Prayer Diary

May 2026

Welcome to our refreshed prayer diary. Each day begins with any holy days, feasts or saints' days. We have then provided information on areas you may wish to pray for, including the following:

- Parishes, benefices and deaneries, and those who lead and serve them
- Schools connected to our deaneries
- Universities, hospitals and prisons, and the chaplains who serve them
- The staff and teams at Bishop's House, the Cathedral, the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) and the Diocesan Board of Education (DBE)
- The worldwide Anglican Communion

We hope this is an accessible resource that serves you well as you pray for those in our diocese and around the world.

Fri 1	*Philip and James, Apostles* • The parish of Nuneaton: St Mary the Virgin *Roger Butcher (Vicar), Helen Allred (Reader)* • Abbey CofE Infants School, Queens Church of England Academy • The Diocese of Wusasa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
Sat 2	*Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, Teacher of the Faith, 373* • Nuneaton Deanery *David Poultney (Area Dean), David Spiers (Deanery Lay Chair), Alison Evans (Assistant Area Dean), Clergy with PTO: John Armstrong, Denise Burgess, Martin Butt, Stephen Carter, Jane Close, Jonathan Fryer, Lydia Humphreys, Ian Kennedy, Fr Brian Regan, David Wintle* • The Diocese of Wyoming – The Episcopal Church
Sun 3	*The Fifth Sunday of Easter* • The parish of Nuneaton: St Nicolas; Weddington and Caldecote *Chris Routledge (Vicar), Modupe Adeoye (Curate), John Hitchcock (Reader), Dave Jones (Curate), Terry Lenton (Reader)* • St Nicolas CofE Academy • 5th Sunday of Easter The Church of North India (United)
Mon 4	*English Saints and Martyrs of the Reformation Era* • The parish of Horeston Grange LEP *In Vacancy* • The Diocese of Yambio – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
Tue 5	• The DBF New Worshipping Communities and Healthy Churches team, led by Jenny Irvine • The Diocese of Yangon – The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

Wed 6	• The parish of Stockingford *In Vacancy, Emma Kennedy (Reader), Colin Udall (Reader)* • St Paul's CofE VC Primary School, Nuneaton • The Diocese of Yei – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
Thu 7	• The parishes of Wolvey, Copston Magna and Withybrook *Jonny Vaughan (Vicar), David Hopkins (Reader), Terry Colling (Clergy with PTO)* • Wolvey CofE VC Primary School • The Diocese of Yeri – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
Fri 8	*Julian of Norwich, Spiritual Writer, c.1417* • The parish of Bilton *Daniel Bennett (Rector), Glenn Lowde (Associate Minister)* • Bilton CofE VC Junior School • The Diocese of Yewa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
Sat 9	• Rugby Deanery *Edmund Newey (Area Dean), Helen Simmonds (Deanery Lay Chair), Clergy with PTO: Gordon Banks, Peter Beresford, Raymond Brown, Barbara Clutton, Malcolm Garratt, Pamela Gould, Hilary Iredale, Hugh Priestner, Peter Privett, Rosemary Reynolds, Rob Rogers, Martin Saxby, Allan Scrivener, Paul Simmonds, Margaret Simmons, Philip Street* • The Diocese of Yirol – Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
Sun 10	*The Sixth Sunday of Easter* • The parishes of Brownsover and Clifton-upon-Dunsmore and Newton *Pete Bone (Priest-in-Charge), Diane Bussey (Associate Minister), Adrian Thacker (Curate)* • Clifton upon Dunsmore CofE VC Primary School • 6th Sunday of Easter; The Church of Pakistan (United)
Mon 11	*Rogation Day* • The Draycote and Leam Valley Churches: Birdingbury, Bourton-on-Dunsmore with Draycote, Flecknoe, Frankton, Grandborough, Leamington Hastings, Stretton-on-Dunsmore with Princethorpe, and Willoughby *Philip Price (Rector), Karen Hatch (Reader)* • Knightlow CofE VA Primary School, Leamington Hastings CofE VC Infant School & Nursery • The Diocese of Yokohama – The Nippon Sei Ko Kai
Tue 12	*Gregory Dix, Priest, Monk, Scholar, 1952, Rogation Day* • The DBF Safeguarding team, led by Sarah Price • The Diocese of Yola – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
Wed 13	*Rogation Day* • The parish of Dunchurch with Thurlaston *Ian Sweeney (Vicar), Mike Iredale (Reader)* • Dunchurch Boughton CofE VA Infant School • The Diocese of York – The Church of England

