



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
BIRMINGHAM
PRAYING TOGETHER

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TUE 1 B:M2024

A Collect for Black History Month, Compassionate God, who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities, create in us new hearts and enlarged visions, to see the image of God in every person irrespective of background, race and ethnicity. May we be generous in our love of others as we work towards ending misunderstanding, racism and injustice; creating communities of human flourishing, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

WED 2
Ruth Atkinson, St Michael & All Angels, Bartley Green, invites us to pray,

Lord, we thank you for the excellent schools in our parish and pray for them as they return after the holidays. Especially we pray for those moving onto new schools and those starting school for the first time. Amen

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THU 3

A prayer as we seek the new Bishop of Aston, Gracious God, we give you thanks for building your church and raising up faithful leaders to serve her. As we seek the new Bishop of Aston, we pray for the guidance of your Holy Spirit. For this we ask in the name of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen



FRI 4

CREATIONTIDE

John Nightingale invites us to pray, today is the feast of St Francis, the culmination of Creationtide. It is also World Animal Day.

Let us give thanks for St Francis' love for all creatures and pray that we may respect animals and all living beings, as we tread lightly upon the earth.

SAT 5

Catherine Grylls invites us to pray for one another as we gather in Oversight Areas to share in Mission Planning together,

Three-in-one God, you have created us in your image to be in community. We give thanks for our sisters and brothers in neighbouring churches and parishes. We pray for one another as we gather together in Oversight Areas to share in Mission Planning together and grow your church.

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 6 October

Today is the Harvest Festival. Prayer is inspired by the song "Harvest" by Freedom City Worship

"Not every season is for reaping Sometimes it's all about the waiting To harvest in abundance We have to build endurance So let faith arise".

You can view the song on YouTube or chose your own.



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MON 7

God of Peace, bring comfort to those in war and unrest. Heal their lands, restore justice, and grant them hope. May your light guide us toward unity, love, and lasting peace. Amen

TUE 8

We are invited to pray for further Oversight Area Formation in Coleshill & Polesworth deanery,

We pray for Revd Mark Waterstreet at St Pauls Dosthill and 'WLS' as he takes up the new incumbent role. Let us pray for a smooth beginning to his time settling into the role and integration into the life of the parish.



WED 9

The Net Zero Carbon - Property Team invite us to pray,

God, we give thanks as Jill Stolberg, Church School Distinctiveness Adviser, takes up an additional role as Net Zero Carbon Schools Officer for the next year, to help schools in planning their journey to reduce their carbon footprint and learn to care for the natural world. May her new work be imaginative, welcomed and blessed.

THU 10

Today is World Mental Health Day,

Dear God, thank you that you have created us with the ability to think, and to feel so many different emotions – joy and sorrow, excitement and anger. We pray that you will protect our minds from ill health. Help us to find safe and healthy coping mechanisms when we experience difficult situations, guide us towards the people and resources that can support us. Amen



FRI 11

Prayer today is inspired by Psalm 119:105, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

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SAT 12

Elizabeth Fry was a passionate campaigner for prison reform,

"I wait for the Lord... And in his word I put my trust (Psalm 130:5)"

We pray for all those affected by prison – the prisoner, the family or victims. Be near them when they are angry, sad or cry for help. May they be assured of your trust and love for them. Lord, you know us and you are near us wherever we are and whatever we do. Even though we stray so often from your presence may we know the comfort of your loving arms around us.



THANKSGIVING

Sunday 13 October

Lucille Arlidge, St Matthew with St Chad, Smethwick, invites us to pray,

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your guidance as we make our pilgrimage together. Help us to help those we meet on life's journey. Keep us on the straight and narrow path. So we shall show the right direction for others. Amen

MON 14

Canon Claire Laland, Malawi Task Group invites us to pray,

Almighty Father, we pray for all those involved in the National Food Reserve Agency (NFRA) that their work will ensure that Malawi has adequate maize stocks and food security in the coming months. We pray also for the farmers who have sold their crops to the mobile markets organised by NFRA and we give thanks to God for this harvest. Amen

TUE 15

Prayer today is for mission within CofE Birmingham,

We pray for the scheduling of mission planning activities and that engaging with this process leads to genuine worshipping communities and disciples. We pray also for the health and wellbeing of the Mission Support team.





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WED 16

Today is World Food Day,
Thank you God for food, and family, and friends, we remember those who have no food today, and those who have food, but nobody to share with. As you have blessed us, help us be a blessing for others. Amen

THU 17

Prayer today is for those who are discerning a call to lead worship or preach on an occasional basis,

Growing Gifts



O God, you give many and varied gifts to your people. We give thanks for all who are exploring joining the Growing Gifts programme. We pray for them and the churches they are part of as they consider stepping into locally authorised ministry either preaching or leading worship on an occasional basis.

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FRI 18

Today is Anti-Slavery Day,
Most Merciful Father, we raise our prayers to you for the increasing number of victims of slavery and trafficking. Whisper hope into their ears and wipe away their tears. Help us see them and support them. Enable our communities to transform the systems which increase poverty and make so many people vulnerable to exploitation. Inspire our church communities to tackle the root causes of modern slavery so that hurt may be healed, despair becomes hope, and isolation become fellowship. Amen

SAT 19

Lord, we thank you for our clergy. Bless them with wisdom, strength, and compassion. We are grateful for their dedication and leadership. Amen

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 20 October

St Matthew with St Chad Parish Church invites us to pray,

Thank you Lord for the gift of nature and all its abundance at this time of year. Help us to share what we have with those in need so none shall be without. Amen

MON 21

Ruth Atkinson, St Michael & All Angels, Bartley Green, invites us to pray,

Lord, we pray for the church of St Michael & All Angels as the builders begin the work to rearrange the church hall in order to make it more accessible to the community, provide a disabled access toilet and provide better safeguarding facilities. Amen

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TUE 22

Prayer today is for emerging new worshipping communities, and those who lead them,
O God, you are present everywhere and hold us in your love. We give thanks for all who are being drawn to new worshipping communities and we pray for those who lead them, that together they may reflect your life, your love and your welcome.

WED 23

We are invited to pray for Oversight Area Formation in Kings Norton, Moseley & Shirley deanery,



Dear Lord, we pray that you will offer up to us candidates for the minister vacancies and that they may be called to serve with you in this way.

THU 24

St Matthew with St Chad Parish Church invites us to pray,
Lord, in this time of the changing of the seasons and the quieting of nature as it prepares for Winter, we give you thanks. We remember especially those whose lives are drawing close to their ends. Amen

FRI 25

Heather Holmes and John Nightingale invite us to pray, as St Germain's Edgbaston and St Martin in the Bullring become demonstrator projects and receive the grant from the Church Commissioners to help them reduce their high carbon footprint.
Father, we pray that the changes to the buildings may be effective and give encouragement to members of the congregations in their own environmental journeys.

SAT 26

Father, we pray for all those taking part in the Walks of Justice around the CofE Birmingham to commemorate Black History Month this month. Grant each of us the desire and commitment to daily walk without prejudice or partiality. Amen



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THANKSGIVING

Sunday 27 October

Thank you, Lord, for the gift of time. May the act of changing the clock at this time of year, remind us to cherish each moment you give us. Amen

MON 28


Prayer today is for all who are taking new steps into faith, or deepening in faith,
O God who calls, we thank you for the gift of your son Jesus Christ, and that you call us to be his disciples. We give thanks for all the stories that we can share of growing faith, and deepening faith. May we be inspired and encouraged as we share in discipleship.

TUE 29

Lucille Arlidge, St Matthew with St Chad, Smethwick, invites us to pray,
Lord, as we prepare for the future keep us safe and in line with your mission and will. Bless and heal those we serve in the Parish you have entrusted to us. Amen

WED 30

Handsworth & Central deanery invite us to pray for all Oversight Ministers taking up their new roles and for their 'bedding in' periods.



THU 31

Creator God,
Thank you for the opportunities we have this term to introduce people to you through the richness of our festivals. Help us to be people who speak of your provision at harvest, your light at All Souls and your very presence in our world at Christmas. Remind us of all you have done for us, and give us hearts that long to share that with those who live and work around us. In Jesus name, Amen

