Apostle to the Indies, 1566
Pray for: Bradwell on Sea (St Thomas, St Peter on the Wall), and Newland (St Lawrence) Clergy: Steven Poss (PIC, CHP St Peter on the Wall).
 St Cedd's School: Lyndsey Wood (HT)
Pray for: *The Diocese of Virgin Islands (The Episcopal Church)*
- Fri 21 Pray for:** Burnham-on-Crouch (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Suzanne Fryer (PIC).
 St Mary's School: Geraldine Denham-Hale (HT).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Virginia (The Episcopal Church)*
- Sat 22 Calendar of Saints: MARY MAGDALENE**
Pray for: *The Diocese of Southern Virginia (The Episcopal Church)*
- Sun 23 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
Please pray for all who work in our local hospitals, both medical and ancillary, that they August feel valued and appreciated.
Pray also for all who work in the Ambulance and Air Ambulance Services.
Pray for: *The Church of the Province of Central Africa*
- Mon 24 Pray for:** Purlough (All Saints) Clergy: Julie Willmot (PIC).
 Creeksea (All Saints) Clergy: Vera Wadman (PIC), Suzanne Fryer (AC).
Pray for: *The Diocese of Southwestern Virginia (The Episcopal Church)*
- Tue 25 Calendar of Saints: JAMES THE APOSTLE**
Pray for: Cold Norton (St Stephen) w Stow Maries (St Mary & St Margaret) Clergy: Vacancy (R).
 Tillingham (St Nicholas) w Dengie (St James) & Asheldham Clergy: Steven Poss (PIC).
 St Nicholas School: Xanthe Glynn (HT).
Pray for: *The Diocese of West Virginia (The Episcopal Church)*



Archdeacon Robin announces his retirement

The Venerable Robin King has announced that he will be retiring having served as Archdeacon of Stansted for nearly ten years.

Commenting on his retirement, Archdeacon Robin said: "I have enjoyed myself enormously, and serving as the Archdeacon of Stansted really has been a joy and privilege.

"Working with so many kind, gracious, Godly and forgiving people has taught me so much (if only I had known then what I know now...).

"There is much that I will miss, but also much that I hope I can still contribute in the parishes to which we're retiring (the North Hinckford Benefice of fourteen parishes) – I will still be in the Diocese, and, "In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." (Phil.3:4-5)"

The Bishop of Chelmsford, the Rt Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani has paid tribute to Archdeacon Robin, saying: "Robin has been a faithful servant to the Stansted Archdeaconry and to the wider Diocese, including in his role as Chair of the Diocesan Board of Education.

"He will be very much missed by those who he has served alongside in our parishes, schools and on the Bishop's Leadership Team. In the Autumn, there will be an opportunity for us to gather and give thanks for his ministry with us.

"Until then, we will hold Robin and Katharine in our prayers as they prepare for this next chapter."

Read the announcement in full and a tribute from Bishop Roger, at www.chelmsford.anglican.org/news.

There will be a farewell service for Archdeacon Robin at 3.30pm on Sunday 1 October at Chelmsford Cathedral.

Please pray for Robin and his wife, Katharine as they prepare for this chapter.

July

Sat 1 **Calendar of Saints: Henry, John, and Henry Venn the Younger, Priests, Evangelical Divines, 1797, 1813 and 1873**

Ember Day

Pray for: The Diocese of Udi (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

Sun 2 **FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Pray for the work of all Authorised Lay Preachers in our Diocese.

Pray for: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

Mon 3 **Calendar of Saints: THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

Pray for: North Springfield (St Augustine of Canterbury) Clergy: Caroline Brown (PIC).

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

Pray for: The Diocese of Northern Uganda (The Church of the Province of Uganda)

Tue 4 *Pray for: East Springfield (Church of Our Saviour) LEP. Clergy: Andrew Brown (PIC), Mandy Hewson (AC).*

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

Pray for: The Diocese of Ughelli (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])

Wed 5 *Pray for: Writtle (All Saints) w Highwood (St Paul). Clergy: Tony Cant (V), John Bloomer (A).*

St Francis Community Church (BMO)
Clergy: Dan Pierce (Minister in Charge).

Pray for: The Diocese of Ukwa (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])



Ordinations and licencing of Lay Ministers

This summer and autumn Chelmsford Cathedral will be hosting services to celebrate all forms of ministry in our diocese. June will see the licensing of our new Lay Ministers and the authorising of others into lay roles. In July, we will also celebrate those who have completed our Course in Christian Studies and other Diocesan Courses.

The ordinations of our new deacons and priests will take place in the autumn.

Lay Ministry celebration Service 17 June, 2.30pm at Chelmsford Cathedral

The service is a celebration of all Lay Ministry and will see the authorisation of four new Pastoral Assistants as well as the licensing of five new Licensed Lay Ministers (LLMs) and welcoming an existing LLM into our Diocese.

Course in Christian Studies celebration service

Date TBC at Chelmsford Cathedral

This service, led by Bishop Guli, will celebrate those who have completed our Course in Christian Studies - a two-year foundation course exploring the Christian faith with other learners across our diocese

- as well as those who have completed the Part 1 Pastoral Carers Course, the Spiritual Companion modules and local evangelist course.

Ordination of Deacons 10 September, 1pm and 3.30pm at Chelmsford Cathedral

Our ordination services will celebrate our new Deacons who will be ordained by Bishop Guli.

Ordination of Priests Saturday 30 September

Bradwell: St Peter's, Hutton at 11am

Colchester: St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall at 11am

Barking: St Martin's, Becontree at 10.30am & St Mary's, Loughton at 2.30pm

Services will celebrate our new priests who will be ordained to the priesthood by our Area Bishops.

We'll be introducing you to our new LLM's, deacons and priests on our social media channels throughout the summer. Follow us [@chelmsdio](#) on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Fri 14 Calendar of Saints: John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866

Pray for: Stock Harvard (All Saints)

Clergy: Jacqueline Pearson (PIC), Miranda Seaman (AC).

Stock School: Alina Clay (HT).

West Hanningfield (St Mary & St Edward)

Clergy: Jacqueline Pearson (PIC), Miranda Seaman (AC).

St Peter's School: Jamie Bearman (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Vanuatu and New Caledonia (The Anglican Church of Polynesia)*

Sat 15 Calendar of Saints: Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c.862 Bonaventure, Friar, Bishop, Teacher of the Faith, 1274

Pray for: *The Diocese of Vellore (The [United] Church of Southern India)*

Sun 16 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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

Pray for: *The Anglican Church of Canada*

Mon 17 **Pray for:** Widford (St Mary, Church of the Holy Spirit) Clergy: Stephanie Gillingham (R), David Cattle (AC). Licensed Lay Minister: Roger Gillingham.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Venezuela (The Episcopal Church)*

Tue 18 Calendar of Saints: Elizabeth Ferard, first Deaconess of the Church of England, Founder of the Community of St Andrew, 1883

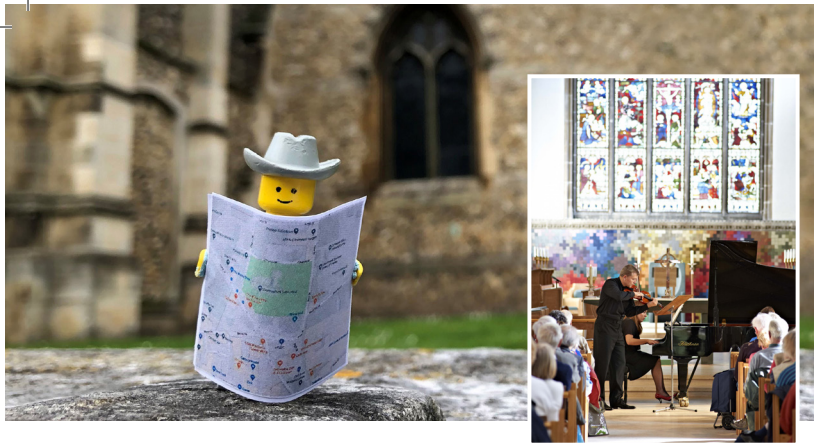
Pray for: Woodham Ferrers (St Mary) and Bicknacre (St Andrew)
Clergy: Vacancy (PIC).

St Mary's School: Theresa Walker (HT)

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

Pray for: *The Diocese of Vermont (The Episcopal Church)*

Please pray for all those who are preparing to begin a new ministry in parishes and worshipping communities across our diocese.



Summer activities at the Cathedral

Visit Chelmsford Cathedral this summer for lots to see and do for all ages.

On Fridays and you will be able to enjoy live music at free Lunchtime Concerts. With performances from organists to chamber orchestras, the programme is lively and varied with the final concert of the season taking place on Friday 14 July.

If you are visiting with children, be sure to pick up one of our activity booklets to help them learn more about the life of the Cathedral.

You'll also be able to take part in Stay and Play LEGO sessions (1 & 22 August), Summer Space play sessions (2, 23 & 30 August) and a new activity trail to find St Peter's keys in the Cathedral grounds.

For art lovers, there's lots to see and explore at the Cathedral which is home to a number of specially commissioned pieces. Highlights include The Bombed Child, a bronze sculpture by Georg Ehrlich; the Tree of Life, a stunning painting on thirty-five birch wood panels by Mark Cazalet and numerous works by textile artist Beryl Dean including The Glory, a colourful silk patchwork.

You are welcome to stay for worship during your visit with daily prayer and weekly Eucharist services continuing in their regular pattern throughout the summer. You can find details of all services at chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/worship/regular-worship.

To find out more about the summer programme of activities, visit www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/events.

Please pray for the staff at Chelmsford Cathedral as they plan for events and services during the summer. Also pray for all those who will visit and worship there.

Thu 6 **Calendar of Saints: Thomas More, Scholar, and John Fisher, Bishop of Rochester, Reformation Martyrs, 1535**

Pray for: Danbury (St John the Baptist)
Clergy: Jacqui Jones (PIC).

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

Pray for: *The Diocese of Umuahia (The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])*

Fri 7 **Pray for:** Downham (St Margaret) w South Hanningfield (St Peter) & Ramsden Bellhouse (St Mary Vn) Clergy: Jacqueline Pearson (PIC), Barry Hobson (AC).

Downham School: Lisa Stainsbury (HT).

East Hanningfield (All Saints)
Clergy: Terry Brown (PIC), Suzy Edmundson (AC).

East Hanningfield School: Lisa Waters (HT).

Pray for: *The Diocese of Umzimvubu (The Anglican Church of Southern Africa)*

Sat 8 **Pray for:** Te Pihopatanga o Upoko o Te Ika (The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia)

Sun 9 **FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** **Sea Sunday**

On this Sea Sunday we give thanks for the world-wide network of Maritime Mission Societies. We pray for the merchant seafarers of the world in the risks they take and the dangers they face for others.

We ask for God's blessing on the ministry offered to seafarers and their families by Port Chaplains.

Pray for: *The Anglican Church of Burundi*



St Mary's Theydon Bois Soup Lunches

Volunteers at St Mary's Church Theydon Bois served soup lunches to their local community to raise money for several charities throughout Lent.

On cold wet wintry days, the warmth and welcome of the church hall brought people of all ages in the local community together to enjoy Soup Lunches.

Each week St Mary's sponsored a nominated charity, and the good work of the chosen charity was shared with those who came along through a short talk.

The idea of running lunches began in 1990 when during the six weeks of Lent the church provided lunches to raise money in support of Margaret and Ken Pattinson, from St Mary's, who were working in Kenya and then Uganda with the Church Mission Society.

Other charities were quickly added, and now St Mary's supports ten charities, half of which work in this country, including: The Box in Epping, St Clare Hospice, The Manna Centre for the homeless in London Bridge and Mission to Seafarers in Tilbury.

The lunches have proved so popular that St Mary's now runs a Harvest Lunch and three lunches during November.

Louise Whelan, one of the many volunteers and member of the Mission Committee at St Mary's who helped organise the Soup Lunches, said: "It was fantastic to open the doors to the Church Hall every Tuesday during Lent to serve a variety of delicious homemade soups and puddings. The hall was full each week and you can feel a true sense of community spirit.

"We provided lunches over the six weeks to an average of 70 people per week and we are delighted to have raised a grand total of £2,420. The funds will be shared among the charities that we support, and I know it will be gratefully received more than ever in these times of hardship.

"Thank you to everyone who came long and supported our Soup Lunches."

Louise's request for prayer: Please pray for all of those that our charities support and anyone facing difficulties in these hard times & the volunteers who make this work happen.

Mon 10 **Pray for:** Galleywood (St Michael & All Angels)
Clergy: David Cattle (V), Stephanie Gillingham (AC).
Licensed Lay Minister: Fiona Selden.

St Michael's Junior School: Rowen Prigg (HT).

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

Pray for: *The Diocese of Uruguay
(The Anglican Church of South America)*

Tue 11 **Calendar of Saints: Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, Father of Western Monasticism, c.550**

Pray for: Great Baddow Team Ministry: (St Mary Vn, St Paul, Meadgate)
Clergy: Tim Ball (AD, PIC), Andrew Brown (TV), Philip Sheldrake (TV), Roger Matthews (AC), Funmilayo Vaughan (A).
Licensed Lay Ministers: Anita Ball, Rosalind Coleridge, Anne Heath.

Pray for: *The Diocese of Utah (The Episcopal Church)*

Wed 12 **Pray for:** Moulsham (St John the Evangelist)
Clergy: Vacancy (PIC), David Cattle (AC), Stephanie Gillingham (AC).

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

Pray for: *The Diocese of Uyo
(The Church of Nigeria [Anglican Communion])*

Thu 13 **Pray for:** Sandon (St Andrew) Clergy: Terry Brown (R).

South Woodham Ferrers (Holy Trinity) Clergy: Vacancy (V).

Trinity St Mary's School: Miss J Hoy (HT).

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