Thu 14	*Ascension Day* • The parish of Hillmorton *Helen Merrigan (Curate)* • St Gabriel's Church of England Academy • Ascension Day; Thy Kingdom Come; The Diocese of New York – The Episcopal Church
Fri 15	*Matthias the Apostle* • The parish of Newbold-on-Avon with Long Lawford *Paul Wilkinson (Vicar)* • Thy Kingdom Come; The Diocese of Western New York – The Episcopal Church
Sat 16	*Caroline Chisholm, Social Reformer, 1877* • Rugby Deanery *Edmund Newey (Area Dean), Helen Simmonds (Deanery Lay Chair), Clergy with PTO: Gordon Banks, Peter Beresford, Raymond Brown, Barbara Clutton, Malcolm Garratt, Pamela Gould, Hilary Iredale, Hugh Priestner, Peter Privett, Rosemary Reynolds, Rob Rogers, Martin Saxby, Allan Scrivener, Paul Simmonds, Margaret Simmons, Philip Street* • Thy Kingdom Come; The Diocese of Ysabel – The Anglican Church of Melanesia
Sun 17	*The Seventh Sunday of Easter; Sunday after Ascension Day* • The Revel Group: the parishes of Brinklow, Churchover, Harborough Magna with Easenhall, Monks Kirby with Pailton and Stretton-under-Fosse, and Willey *Martin Faulkner (Priest-in-Charge), Martin Lowdon (Reader)* • The Revel CofE VA Primary School • 7th Sunday of Easter; Sunday after Ascension; Thy Kingdom Come; The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
Mon 18	• Rugby East: the parishes of Rugby: St George, and Rugby: St Peter and St John *Philip Morton (Vicar), Carol Davies (Reader), John Martin-Jones (Reader), Gail Richmond (Reader)* • Thy Kingdom Come; The Diocese of Yukon – The Anglican Church of Canada
Tue 19	*Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Restorer of Monastic Life, 988* • The Diocesan Board of Education, led by April Gold • Thy Kingdom Come; The Diocese of Zaki-Biam – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
Wed 20	*Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804* • The parish of St Matthew and St Oswald Rugby *Alan Hulme (Vicar), Mervyn Hill (Reader), Jane Hulme (Associate Minister), David Long (Reader)* • Harris Church of England Academy, St Matthew's Bloxam CofE VC Primary School, St Oswald's CofE Academy • Thy Kingdom Come; The Missionary Diocese of Zambezia – Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Thu 21	*Helena, Protector of the Holy Places, 330* • The parish of Rugby: St Andrew *Edmund Newey (Rector), Alison Baxter (Associate Minister), Sharon Crofts (Associate Minister), Gwyneth Hickman (Reader), James Sampson-Foster (Curate)* • St Andrew's Benn CofE VA Primary School • Thy Kingdom Come; The Diocese of Central Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa
Fri 22	• The parishes of Wolston, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, and Church Lawford *Malcolm Ingham (Vicar), David Gadsby (Reader), Jayne Hayward (Reader), Helen Simmonds (Reader)* • Ryton-on-Dunsmore Provost Williams Church of England Academy, Wolston St Margaret's CofE VC Primary School • Thy Kingdom Come The Diocese of Eastern Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa
Sat 23	• Rugby Deanery *Edmund Newey (Area Dean), Helen Simmonds (Deanery Lay Chair), Clergy with PTO: Gordon Banks, Peter Beresford, Raymond Brown, Barbara Clutton, Malcolm Garratt, Pamela Gould, Hilary Iredale, Hugh Priestner, Peter Privett, Rosemary Reynolds, Rob Rogers, Martin Saxby, Allan Scrivener, Paul Simmonds, Margaret Simmons, Philip Street* • Thy Kingdom Come The Diocese of Northern Zambia – The Church of the Province of Central Africa
Sun 24	*Day of Pentecost; Whit Sunday* • The parishes of Brailes, Sutton-under-Brailes, and Tysoe, Oxhill and Whatcote *George Heighton (Rector)* • Brailes CofE VC Primary School, Tysoe CofE VC Primary School • Pentecost Anglican Communion Sunday Thy Kingdom Come The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
Mon 25	*The Venerable Bede, Monk at Jarrow, Scholar, Historian, 735* *Aldhelm, Bishop of Sherborne, 709* • The Downs Valley Group: the parishes of Ilmington, Tredington and Darlingscott, Preston-on-Stour and Atherstone-on-Stour, Stretton-on-Fosse, and Whitchurch *Richard Cooke (Rector), Rosanna Wakefield (Curate)* • Ilmington CofE VC Primary School, Newbold and Tredington CofE VC Primary School • The Diocese of Zanzibar – The Anglican Church of Tanzania
Tue 26	*Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, 605* *John Calvin, Reformer, 1564* *Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, Spiritual Guide, 1595* • Together for Change, led by Jet Jones • The Diocese of Zaria – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)

Wed 27	• The parishes of Shipston-on-Stour, Honington and Idlicote *Sarah Edmonds Maguire (Rector), Alison Tomkinson (Reader)* • Saint Augustine of Canterbury; The Diocese of Central Zimbabwe – The Church of the Province of Central Africa
Thu 28	*Lanfranc, Prior of Le Bec, Archbishop of Canterbury, Scholar, 1089* • The South Warwickshire Seven Group: Barcheston, Barton-on-the-Heath, Burmington, Cherington with Stourton, Long Compton, Whichford, and Wolford *Ben Dyson (Rector), Clare Wells (Reader)* • The Diocese of Ziwa Rukwa – The Anglican Church of Tanzania
Fri 29	• The Stourdene Group: Alderminster, Butlers Marston, Ettington, Halford, Newbold-on-Stour with Armscote, and Pillerton *Nicki Chatterton (Rector)* • Ettington CofE VC Primary School • The Diocese of Zonkwa – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)
Sat 30	*Josephine Butler, Social Reformer, 1906* *Joan of Arc, Visionary, 1431* *Apolo Kivebulaya, Priest, Evangelist in Central Africa, 1933* • Shipston Deanery *Sarah Edmonds Maguire (Area Dean), David Rake (Deanery Lay Chair), George Heighton (Assistant Area Dean), Clergy with PTO: Sarah Bourne, Andrew Dow, Glyn Evans, Keith Mobberley, Nicholas Morgan, Tim Seller, Jill Tucker, Anthony Wells* • The Diocese of Zululand – The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
Sun 31	*Trinity Sunday* • The parishes of Bishop's Itchington and Radford Semele *Martin Green (Priest-in-Charge)* • Radford Semele CofE VC Primary School • Trinity Sunday; Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda