

1st David, Bishop of Menevia, Patron of Wales, c.601 STOURDENE GROUP. Pray for Bishop John, Archdeacon Ian and the interview panel as they meet prospective candidates for the role of Rector. Pray for discernment and wisdom for all those involved in making this appointment.

1st ST LUKE, HOLBROOK. Pray for St. Luke's, Holbrook and Bishop Andrew who will be visiting them today.

2nd Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, Missionary, 672. TAIZE AT SCHOOL. Pray for the weekly Taize style Worship sessions that will be taking place throughout March at the Blue Coat School in Coventry and at the Harris School in Rugby. Pray that this would encourage young people to join us on our summer pilgrimage.

3rd DAC Architects Interviews. Pray for the interview panel as they meet prospective candidate for the architect's position on the DAC. Pray that the candidate God is calling will be selected.

4th WORKCARE CHAPLAINS RETREAT 9th MARCH. Pray for the Workcare Chaplains as they gather for a day retreat and for Revd John Hall who will be leading the retreat. Pray that this is a time of blessing and affirmation of their ministry in the workplace.

5th WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER. Today over 3 million people world wide will be praying and worshipping together during this annual day of prayer, using a service prepared by Christian women in Cameroon. The focus this year is 'Let Everything that has Breath Praise the Lord'. Thank God for all that he is doing amongst us.

6th REVD KATRINA SCOTT. Pray for Katrina as she is licensed Honorary Canon of Coventry Cathedral. Pray for God's continued anointing on her ministry.

7th **Third Sunday of Lent.** TAIZE PILGRIMAGE. Pray for the visit of Br Paulo from the Taize Community. He will be leading some special taster evenings on the 9th March at All Saints Bedworth - on the 10th at All Saints, Emscote in Warwick and on the 11th March at Warwick University Chaplaincy. Pray that many people young and old will 'come and see' what God is doing and join in.

8th Edward King, Bishop of Lincoln, 1910. *Felix, Bishop, Apostle to the East Angles, 647 Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, Priest, Poet, 1929.* ST. OSWALD'S, TILE HILL. Pray for Bishop Christopher, Bishop Andrew and the interview panel as they meet prospective candidates for the role of priest. Pray for an outpouring of God's Spirit, that the person God has chosen is selected for this post.

9th REVD KAREN REEVES. Pray for Bishop John who will be licensing Revd Karen Reeves as Team Vicar within the Caludon Team Ministry. Pray for Karen as she settles into her new role.

10th COVENTRY EAST TEAM. Pray for Archdeacon Ian and all those present at the team meeting to work through the process for employing two new Team Vicars. Pray for God's anointing on this process.

11th ST MARCH THE VIRGIN, BEARLEY, PinC: Revd Richard Livingston. We give thanks for our very successful family lunch in the autumn, and we would welcome prayers for our continuing work with families and young people, especially for those leading our Family Services and Sunday School.

12th MINISTRY DEPT. Pray for Roger Spiller, Director of Ministry that he may be upheld by wisdom in discerning both potential ordinands and new vocations advisers.

13th WORSHIP ART WORKSHOP Pray for those gathering at St Martin's Finham for a 'Worship Art Workshop' today. Pray that they are inspired by the Holy Spirit as they explore how to share the Jesus story in pictures.

14th **Fourth Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday.** ST MARY THE VIRGIN, ULLENHALL, PinC: Revd John Ganjavi. Rdr: Malcolm Aldridge. Give thanks for a faithful congregation, pray for our three Confirmation candidates - Sarah, Mark & Helen - and pray for wisdom as we set up our first Alpha Course.

15th PROJECT VISITS. Pray for Dr Martin Reeves, CEO, Coventry City Council, Paul Hackwood, CUF, Bishop John and John Hall as they visit projects within our Diocese. Pray that Martin has an interesting and informative tour of the work being done in support of our communities.

16th YOUTH EVENTS. Pray for the monthly Youth Worship events that take place throughout the Diocese, for encounter worship at St John's Kenilworth, Elevate and Small Survivor in Rugby, First Sunday in Leamington Spa and Junction 7 in Coventry. Pray that through these events Young People will encounter Christ and be transformed.

17th Patrick, Bishop, Missionary, Patron of Ireland, c.460. ST CHAD, WOOD END. Vcr: Revd Val Woods; PTO Mr Brian Hewkin. Rdr: Mr Brian Hewkin. Pray for revival at St Chad's; the ground work is done; the parish has changed beyond recognition; God is very gracious so we now want to see the effect Spiritually!!!

18th *Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, Teacher of the Faith, 386.* MINISTRY DEPT. Pray for our pioneer ministers in training as

they meet to share experiences and envisage future developments in the diocese with Roger Spiller

19th **Joseph of Nazareth** ARCHDEACON IAN WATSON. Pray for Ian who will be speaking at the Men's Breakfast in Ufton tomorrow morning. Pray that they encounter Jesus, and enjoy a good hearty breakfast and fellowship together.

20th Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 687. ST THEOBALD AND ST CHAD, CALDECOTE. Vcr: Revd Don Jones. Rdr: Trevor Moseley. Pray for this small Christian Community, and for the new residents of Caldecote Hall to come and join in.

21st **Fifth Sunday of Lent** (*Passiontide begins*). ST MARY, ATHERSTONE, Vcr: Revd Paul Harris. Rdrs: John Stock and Sue Smith. We pray for a mighty work of the Holy Spirit in St Mary's and throughout the town. We pray for a miracle of funding for the church project, making the church useable again and a real blessing to the community.

22nd CLIFTON, NEWTON & BROWNSOVER. Pray for Bishop John, Archdeacon Ian and the interview panel as they interview candidates for the role of Vicar. Pray for God's peace to rest on the candidates, that they won't be too nervous and are able to present themselves well.

23rd ST MARY, WALSGRAVE-ON-SOWE. Vcr: Revd Malcolm Tyler; Dcn: Revd Stella Bailey. Rdrs: Lorraine Baker, Susan Morton and Anthony Thistlewood. Pray for the fund raising efforts following the damage to the church buildings but also for the other contacts this has brought to us by chance. Also pray for the success of our Franciscan Mission 'Mission 2 Grow' due to take place in Septemeber.

24th *Walter Hilton of Thurgarton, Augustinian Canon, Mystic, 1396. Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980.* SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE SEVEN BENEFICE. Pray for Bishop Christopher, Archdeacon Ian and the interview panel as they meet the candidates that have applied for the role of Rector. Pray the candidates will feel at peace and that the interview panel will be united in any decision they make.

25th **The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary.** DEACONS' DAY: Pray for all who will be ordained as they meet together, reflect on their forthcoming ordination, anticipate the early stages of ordained ministry and share hopes and anxieties about their new life.

26th *Harriet Monsell, Founder of the Community of St John the Baptist, 1883.* SIGNPOSTS FOR THE FUTURE. Pray for the continued outworking of this document, and the

decisions that will be made around the way ministry is shaped in our Diocese.

27th DIOCESAN SYNOD. Pray for the business taking place at Diocesan Synod this morning. Pray for engaging discussions and for a move of the Holy Spirit amongst us.

28th **Palm Sunday.** ST. MARY, WARWICK TEAM, TRctr Revd Dr Vaughan Roberts. Rdr: Mrs Doreen Mills. Pray for our ministry to the town of Warwick, this year's Lent Addresses and the review of the Warwick Team Ministry and Budbrooke Parish presently being undertaken by the six centres of worship.

29th Holy Week. ST NICHOLAS, WARWICK. Pray for all involved in the Consistory Court hearing today. Pray for clarity of thought and Godly wisdom, that the right outcome will be achieved.

30th REVD MORRIS RODHAM, ARCHDEACON MISSIONER. Pray for Morris who is currently on sabbatical. Pray that God refreshes his soul and energises him for the tasks that lie ahead in his new role as Archdeacon Missioner.

31st ST MARY, STONELEIGH, PinC: Revd Jim Perryman; NSM: Revd Penny Frank. Give thanks for the excellent leadership and work within church and parish during the recent interregnum. Pray for vision, unity and guidance for the months ahead as we work more closely with Ashow and Leek Wootton under Jim's ministry.

Meditation

Good News For The Poor.

"If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered". (Proverbs 21-13) A statement like that could possibly stop us in our tracks and make us ponder on what is meant by the word poor. One dictionary definition explains it as "possessing little or nothing, needy, in a sorry condition". Another interprets the word as "spiritless".

Where ever we go in the world today there are many poor and needy people who are lacking in the basic essentials of life which we so often take for granted. Some find themselves joining the ranks of the poor because of natural disasters such as the recent earthquake in Haiti, others were born into poverty and seem unable for various reasons to extract themselves from the situation.

Jesus, throughout his earthly ministry was frequently stressing the need for the poor to be looked after and cared for. We are exhorted to share with those less fortunate than ourselves. If we meet someone who is hungry we should give them food, give them a drink if they are thirsty, welcome strangers, clothe those who need some clothes and look after the sick and those in prison. (Matthew 25:40) It is something to be undertaken without fuss, quietly providing for others needs in what ever manner we can.

But it is not just the physical needs of those who are poor which need caring for, it is all those whose spiritual needs have been neglected. Those who have not been given an opportunity to hear about the good news of Jesus Christ and the promise of redemption are just as deprived as those lacking basic human provisions.

Jesus said "The spirit of the Lord is on me because he has anointed me to preach to the poor "(Luke 14:13)

During his earthly ministry Jesus sent out his disciples to preach and to heal. Those of us who claim to be Christians are Jesus Christs disciples in this current day and age and we should take heed of his words "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you" (John 20:21) . The command to us is to "go and preach (bring/give/share) the good news to the poor.(Luke 4:18) If we can spread the Good News and demonstrate in our own lives the joy there is in knowing Jesus Christ, hopefully others will also find their lives enriched and blessed by the Christian Spirit.

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CYCLE OF PRAYER

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Focus for Prayer this month:

Good News to the Poor:

We share in the Mission of Jesus to be and to 'bring good news to the poor'. (Luke 4.18) Jesus said, 'In as much as you did it to the *least* of these my brethren, you did it to me.' (Matt.25:40) In what way are we, individually and corporately, good news to the poor?

