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TUE 1

Father, we lift up 'Farm Church' in Wood End, which has been supported by the Children & Families Missioner in Coleshill & Polesworth deanery, asking for your guidance in bringing the right individuals to support this new community. May families feel welcomed and inspired to join, and feel the Spirit of love and connection in this new worship space. Amen



WED 2

World Autism Awareness Day,
Creator God,
Lover of diversity of all kinds, all made perfectly in your image. Remind me daily how perfectly we were made imperfectly. We seek your comfort and strength for those with autism and their families. Grant them support in challenges and bless them with peace and joy, even amidst difficulties. Help us to celebrate joyfully all our gifts. Amen



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THU 3

Prayer today is from the Project Management Office (PMO),

Father, please continue to bless St Mary & St Ambrose & Anchor Church as they become Rea Church. We pray for the healthy and successful launch of Table communities and for the right staff join the team to support the growing ministry. Amen

FRI 4

One of the most destructive weapons in the assault against the family today is that of gender-based violence and Mothers' Union is one of many organisations fighting against it. Canon Claire Laland, Mothers' Union, invites us to pray,

Dear God, we pray for strength and healing for those affected by domestic violence. May Mothers' Union bring hope and support to all in need. Amen

Mothers' UNION

THE BISHOP'S FOUR PART PRAYER

Saturday 5 April

Today Bishop Michael invites us to pray,
That God would have mercy on the city and region...

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday 6 April

Heavenly Father, thank you for your constant presence in our lives. Help us to recognize and cherish the blessings we have and feel the gratitude in our hearts. Guide us to appreciate life's gifts each and every day. Amen.

MON 7

SS Peter & Paul, Water Orton, invite us to pray,
Creator God, we are reminded today on World Health Day that there are many people who do not have access to adequate health care. We pray that all bodies, including Governments, address underlying causes and strengthen health systems. Amen

TUE 8

St Michael and All Angels Bartley Green invites us to pray,

Lord, we give thanks for planning permission to improve access to our building. We pray now with our Sisters and Brothers in Christ, as we work to make changes to our doors and improve safety for our nursery children. We look forward to making our church more accessible to the community. Amen

WED 9

Community Garden Week 7-13 April,
Heavenly Father, bless our community gardens as places of connection and growth. May they nourish our bodies and spirits, strengthen our bonds, and inspire us to care for the earth and each other. Amen

THU 10

Janice Wones, St Laurence, Northfield, invites us to pray,

Lord Jesus, who had concern of the vulnerable in the population, we offer our prayers for the safeguarding team and congregation. We pray that they will have the perception to notice abusive incidents and the wisdom and empathy to react correctly. But, more importantly, may they be able to see dangers before they occur and to know how to prevent any abuse taking place. Amen

FRI 11

National Pet Day
Lord God, creator of all, thank you for the gift of animals, our faithful companions, reflecting your beauty and diversity. May we cherish and respect them as part of your wondrous creation. Amen

THE BISHOP'S FOUR PART PRAYER

Saturday 12 April

Today Bishop Michael invites us to pray,
That God would give us great love for the city and its people...

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday 13 April

The Collect of the Day,
Let us pray for a closer union with Christ in his suffering and in his glory.
True and humble king,
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:
grant us the faith to know you and love you,
that we may be found beside you
on the way of the cross,
which is the path of glory.
Amen

HOLY WEEK

MON 14

Search me out, O God, and know my heart.
Creator God,
may every breath we take be for your glory,
may every footstep show you as our way,
that, trusting in your presence in this world,
we may, beyond this life, still be with you
where you are alive and reign
for ever and ever.

TUE 15

John Nightingale invites us to pray,
The painter, John Constable, wrote to his wife: "Every step I take and on whatever object I turn my gaze that sublime expression in the scriptures 'I am the resurrection and the life' seems verified for me."
Let us pray that we too may see the world in the light of the risen Christ.

WED 16

Loving God, unite the diverse hearts of the people in CofE Birmingham in love, prayer and community. May our differences strengthen our bonds, fostering understanding, compassion, and harmony among all. Amen



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HOLY WEEK

THU 17

Today is Maundy Thursday,
Prayer today is inspired by Psalm 116:1-2,

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice; he
heard my cry for mercy. Because he turned
his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live.

FRI 18

 The Collect of the Day,
Almighty God, we beseech thee
graciously to behold this thy family, for
which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented
to be betrayed, and given up into the hands
of wicked men, and to suffer death upon
the cross, who now liveth and reigneth
with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one
God, world without end. Amen



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THE BISHOP'S FOUR PART PRAYER

Saturday 19 April

Today Bishop Michael invites us to pray,
That God would break the power of evil
here in Jesus name...


EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday 20 April

 God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen

Alleluia! Christ is risen!


MON 21

 Easter Monday,
Today's prayer invites us to pray for someone
we know or for the stranger,


May the glory
and the promise
of this joyous time of year
bring peace
and happiness to you
and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ,
Our Risen Saviour,
always be there by your side
to bless you
most abundantly
and be your loving guide.

TUE 22

 Stephen Lawrence Day
Almighty God, the source of all hope and
justice, Your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ
brought us good news of love offering equality
and inclusion of all. You call us to radical action
and not just empty words. To stand-up against
racism and all forms of discrimination against all
our brothers and sisters. Amen


WED 23

 Thank you, Father, for the 26
people that have signed up for
Flex Foundations cohort 1 and pray
that the course will help them grow
in leadership and the specific skills
that they each need.
Please, Lord may the 19 newly commissioned
children's workers be encouraged and embolden
to grow new young disciples for Jesus.
We pray Father God that you will stir up and
encourage the right people and right numbers
for the next commissioned set of courses
starting in May 2025. Amen



Flex
Foundations

THU 24

 World Immunisation Week, 24-30 April
All powerful God, we thank you for the
gift of vaccines that protect lives. May we
support and spread awareness during World
Immunisation Week, helping all people access
these vital resources and embrace the health
and hope they provide. Amen

FRI 25

 Oversight Area Formation Project
in Warley & Edgbaston invites us
to pray,



Almighty God, we pray for the new Oversight
Minister's that the initial relationship building
and conversations may be fruitful and forming.
We pray, Father, for the forthcoming vacancy in
Rowley Regis that there is a swift resolution and
the right person into the role. Amen

THE BISHOP'S FOUR PART PRAYER

Saturday 26 April

Today Bishop Michael invites us to pray,
That God would bring many to faith in
Jesus Christ.




FIRST SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 27 April


 Members of the Malawi Task Group invite
you to pray,

Gracious God, we thank you for the safe
arrival of the container in Malawi and for
all those in Birmingham who generously
contributed. Amen

MON 28

 Heavenly Father, grant us peace across
the nations. May understanding and
compassion blossom in every heart, dispelling
hatred and division. Unite us in harmony,
strengthening hope and kindness, so we may
live together as one. Amen


TUE 29

 Handsworth & Central Childrens and
Families Mission Enabler (CFME)
invites us to pray,



Dear Lord, bless the young people of
Hamstead and the deanery. Inspire
young people to join the 'In-Betweeners'
Youth Group at St Paul's, fostering community,
growth, and faith. Amen

WED 30

 Today is Stop Food Waste Day. About a third
of food produced in the world is wasted. John
Nightingale, Footsteps, invites us to pray,

Lord, we ask for wisdom in managing our
resources, that surpluses nourish those in
need through food banks, and that waste is
composted safely. We pray that Birmingham
adopts a food waste collection, promoting
stewardship and care for our community and
environment. Amen

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