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MON 1

Olwyn Powell, invites us to pray, We give thanks with St Peter & St Paul's, Water Orton, for the contact they have with young families and young people. They are seeking, with Birmingham City Mission, to enlarge the scope of this by gaining a Youth Worker to join the team. Your prayers are sought for a suitable person to come forward.

TUE 2

Prayer today is inspired by Psalm 42:1-2, "As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?"



WED 3

The Project Management Office (PMO), invites us to pray for Hope on Smiths Wood, Father, we pray for the sustainability of the Hope on Smiths Wood project, that long term funding can be secured for the community. Amen

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THU 4

We pray for the Revd Larry Wright, St Nicholas, Kings Norton, and the parishes and the incumbents of the Oversight Area, together with the clergy, readers and churchwardens of the parishes.

FRI 5

Dear Lord, Thank you for getting me up this morning to greet another day and live for You. You make my life truly good. I know that there are a thousand different things that can go wrong today, but I choose to focus on Your goodness. I pray that You will help me have a good day today, despite changing circumstances. Give me the wisdom and discernment to know how I can help someone or reach out to someone who is hurting. Help me be a good part of someone else's day, and encourage me to think of others before myself. And at the end of this day, remind me to thank You for every blessing You have given me. May I always take delight in every small or large blessing from You, God.

SAT 6

God, Our Father, loving and merciful, bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love and mutual support. Instill in each member the spirit of understanding and affection for each other. Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them, and for their failures instill forgiveness and peace. Amen

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 7 April

Today is World Health Day, Olwyn Powell, invites us to pray,

Lord, we ask you to equip health workers appropriately as they respond to health challenges in the neediest areas, and those working from Christian medical missions and as they reach out with Your love and truth. Amen



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MON 8

Lord, you are more than we can ever comprehend, help us to seek you, and you alone. Help us to stand before all that we could do and seek what you would do. Lift from us our need to achieve all that we can be and surrender to what you can be in us. Give us ways to refrain from the busyness that will put us on edge and off centre, give us today your peace.

TUE 9

We thank you, God, for the hope that we can have in you. We pray for those facing financial difficulties during this cost of living crisis. May everyone access the support they need. Amen

WED 10

Prayer is inspired by 1 Corinthians 12:6, "...and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone."

THU 11

Canon Barrie Scott, invites us to pray, God of grace, whose beauty, ever ancient, ever new, sings through all creation: enfold those who this year will seek your blessing for their relationship with your encouragement, hope, and love. Fill them with the grace to rejoice always in their love for one another, and to follow the Way of holiness and hope revealed in your Son Jesus Christ.

FRI 12

The PMO Team invites us to pray for the Children's and Families Mission Enabler for the Deanery of Warley & Edgbaston,

Creator God, we pray you will equip Emma with wisdom to know where your work is to take her in the wider deanery. Amen



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SAT 13

We pray for the Revd Jeremy Allcock, St Martin-in-the-Bull-Ring, and the parishes and the incumbents of the Oversight Area, together with the clergy, readers and churchwardens of the parishes.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 14 April

The Collect of the day, Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



MON 15

The PMO Team, invites us to pray for the Children's and Families Mission Enabler for the Deanery of Coleshill & Polesworth,

Loving God, we pray for the new Bubble Church service starting in the Coleshill & Polesworth deanery. Inspire and ignite local families to come and explore. May they experience the warm of your loving presence. Amen

Thoughts

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TUE 16

John Nightingale, invites us to pray,
Father, we bring to you those campaigning in elections of local councillors and the West Midlands Mayor. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit that we may all prioritise the needs of the poor and the future of the planet. Amen

WED 17

The PMO Team, invites us to pray for the Fresh Expressions at Banners Gate,
We pray with Church@4 that they will move to having sessions two times per month. We pray for the baptism to take place, and for those considering confirmation. We lift up to you, Lord, Revd Becky and ask for your blessing of peace, rest and support in all you have called her to do and be. Amen

THU 18

I pray by the window and thank you, God of sun and rain, storm and breeze, warmth and chill. I thank you for all of it, for the precarious balance of what you hold in your all-powerful hands. I pray to be open to this hour's weather - and its influence on my day. I thank you for its benefits and blessings.

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FRI 19

The LGBT+ Chaplaincy Team invites us to pray,
Loving God, we pray for all those who will seek prayers of love and faith for their relationships this coming year.
From love we are made and to love we shall return. May our love for one another kindle flames of joy and hope.
May the light and warmth of your grace inspire us to follow the Way of Jesus Christ, and serve you in your Kingdom, now and for ever, Amen

SAT 20

A poem by Heather Flood, "Teach Me, Lord.",
Teach me, Lord,
What I don't know.
Show me which way
And where to go.
Alone I stumble,
Alone I fall,
But your gentle voice
Leads through it all.
Take my hand,
Light my way,
Be my beacon
Night and day.
I am weak
And sometimes so low,
But you give me strength
And make me whole.
Teach me, Lord and Father.
Your child has become like new.
Empty me of myself
So I can live for you.



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 21 April

The Collect of the day,
Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
raise us, who trust in him,
from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that we may seek those things which are above,
where he reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



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MON 22

Prayer today is inspired by Matthew 11:28-30,
"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

TUE 23

Canon Claire Laland, Malawi Task Group invites us to pray,
Heavenly Father, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Malawi as they cope with drought in parts of the country and flooding in others. We ask that you protect their crops in the months ahead and give thanks for their resilience and for their continued inspiring faith. Amen

WED 24

John Nightingale, invites us to pray,
Creator God, may we eat out of need not greed and avoid foods which have a high carbon footprint. Amen

THU 25

We pray for the Revd Al Barrett, St Philip & St James, Hodge Hill and St Clements, Castle Bromwich and the parishes and the incumbents of the Oversight Area, Revd Andi Thomas at St Andrew, Chelmsley Wood with Church on the Wood, Revd Fiona Harrison-Smith, St Mary & St Margaret, Castle Bromwich, Revd Mandy Harris, All Saints, Shard End and St Barnabas, Kingshurst, together with the clergy, readers and churchwardens of the parishes.

Thoughts

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FRI 26

God, we ask for a flourishing community, where neighbours learn to love each other and come to know Jesus. We pray that we can be good stewards of your love to each one of our neighbours. We ask that you help us to learn from our community, and they may be places where all are welcomed. Amen

SAT 27

God of all, we pray for those who respond at the first call, for those who rush toward danger, bringing hope and comfort; For those who serve, protect and guide others to safety. Keep them in your care and safely protect them as they seek to follow your command to love their neighbours. Amen

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 28 April

Prayer today is inspired by The London Marathon,
O God, you gave us bodies— as well as minds and hearts— with which to praise and worship you. Our sports and exercises are gifts and talents you have given us. Bless our workouts and the games we play, and those with whom we exercise or compete. Give us strength, endurance, courage and agility as we compete or train. Keep us safe and healthy as we engage in sport. Amen

MON 29

Dear Lord, thank you for being here with us today. Guide our hearts toward gratitude today and every day.

TUE 30

The PMO Team, invites us to pray for St Bartholomew's Allen Cross,
Father, we lift up to you Allen Cross church community, and pray that you sustain them throughout this period of change. Amen

